

Public Education Commission Meeting

December 14-15, 2017

Jerry Apodaca Education Building – Mabry Hall
300 Don Gaspar Street
Santa Fe, NM 87501

Summary Minutes

<p>Members Present- Patricia Gipson, Chair Karyl Ann Armbruster, Secretary Gilbert Peralta, Vice-Chair Carmie Toulouse James Conyers Trish Ruiz Danielle Johnston Tim Crone David Robbins R. Carlos Caballero joined the meeting at 9:15</p> <p>Meeting began at 9:08 a.m.</p>	<p>Members Absent</p>
<p>Agenda Item 1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & SALUTE TO NEW MEXICO FLAG</p>	<p>Karyl Ann Armbruster, Secretary called the roll and confirmed a quorum.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Carmie Toulouse made a motion to approve the agenda. David Robbins seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p>
<p>Agenda Item 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND TRANSCRIPT</p> <p>A. Approval of the Transcript for PEC Work Session for November 16, 2017</p> <p>B. Approval Transcript for PEC meeting for November 17, 2017</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Trish Ruiz made a motion to approve the Transcript for PEC Work Session for November 16, 2017. Tim Crone seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>James Conyers made a motion to approve the Transcript for PEC meeting for November 17, 2017. David Robbins seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p>

<p>C. Approval of Summary Minutes for PEC Meeting for November 17, 2017</p>	<p align="center">MOTION</p> <p>Karyl Ann Armbruster made a motion to approve the Minutes for PEC meeting for November 17, 2017. James Conyers seconded the motion.</p> <p align="center">Motion passed unanimously</p>
<p>Agenda Item 4. PUBLIC COMMENT</p>	<p align="center">No public comments were made.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHARTER SCHOOL AMENDMENTS</p> <p>A. Tierra Adentro</p> <p> i. Facility Change</p> <p>B. La Tierra Montessori</p> <p> i. Change to Material Terms – Operational Structure</p> <p> ii. Change to Material Terms – Education Program of the School</p>	<p align="center">MOTION</p> <p>Carmie Toulouse made the following motion: I move to approve the amendment present by Tierra Adentro to move location to the address we have stated, and to do it immediately. Danielle Johnston seconded the motion.</p> <p align="center">Motion passed unanimously</p> <p align="center">MOTION</p> <p>Trish Ruiz made the following motion: I move to approve the amendment request presented by La Tierra Montessori to amend the material -- the material terms of its contract to change the length of the school year, and, specifically, correct the miscalculation of the total number of instructional hours in the school year, where the school year is 170 days, with each day consisting of no less than six-and-a-half hours of school-directed instructional programming, not including lunch, and yielding a total of 1,105 instructional hours over the school year. Gilbert Peralta seconded the motion.</p> <p align="center">Motion passed unanimously</p> <p align="center">MOTION</p> <p>Danielle Johnston made the following motion: I move to approve the amendment request presented by La Tierra Montessori to amend the material terms of its contract to remove the specifically named partner from its -- for its art program. Karyl Ann Armbruster seconded the motion.</p> <p align="center">Motion passed unanimously</p>

<p>Agenda Item 6. REPORT FROM OPTIONS FOR PARENTS & THE CHARTER SCHOOL DIVISION—DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Charter School Division Update B. School Governance Changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cottonwood Classical Preparatory Charter School ii. La Tierra Montessori School for the Arts and Sciences iii. Monte del Sol Charter School iv. The ASK Academy v. The MASTERS Program Early College Charter School 	<p>Recorded comments are available in full transcript.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON GOVERNANCE CONCERNS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Alma d’ Arte Governing Board Membership and Reporting 	<p>Recorded comments are available in full transcript.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RENEWAL APPLICATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Anthony Charter School 	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Danielle Johnston made the following motion: I move to deny the renewal application presented by Anthony Charter School because the school has failed to meet and has not demonstrated substantial progress towards the Department's standards of excellence and the student performance standards identified in the charter contract. The school has earned three overall "D" grades on the State's A-through-F grading report in the last four years. The school was ranked in the bottom half in four of five academic categories of the most recent A-through-F school grading report when compared to similar schools across the state. The school has not demonstrated the implementation of improvement efforts that are effectively improving student achievement. The school has failed to provide evidence demonstrating it has met the five terms of conditions -- condition in all years of its charter contract. And the school has failed to demonstrate the governing board is able to meet its governance responsibilities, such as complying with annual reporting and training requirements.</p> <p>Gilbert Peralta seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed by a majority vote (7-3; Conyers, Toulouse and Caballero voted no)</p>

<p>B. Taos International School</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Trish Ruiz made the following motion: I move to deny the renewal application presented by Taos International School because the school has failed to meet and has not demonstrated substantial progress toward the Department's standards of excellence and the student performance standards identified in the charter contract. The school earned a three-year average of "D" on the State's A-through-F school grading report, earning an overall grade of "F." Taos International School was ranked in the bottom 5 percent in three of four academic categories on the most recent A-through-F school grading report when compared to similar schools across the state. The school has not demonstrated the implementation of improvement efforts that are effectively improving student achievement. And the school has failed to demonstrate that the governing board is able to meet its obligations to oversee financial oversight, including oversight of audit findings.</p> <p>Tim Crone seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed by a majority vote (7-3; Conyers, Toulouse and Caballero voted no)</p>
<p>C. Horizon Academy West</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Gilbert Peralta made the following motion: I would move to approve the renewal application presented by Horizon Academy West for a term of five years with the following condition: That the school implement an NMDASH continuous improvement plan, which will be monitored twice annually by the CSD and results in raising and maintaining performance at or above an overall grade of "C" in each year of its renewal contract term.</p> <p>Carmie Toulouse seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DECISION ON MOTION WAS SPLIT; 5 voted YES (Peralta, Toulouse, Conyers, Caballero and Gipson) and 5 voted NO (Crone, Robbins, Ruiz, Johnston, and Armbruster)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEW MOTION</p> <p>Trish Ruiz made the following motion: I move to approve the renewal application presented by Horizon Academy West for a term of three years with conditions, because although the school has failed to meet and has not demonstrated substantial progress toward the Department's minimum educational standards, the school has earned a "B" and a "C" in two of the last four years, which demonstrates the school has the capacity to meet the performance standards, and the school has achieved above-average performance in</p>

academic indicators in the A-through-F school grading system when compared to area schools. As a condition of this renewal, the school must implement a New Mexico DASH continuous improvement plan which will be monitored twice annually by the CSD that results in raising and maintaining performance at or above an overall grade of "C" in each year of its renewal contract term, correct all noncompliance related to organizational performance framework indicators, i.e., rights of English Learners, instructional hours, recurrent enrollment, management accountability, special education, and governance, prior to the school's 2018-2019 site visit from CSD, and implement corrective actions so as to earn no repeat findings, material weakness findings, or significant deficiencies on the 2017-2018 annual audit.

Tim Crone seconded the motion.

Patricia Gipson made the following amendment to the motion:
So I will offer a friendly amendment, reluctantly, for a three-year renewal, with the condition that the school -- is it "adopt" or "implement" -- the NMDASH system, and that there be two -- how was it worded? -- site visits? Or two monitoring visits? What was the --annual visits? Two annual visits? Was that the wording?

So that the friendly amendment is to implement the NMDASH system, which CSD will monitor with two yearly visits.

Danielle Johnston seconded the amendment to the motion.

**TRISH RUIZ MOVED THAT THIS MOTION BE WITHDRAWN
TIM CRONE WITHDREW HIS SECOND TO THE MOTION**

**PATRICIA GIPSON MOVED THAT THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT
BE WITHDRAWN.**

**DANIELLE JOHNSTON WITHDREW HER SECOND TO THE
FRIENDLY AMENDMENT**

MOTION

Trish Ruiz made the following motion:

I move to approve that -- the renewal application presented by Horizon Academy West for a term of three years, and that they implement New Mexico DASH, and CSD will monitor with two visits.

Tim Crone seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

<p>D. Media Arts Collaborative Charter School</p> <p>i. Renewal Consideration</p> <p>ii. Consideration of Amendment Included in Renewal Application</p> <p>iii. Consideration of Amendment Included in Renewal Application</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Gilbert Peralta made the following motion: I move to approve the renewal application presented by Media Arts Collaborative Charter School for a term of five years, because the school has earned a "C" letter grade in three of the last four years on the State's A-through-F school grading report over the term of its current contract. However, because the school has not demonstrated compliance with all organizational requirements, has been designated a school in need of Comprehensive School Intervention, and has earned an "F" in more than one area of the report card without being able to demonstrate substantial progress on that measure, the renewal is granted with the following conditions: First, implement an NMDASH continuous improvement plan that results in raising and maintaining performance such that: The school does not earn an "F" in any area of the school report card during the term of the contract. The school's four-year graduation rate is improved and the school exits Comprehensive School Intervention status prior to the next designation period, within three years. Next, correct and abstain from non-compliance related to organizational performance framework, specifically, correcting repeat non-compliance in serving English Learners for the term of the renewal contract. And, finally, to provide evidence of implementation of student-focused terms in each year of the renewal contract. Patricia Gipson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously</p> <p>Amendment withdrawn.</p> <p>Amendment withdrawn.</p>
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<p>E. New Mexico Connections Academy</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Tim Crone made the following motion: I move to deny the renewal application presented by New Mexico Connections Academy because the school has failed to meet the Department's standards for excellence. The school earned a three-year average of "D" on the State A-through-F school grading report and earned an overall grade of "F" in the last two years. The school ranked in the bottom quartile in six of seven indicators: Current standing, school growth, highest performing, lowest performing, graduation, and college-and-career readiness on the most recent A-through-F school grading report when compared to similar schools across the state. And the school has not demonstrated the implementation of improvement efforts that are effectively improving student achievement.</p> <p>Danielle Johnston seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed by majority vote (6-3; Robbins, Conyers and Caballero voted no, with 1 abstention from Trish Ruiz)</p>
<p>Agenda Item 9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2018 PEC MEETING CALENDAR</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>David Robbins made the following motion: Patricia Gipson asks "Can I have a motion to adopt the PEC 2018-2019 calendar? And David Robbins states "So move." Trish Ruiz seconded the motion. Patricia Gipson then states, "It's the 2018 PEC Calendar" and David Robbins states again "So move." Trish Ruiz seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passes unanimously</p>
<p>Agenda Item 10. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR</p> <p>A. Update from New Mexico Charter Coalition</p> <p>B. Update from NMSBA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Recorded comments are available in full transcript.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 11. PEC COMMENTS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Recorded comments are available in full transcript.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: DISCUSSION OF PENDING LITIGATION IN WHICH PEC IS PARTICIPANT, PURSUANT TO NMSA 1978, SECTION 10-15-1(H)(7)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Executive session not called or conducted.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 13. ADJOURN</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 12:31 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Danielle Johnston made a motion to adjourn. Trish Ruiz seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously</p>