

# **NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION**

## **Minutes for Work Session**

### **Thursday, April 16, 2015**

(Agenda attached)

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Carolyn Shearman called the PEC work session to order at 9:07 a.m. in Mabry Hall of the Jerry Education Building, 300 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe, NM 87501

#### **ROLL CALL**

Vice Chair Vince Bergman called roll.

**Present:**

Commissioner Carolyn Shearman, Chair, District 9, Artesia  
Commissioner Vince Bergman, Secretary, District 8, Roswell  
Commissioner Millie Pogna, Member, District 2, Albuquerque  
(Commissioner was not present for afternoon session.)  
Commissioner Carmie Toulouse, District 3, Albuquerque  
Commissioner James Conyers, District 5, Bloomfield  
Commissioner Patricia Gipson, District 7, Las Cruces  
Commissioner Karyl Ann Armbruster, District 4, Albuquerque

**Absent:**

Commissioner Gilbert Peralta, District 6, Socorro  
Commissioner Eleanor Chavez, District 1, Albuquerque  
Commissioner Jeff Carr, District 10, Eagle Nest

**Also Present:**

Beverly Friedman, PED Liaison to the PEC  
Matt Pahl, PED Interim Director of Charter Schools (present for morning session)  
Julie Lucero, PED Manager of Charter Schools (present for afternoon session)  
Ed Wood, CSD Education Administrator  
Scott Binkley, PED CSD Education Administrator

Charter School Interim Director Matt Pahl announced that PED has hired a new Director of Charter Schools who will begin on Monday, April 20, 2015.

#### **WORK SESSION**

**1. Notice of Intent Review**

Discussion concerned virtual schools and who they should notify when submitting new charter school applications. Should they notify only the district where they will be located or should they notify all school districts in the state since students from the entire state could enroll in these schools. The Commission discussed two things. The first was to ask the New Mexico Attorney General for an opinion on this question. The second was that the CSD would send a letter to all

Superintendents letting them know of any virtual charter school that submits a letter of intent to open a new charter school.

Both of these suggestions will be discussed for possible action at the PEC meeting the next day, April 17, 2015.

## 2. Charter School Amendments

Discussion concerned whether charter school amendments should be included with the newly negotiated charter school contract or whether these amendments should come to the PEC as a separate item on a formal meeting agenda. Discussion suggested that schools have major and minor amendments. Minor amendments could be part of the negotiations, but major amendments should come to the PEC as an agenda item.

## 3. Possible Audit of 2% money

Discussion was on whether the PEC would formally ask the New Mexico Attorney General to audit PED use of the 2% charter school money, at the request of Commissioner Carmie Toulouse. Positive and negative comments were made. Commissioner Toulouse said that she would withdraw her request for such an audit.

Commission adjourned at 11:05 a.m. for lunch.

Commission was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

## 4. Discussion of the Performance Contract

Julia Barnes, PEC-PED Contractor for Performance Contracts, and Julie Lucero, Manager for PED CSD Charter Schools, discussed the Performance Contract with Commissioners.

- A. Review of existing Performance Contract
- B. Use and content of Improvement plans
- C. Timing and process issues
- D. Charts on Short Cycle Assessments, Graduation/Career Readiness, Language Proficiency, Mission Specific Goals, and Special Indicators
- E. Suggestions for May 14, 2015 PEC Work Session
  - a. Draft of a Protocol or FAQ on the contract process
  - b. Ask a member of Priority Schools to discuss PEC and Priority Schools goals

## **ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Submitted by Beverly Friedman, PED Liaison to the PEC