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Public Education Commission Schedules a Work Session, Meeting, and Community Input Hearings for 2 New Charter School Applicants July 19 & 20 in Albuquerque

Santa Fe – The New Mexico Public Education Commission (PEC) will hold a work session and meeting on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce Offices, 115 gold Ave. SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102. The work session will begin at 9:00 a.m.; the meeting will start at 12:00 p.m. (noon).

Work session topics include the Charter School Amendment Request Policies and Protocols, the Renewal Application, and the Performance Contract Template. The agenda for the PEC meeting can be found at <http://ped.state.nm.us/ped/PECmeetings2017.html> or call 505-827-6661 for more information.

The PEC has scheduled community input hearings for two new charter school applicants on Thursday, July 20 at the same location as above. These two hearings will be held at the address above because both applicants, if authorized by the PEC, plan to open schools in the Albuquerque Public School district.

Agendas for the meeting and for the community input hearings can be found at: <http://ped.state.nm.us/ped/PECmeetings2017.html>

Each community input hearing is scheduled for 90 minutes. During the public hearings, members of the PEC will listen to comments from the charter school applicants. Following these comments, local school district representatives and members of the public will have an opportunity to speak for or against the proposed school. The PEC will then have an opportunity to question the applicant(s) on their charter application.

Members of the public may also send the PEC additional comments electronically in support or against any of the charter school applications via email to Charter.Schools@state.nm.us. Hand written comments may be sent to the Public Education Commission, c/o Charter School Division, 300 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501. Public input for each charter application will be accepted for three business days after the applicant's PEC hearing. The deadline for input is 5:00 p.m. of the third business day after each applicant's hearing. This deadline will be strictly enforced.

The Commission will accept written petitions of public support or opposition. However, please note these petitions will be accepted only at the public hearings in each community. These petitions will not be accepted after the public hearings.

PEC members will vote to approve, approve with conditions, or deny the new charter applications at their Friday, September 1, 2017 meeting in Santa Fe.

Applications for the two new charter schools are located at <http://ped.state.nm.us/ped/CharterSchools2017Apps.html>

Any questions about the hearings can be directed to the New Mexico Public Education Department's Charter Schools Division at 505-827-6909. Schedule for these meetings is attached to this notice.