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# PUBLIC NOTICE

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## Public Education Commission Schedules Community Input Hearings for Three New Charter School Applicants, a PEC Meeting and Contract Negotiations for the Week of July 16-19

**Santa Fe** – The New Mexico Public Education Commission (PEC) has scheduled a number of meetings for next week. Those meetings include Community Input Hearings for three new charter school applicants, a regular PEC meeting, and contract negotiations with two charter schools.

Community Input Hearings for new charter school applicants are held in the school district where the new school is proposed. 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. This year there are three applicants for new charter schools. The schedule for the public meetings is below.

- Polaris Charter School on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the UNM-Los Alamos campus (Student Center, Bldg 2, Upper Level), 4000 University Dr., Los Alamos, NM 87544.
- ACES Technical Charter High School, Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the New Mexico Activities Association NMAA (Hall of Pride and Honor), 6600 Palomas Ave. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109
- Explore Academy, Friday, July 19, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum auditorium, 4100 Dripping Springs Rd., Las Cruces, NM 88011.

A PEC regular meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at the New Mexico Activities Association (Hall of Pride and Honor), 6600 Palomas Ave. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109. The agenda for the PEC meeting is posted at: <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/public-education-commission/2019-meeting-information/> or call 505-827-6661 for more information. The PEC will hold charter school contract negotiations for two schools on Thursday, July 18, 2019 at the NMAA.

Members of the public may send comments to the PEC electronically in support or against any of the charter school applications via email to [Charter.Schools@state.nm.us](mailto: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 PEC meeting on August 22 and 23, 2019 in Santa Fe.

Applications for the three new charter schools are located at: <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/public-education-commission/submitted-applications/2019-new-applications/> Any questions about the hearings can be directed to the New Mexico Public Education Department's Charter Schools Division at 505-827-6909.