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STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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1 remember. And we really look forward to adding
2 seventh, and then adding eighth grade; and so --

3 COMMISSIONER GIPSON: God bless you.

4 MR. MATTHEWS: It's a lot of fun, though.
5 One of them wanted to -- my birthday was December
6 the 2nd, by the way.

7 COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Oh? Mine, too.

8 MS. K. MATTHEWS: Mine was the 1st.

9 MR. MATTHEWS: So one of my sixth-graders
10 that was having a hard time adjusting, he forced me
11 to take a dollar. I kept trying to give it back.

12 They're really a delight; they truly are.
13 I have a hard time remembering being that little.
14 But they're really a good bunch of little kids. So
15 we look forward to them growing and manifesting with
16 us; so...

17 THE CHAIR: Okay. Commissioners, are we
18 ready for a motion?

19 Commissioner Bergman?

20 COMMISSIONER BERGMAN: Madam Chair, I
21 would move that the Public Education Commission
22 approve the renewal application for The GREAT
23 Academy for a term of five years without conditions.

24 THE CHAIR: You heard Commissioner
25 Bergman's motion.

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1 Do we have a second?
2 COMMISSIONER GIPSON: A second.
3 THE CHAIR: I'm sorry. Who said that?
4 Commissioner Gipson seconded.
5 Further discussion?
6 Hearing none, Mr. Secretary, may we have a
7 roll-call vote?
8 COMMISSIONER PERALTA: Commissioner
9 Chavez?
10 COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Yes.
11 COMMISSIONER PERALTA: Commissioner
12 Toulouse?
13 COMMISSIONER TOULOUSE: Yes.
14 COMMISSIONER PERALTA: Commissioner
15 Conyers?
16 COMMISSIONER CONYERS: Yes.
17 COMMISSIONER PERALTA: Commissioner
18 Gipson?
19 COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Yes.
20 COMMISSIONER PERALTA: Commissioner Carr?
21 COMMISSIONER CARR: Yes.
22 COMMISSIONER PERALTA: Commissioner
23 Ambruster?
24 COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Yes.
25 COMMISSIONER PERALTA: Commissioner

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1 Peralta votes "Yes."

2 Commissioner Bergman?

3 COMMISSIONER BERGMAN: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER PERALTA: Commissioner
5 Shearman?

6 THE CHAIR: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER PERALTA: Madam Chair, that
8 is nine to zero in favor of the motion.

9 THE CHAIR: Thank you. The motion passes
10 unanimately to approve the renewal of The GREAT
11 Academy for five years, with no conditions.

12 Congratulations.

13 MR. MATTHEWS: Thank you all very much.

14 COMMISSIONER TOULOUSE: Madam Chair, now
15 may I ask them?

16 Do your sixth-graders sneak out to the
17 Lego Store? I go by there all the time, because my
18 grandsons -- that's their favorite place to go. I
19 go in front of you one way or the other.

20 MR. MATTHEWS: Actually, the
21 high-schoolers attempt to go over there instead of
22 the sixth-graders.

23 COMMISSIONER TOULOUSE: When they were
24 planning to close in October, my kids got really
25 upset; but luckily, they didn't.

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