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| 1 | APPEARANCES | 1 | THE CHAIR: Good morning, everyone. I'm |
| 2 | COMMISSIONERS: | 2 | going to call to order this meeting of the Public |
| 3 | MS. PATRICIA GIPSON, Chair | 3 | Education Commission. It is Monday, December 9, and |
| 4 | MS. KARYL ANN ARMBRUSTER, Secretary MR. TIM CRONE, Member | 4 | it is $8: 15 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. |
|  |  | 5 | Commissioner Armbruster, will you do roll |
| 5 | MS. SONIA RAFTERY, Member | 6 | call, please? |
| 6 | MS. GLENNA VOIGT, Member | 7 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Certainly. |
| 7 | PED STAFF: | 8 | Commissioner Robbins? |
| 8 | MR. ALAN BRAUER Acting Director Options for Parents and Families | 9 | COMMISSIONER ROBBINS: Present. |
| 9 |  | 10 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Commissioner |
|  | MS. KAREN WOERNER Deputy Director | 11 | Voigt? |
| 1011 | Options for Parents and Families <br> MS. BEVERLY FRIEDMAN PED Custodian of Record and Liaison to the PEC | 12 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Here. |
|  |  | 13 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Commissioner |
| 12 | PEC COUNSEL: | 14 | Armbruster is here. |
|  |  | 15 | Commissioner Davis is not here. |
| 13 | MS. AMI JAEGER MR. MARK CHAIKEN | 16 | Commissioner Chavez is not here. |
| 1415 |  | 17 | Commissioner Gipson? |
|  | 16 | 18 | THE CHAIR: Is here. |
| 17 |  | 19 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Good. |
| 18 |  | 20 | THE CHAIR: I think. |
| 19 |  | 21 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Commissioner |
| 21 | 20 | 22 | Raftery? |
| 22 |  | 23 | COMMISSIONER RAFTERY: Here. |
| 23 |  | 24 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Commissioner |
| 24 |  | $25$ | Crone, not here. |
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|  | INDEX TO PROCEEDINGS | 1 | Commissioner Ruiz? |
| 123 | PAGE | 2 | COMMISSIONER RUIZ: Present. |
|  | 1 Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of 4 Allegiance and Salute to the | 3 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Commissioner |
| 4 | 2 Approval of Agenda | 4 | Caballero is not here. |
| 5 |  | 5 | So we have a quorum of six. |
| 6 | 3 Open Forum - No Speakers | 6 | THE CHAIR: Six. Thank you very much. |
| 7 |  | 6 | THE CHAIR: Six. Thank you very much. |
| 8 | 5 Discussion and Action on Charter School Renewal Applications | 7 | And I'm going to ask Commissioner Raftery |
|  |  | 8 | to lead us in the Pledge, and I will do the Salute |
| 9 | A Albuquerque Institute of 7 | 9 | to the New Mexico Flag. |
| 10 | Mathematics and Science @ UNM | 10 | (Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the |
|  | (Albuquerque) | 11 | New Mexico Flag conducted.) |
| 11 | B Albuquerque School of Excellence 38 | 12 | THE CHAIR: We are on to -- let me just |
| 12 | (Albuquerque) | 13 | double-check. We're taking -- Tierra Encantada is |
| 13 | C South Valley Preparatory School 80 <br> (Albuquerque) | 14 | going onto the Consent Agenda; correct? |
| 14 | (Albuquerque) | 15 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: I believe they are on |
|  | D The MASTERS Program (Santa Fe) 108 | 16 | there. |
| 15 |  | 17 | THE CHAIR: Just, we didn't need to take |
| 16 | REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE 145 | 18 | them off. |
| 17 | ATTACHMENTS: <br> 1 All Sign-In Sheets for Visitors and Speakers | 19 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: Off of our report, |
| 19 |  | 20 | which probably won't happen till Friday after the |
|  |  | 21 | governing board. Everything has been submitted. |
| 20 21 |  | 22 | THE CHAIR: All right. Thanks. So we are |
| 22 |  | 23 | on to Item No. 4 A , the Consent Agenda, which |
| 23 |  | 24 | includes the approval of minutes and transcripts. |
| 24 25 |  | 25 | The notifications that are there as well. |

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COMMISSIONER RUIZ: Motion to approve. COMMISSIONER ROBBINS: (Indicates.) THE CHAIR: There's a motion from Commissioner Ruiz and a second from Commissioner Robbins. All in favor?
(Commissioners so indicate.)
THE CHAIR: Opposed?
(No response.)
THE CHAIR: Hearing no opposition, the motion passes.

We are now on to Item No. 5, which is Discussion and Action on our Charter Renewal Applications. The Consent Agenda. Which I did not do Item No. 2. Thank you. I skipped it.

The Consent Agenda -- I skipped. That was my fault. I skipped the Agenda. So now I have to go back to Item No. 2, Approval of the Agenda.

MS. FRIEDMAN: Excuse me. Can everybody turn off their microphone?
(A discussion was held off the record.)
COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Madam Chair, I move that the Agenda be adopted.

COMMISSIONER ROBBINS: Second.
THE CHAIR: There's a motion by
Commissioner Voigt, a second by Commissioner
bearing with us. First ones in the morning are always a little more problematic.

So, excuse me. I just want to make -- and I'm going to make a general statement before each of the schools. As the Commissioners are aware, because
you've been going through the renewal packets, As the Commissioners are aware, because
you've been going through the renewal packets, there's still some incomplete information in the renewal packets for the 2018-2019 school year. And renewal packets for the 2018-2019 school year. And
we've been spending a lot of time fleshing out what was going to happen because we were missing that information. And in order for the Commission to make a thorough and complete review and to make a decision that was based on all the information, not only for this year, but also this helps to set the tone for going forward as well, we spent a lot of time talking about what is this going to look like, spent time talking with Mark and Ami about it, spent
time talking with the Executive Committee about it, spent time talking with Mark and Ami about it, spent
time talking with the Executive Committee about it, spent quite a bit of time talking with the Charter School director about it, and had a fairly productive meeting last week with the legal counsel for the majority of the schools just to see what -how we were going to navigate this.

Because we've never been in this position Page 9
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Robbins.
Roll call? No, we just do a voice vote.
COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Right.
THE CHAIR: Right. We did the Consent Agenda; but -- that's okay. All in favor?
(Commissioners so indicate.)
THE CHAIR: Opposed?
(No response.)
THE CHAIR: Hearing no opposition, the motion passes.

So now we are back to the charter renewals. And Beverly has a sign-up sheet for each school specifically for public comment. So if anyone is here that wishes to offer comment during the timed renewal period hearing, if you would please come up to Beverly and sign in with the specific school.

Because we will divide the time up. If there's a lot of people that wish to speak, we will divide the time up.

And the first school on our agenda this morning is Albuquerque Institute of Mathematics and Science at UNM.
(Chair consults with PEC counsel.)
THE CHAIR: Good morning. Thank you for

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| 1 | If the PEC decides to issue a renewal with | 1 | this, because it was -- it was a lot to think about, |
| 2 | conditions, the PEC will clearly state what | 2 | and there was a significant amount of angst over not |
| 3 | Accountability information it will review from the | 3 | being able to do this and tie the ribbon in |
| 4 | PED Accountability Report. When the Accountability | 4 | December. |
| 5 | data is prepared by PED and the school has had an | 5 | So thank you. |
| 6 | opportunity to review the data -- and that's at | 6 | And thank you for everything that you've |
| 7 | least ten days -- the PEC will review the data and | 7 | done to get yourself ready for today, because we |
| 8 | remove the condition or take other action, such as a | 8 | know it is a significant amount of work, and we |
| 9 | Corrective Action Plan, or possibly non-renew the | 9 | appreciate that time and effort. And I always |
| 10 | charter. | 10 | appreciate hearing from the schools. So I enjoy it. |
| 11 | At the future meeting, January or | 11 | So welcome. Good morning. And I'll open |
| 12 | February -- because we're still not exactly sure the | 12 | it up now for PED for anything that CSD wishes to |
| 13 | date in January that it's supposed to be released -- | 13 | say, and then the school has their 15 minutes. |
| 14 | the PEC will only consider the issues related to the | 14 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: Madam Chair, |
| 15 | reason for the conditions and will not consider any | 15 | Commissioners, school representatives and guests. |
| 16 | other issues related to renewal. | 16 | One thing I just want to point out before we get |
| 17 | So that Commissioners need to be clear | 17 | started is next to your materials today, Mr. Brauer |
| 18 | today that, absolutely, if it's financial or | 18 | has provided -- Director Brauer -- has provided a |
| 19 | operational, we close that out today and that there | 19 | worksheet on the ESSA plan, which ties directly to |
| 20 | be no discussion about that in January. | 20 | what you were just speaking about, Madam Chair, in |
| 21 | In addition, the school years -- we start | 21 | terms of the components of the Accountability Report |
| 22 | in '16, right, with these? | 22 | and the areas that will make up that report. |
| 23 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: '15-'16 | 23 | And if you look at the back side with the |
| 24 | THE CHAIR: '15-'16. So the '15-'16, | 24 | list of points, there are several in that area that |
| 25 | '16-'17, '17-'18 school year data is not open for | 25 | are not represented in your Part A. Those would be |
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| 1 | discussion in January and February, and even the '19 | 1 | the student growth measures, the English Learner |
| 2 | information that is available now. The only | 2 | progress, college and career readiness, and |
| 3 | information that will be open for questions when we | 3 | graduation rate. All of those are not indicated in |
| 4 | meet in January or February are those that are | 4 | your Part A. |
| 5 | specified in the motion. And that is it. | 5 | Also, as other schools, you have next to |
| 6 | So we're not opening up a whole other | 6 | you a copy of the rubric that is used to -- by CSD |
| 7 | renewal hearing. So that everyone is clear what the | 7 | to evaluate the Part B that is submitted by the |
| 8 | school would -- if the school needs to come back to | 8 | schools. |
| 9 | address something, the school knows specifically | 9 | And then on the back there are the |
| 10 | what it needs to answer to and that our questions | 10 | statewide reading, math, and science proficiencies |
| 11 | have a very narrow scope as well, so that it should | 11 | for your reference, as those were not indicated in |
| 12 | be, hopefully, a fairly easy process. | 12 | the charts that we provided in Part A. But those |
| 13 | If there are no concerns, then the school | 13 | are the statewide percentages. |
| 14 | will go on the consent agenda. All right? | 14 | And as -- before us, we have Albuquerque |
| 15 | So if -- in our motion, we indicate, for | 15 | Institute of Math and Science, as you know, a school |
| 16 | instance, that as long as the school maintains | 16 | that serves Grades 6 through 12 at UNM, currently |
| 17 | its -- and there's no significant downward trend, as | 17 | enrolling 383 students. |
| 18 | an example, if that's not the case, then the school | 18 | In your packet, you have the Part A data |
| 19 | will just go on the consent agenda for that time. | 19 | that shows the school with very high proficiency |
| 20 | And it should be fairly simple. | 20 | rates in math and reading and science, a little bit |
| 21 | So if you have -- please, if you have any | 21 | of dip in math, but still at 74 percent, which also |
| 22 | questions, don't hesitate at any point to ask us so | 22 | is reflected in their charter school goals, which I |
| 23 | that we're clear when everyone is leaving here. | 23 | know the school responded to and may speak to today. |
| 24 | So thank you. And thank everyone for | 24 | The student growth indices are all on |
| 25 | their time, effort, and energy in working us through | 25 | those charts. What we have thus far is, as you see, |


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| 1 | anything near zero is as expected. And across the |  | it was redlined, I think, for two years under the |
| 2 | board, the school has greater-than-expected outcomes | 2 | performance framework, that the school Fell Far |
| 3 | in growth. And their graduation rate, at least as | 3 | Below or Did Not Meet. And I'm trying to find it. |
| 4 | of the last data point we have, was 94 percent. | 4 | But in the narrative that the school |
| 5 | Their financial audit findings for the | 5 | provided, and I think in other narrative, there were |
| 6 | last year we have data was zero findings. So kudos | 6 | statements that they Met or Exceeded their |
| 7 | to the school on that. | 7 | mission -- their -- |
| 8 | Retention is high. Teacher retention had | 8 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: The mission goals? |
| 9 | taken a dip, but it seems to be upward trend again. | 9 | THE CHAIR: Yeah. But it was redlined |
| 10 | In their organizational performance | 10 | in -- and I'm trying to find -- in the chart. And |
| 11 | framework, there were three areas. And as you see | 11 | that's the -- I was confused -- |
| 12 | in your packet in the analysis, based on the rubric, | 12 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: I saw that, too. |
| 13 | they Met the Standard or Demonstrate Substantial | 13 | THE CHAIR: -- as to why it says that |
| 14 | Progress in every area. | 14 | here. But in all the other narratives, they Met or |
| 15 | Regarding the performance framework, there | 15 | Exceeded all their goals. So I couldn't figure out |
| 16 | were three areas where they had repeated Workings to | 16 | how it got red-flagged. |
| 17 | Meet ratings. Those were with the students with | 17 | And they weren't the only school that I |
| 18 | special needs, English Language Learners, and | 18 | know it happened to, as I was going through the |
| 19 | facilities requirements. | 19 | renewal packeting, that was redlined. And I'm |
| 20 | I will tell you that the students with | 20 | trying -- I'm trying to find it. |
| 21 | special needs concerns revolved primarily around | 21 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: Madam Chair, I think I |
| 22 | IEPs being completed in a timely fashion. Most of | 22 | know where you're referring to. Because the only |
| 23 | those have been gifted IEPs. But we did have one | 23 | redline on AIMS' report was around the mission |
| 24 | special education services one that was overdue at | 24 | goals. |
| 25 | the renewal visit. | 25 | THE CHAIR: Yeah. |
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| 1 | English Language Learners and properly | 1 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: And, as you know, when |
| 2 | identifying them, it appears to be being addressed. | 2 | they have multiple mission goals, if one Falls Far |
| 3 | And the facilities requirements were | 3 | Below or Does Not Meet, they get that rating, even |
| 4 | around the emergency drills. But I will tell you | 4 | though the others are meeting or exceeding. |
| 5 | that the team found that last year's, and so far | 5 | In this case, the analysis from CSD was |
| 6 | this year, those have been resolved. So the fire | 6 | that the math proficiency was below the -- |
| 7 | drill issues have been resolved. | 7 | THE CHAIR: In '16 and '19-- |
| 8 | And the affidavits, you see there the | 8 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: Correct. |
| 9 | petitions, they got 100 percent of their employees | 9 | THE CHAIR: -- Does Not Meet or Falls Far |
| 10 | and 80 percent of their households to sign the | 10 | Below. So that's why -- |
| 11 | petitions. | 11 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: Then they Met for |
| 12 | And regarding facilities, their NMCI score | 12 | '17-'18, and had that dip for math in '19. However, |
| 13 | was 1.06 , which is really low, and low is good. | 13 | all their reading goals were Exceeds or Meets in |
| 14 | So the school has provided some response. | 14 | each year. |
| 15 | If you are looking for the school's response | 15 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Madam Chair, |
| 16 | specifically, it's at the very back of the section. | 16 | actually, for '16-'17 and '17-'18, all their goals |
| 17 | So if you want to refer to that, feel free to do so. | 17 | are Meets or Exceeds. It's only the one goal in |
| 18 | And I stand for any questions. | 18 | '18-19. |
| 19 | THE CHAIR: So I'm flipping through the | 19 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: Madam Chair? |
| 20 | combined materials and -- so in the chart, and I | 20 | THE CHAIR: See, in '16-'17, under |
| 21 | think it's in the Part A part, where it's | 21 | "Academic Performance Indicators," it says "Meets," |
| 22 | highlighted -- | 22 | which it should. And then in '18-'19, it says |
| 23 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: This one? | 23 | "Falls Far Below," because you did not meet in '19. |
| 24 | THE CHAIR: -- there's a -- yeah. But I | 24 | And that, I get. Okay. All right. I think I'm -- |
| 25 | think it's a little bit longer chart. There was -- | 25 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: Madam Chair, '15-'16 |


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|  | is not reflected on the chart that's colored in. We | 1 | I'm going to waive my 15 minutes, if it's okay with |
| 2 | only started that in '16 and '17, because -- so in | 2 | you |
| 3 | the packet, '15-'16 is listed as a Does Not Meet. | 3 | THE CHAIR: That's fine. So anyone's -- |
| 4 | But this only shows the next three years, which were | 4 | did anyone sign up? Because I think this was |
| 5 | Meets, Meets, and then the Falls Far Below. | 5 | general public comment you gave me, which I don't |
| 6 | THE CHAIR: Okay. All right. Sorry. | 6 | think we're doing, actually, until Friday. |
| 7 | Anyone have any other questions for -- | 7 | MS. FRIEDMAN: No. No one has signed up. |
| 8 | okay. | 8 | THE CHAIR: No one has signed up? All |
| 9 | COMMISSIONER ROBBINS: I guess a quick | 9 | right. |
| 10 | question. On the math, was that because the change | 10 | So now we are on to Commissioners' |
| 11 | in the test, or was it different students? I mean, | 11 | questions. |
| 12 | what -- you know, because that's quite a bit of a | 12 | And I think you've addressed a couple of |
| 13 | drop. | 13 | them in terms of I did see in your response the |
| 14 | MS. KATHY SANDOVAL: There were actually | 14 | issue that arose when we first went to PARCC and now |
| 15 | two factors: One was my arrogance, which was we | 15 | the somewhat new assessment. It does; it creates |
| 16 | were sitting at 94 percent, and that's the old days | 16 | issues. |
| 17 | when we had the SBA. And then the test changed. | 17 | I guess one of the questions I had was you |
| 18 | And it's pretty common when a test changes | 18 | had -- and I'm pretty sure -- you had a little bit |
| 19 | for scores to drop. We never dropped -- and I was | 19 | of a dip in student enrollment, I think it was last |
| 20 | like, "Oh, no. We're at 90 percent, yeah. We'll | 20 | year. Can you just talk a little bit about what |
| 21 | never go to 80." | 21 | might have happened, or what -- was there a specific |
| 22 | Well, we did. So it took us -- if you | 22 | grade that you saw the movement out of? |
| 23 | look at the chart, it took us two years to get back | 23 | MS. KATHY SANDOVAL: Chair Gipson, what |
| 24 | up. And darned if that test didn't change again | 24 | happened there is we had an employment issue. And |
| 25 | last year. | 25 | the employee chose to go back to another high school |
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| 1 | THE CHAIR: I'm sorry. Yeah. We're now | 1 | within the district, and he took with him children. |
| 2 | on to them with their 15 -minute presentation. So | 2 | THE CHAIR: Okay. |
| 3 | thank you so much. And you now have your 15 minutes | 3 | MS. KATHY SANDOVAL: That's what happened. |
| 4 | of fame with us. | 4 | So that's why it's back up now. That employee -- |
| 5 | But if you would just introduce anyone | 5 | it's now been a year. |
| 6 | that's here to speak during this time period for the | 6 | THE CHAIR: It just seemed to be, you |
| 7 | record. | 7 | know, odd -- |
| 8 | MS. KATHY SANDOVAL: Thank you, Chair. | 8 | MS. KATHY SANDOVAL: Right. |
| 9 | With me is Marty Esquibel. He's our lawyer or | 9 | THE CHAIR: -- that you had that change. |
| 10 | general counsel. | 10 | So it just kind of stuck when I looked at it. |
| 11 | Am I doing that right? Oh, I thought I | 11 | I note the concern -- my first year on was |
| 12 | had to keep holding it. | 12 | when we did the negotiations when you did your last |
| 13 | THE CHAIR: You haven't been here in a | 13 | renewal. And it has been a while since, |
| 14 | long time. We used to have a paper clip that held | 14 | fortunately, you've had to come up here. But I do |
| 15 | it. | 15 | recall from back then there was -- there was that |
| 16 | MS. KATHY SANDOVAL: And I miss it. | 16 | concern about the IEPs with the -- with the gifted. |
| 17 | Anyway, the school's general counsel, Marty | 17 | And that just seems to be somewhat of an ongoing |
| 18 | Esquibel; many of you know him. And also I have my | 18 | concern. |
| 19 | governance council chair, Dr. Kathryn Watkins. We | 19 | MS. KATHY SANDOVAL: It is. Thank you for |
| 20 | also have, if you have questions, our business | 20 | that question. They are gifted IEPs. And it is |
| 21 | manager, as well as my assistant principal, Bobby | 21 | very common in the high schools for gifted IEPs to |
| 22 | Cordova. And our business manager is Joleen | 22 | be -- for parents to decline them. They don't want |
| 23 | Jaramillo. | 23 | to come in anymore. And the curriculum is about the |
| 24 | At this time, this is my third renewal. | 24 | same. |
| 25 | So I think you guys know the school pretty well. | 25 | We do not have that population. That |


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| 1 | population wants to keep those IEPs and just in case | 1 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: Annual Determination |
| 2 | they go back. That doesn't happen very often, but | 2 | Letter. |
| 3 | it does, and they want to have the IEP. | 3 | THE CHAIR: Because I think it's the only |
| 4 | So that's fine. But it does mean you've | 4 | school that I've seen -- going through the packets, |
| 5 | got about 150 IEPs that you have to do. | 5 | it's the only school that I recall seeing a letter |
| 6 | And he was falling behind. We have | 6 | like this. |
| 7 | since -- we think we have a plan. And the plan is | 7 | So I would -- it -- I was, A, curious, as |
| 8 | that I have several other people who are certified | 8 | to -- and I didn't -- and I couldn't find anywhere |
| 9 | in gifted education and can do those IEPs as well. | 9 | where there necessarily was any kind of final |
| 10 | THE CHAIR: Okay. Thank you. And this | 10 | determination or had the concern been cleared out. |
| 11 | was the -- and I'm -- you can clarify this for me. | 11 | So I don't know if anyone from CSD can answer. |
| 12 | Because when I was looking through, I didn't see | 12 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: So, Madam Chair, |
| 13 | that there was -- there was any kind of final | 13 | Commissioners, this is an Annual Determination |
| 14 | determination -- there was the letter from the | 14 | Letter that goes to all schools annually from the |
| 15 | previous Secretary-Designate about serving special | 15 | Bureau. And I believe it was submitted from the |
| 16 | populations. There was that letter of concern that | 16 | school in response to some of the concerns around |
| 17 | was attached with the packet. Was it -- I -- do I | 17 | the -- at the renewal site visit, which we mentioned |
| 18 | have the wrong school? | 18 | the special education and IEPs. I think that was |
| 19 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: The letter of concern? | 19 | documentation they submitted, to show they were in |
| 20 | THE CHAIR: I thought there was a letter | 20 | good standing with the Special Ed Bureau. |
| 21 | attached here -- in here from Secretary-Designate | 21 | THE CHAIR: To show you were in |
| 22 | Ruszkowski. Am I wrong? | 22 | compliance. Okay. All right. Okay. |
| 23 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: That wasn't part of | 23 | So can you -- can you give us somewhat of |
| 24 | the school's response. I didn't attach that. | 24 | an update as to where you are with your IEPs this |
| 25 | THE CHAIR: I thought it was in the | 25 | year? Are you -- have you been able to catch up or |
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| 1 | area -- and you can correct me if I'm wrong that | 1 | close to catch up? |
| 2 | it's not here. But I thought I saw that letter | 2 | MS. KATHY SANDOVAL: Currently, |
| 3 | attached. Can anyone -- | 3 | Madam Chair, the -- the head of our special |
| 4 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: Madam Chair, I see the | 4 | education has caught up. And he will continue to be |
| 5 | letter here that you're referring to. It was -- | 5 | caught up. |
| 6 | perhaps this was -- it was provided by the school. | 6 | THE CHAIR: Right. And I think you noted |
| 7 | But it may have been in response to the renewal site | 7 | that you added -- |
| 8 | visit. | 8 | MS. KATHY SANDOVAL: Yes. |
| 9 | THE CHAIR: Okay. | 9 | THE CHAIR: -- another staff member -- |
| 10 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: Because anything that | 10 | MS. KATHY SANDOVAL: Yes, we did. |
| 11 | we received from the school was put in the school's | 11 | THE CHAIR: -- to help with that. So |
| 12 | response section. And I see the letter on Page 58 | 12 | that's certainly appreciated. |
| 13 | of 64. And it may have been in response to | 13 | I was -- when I was going through and I |
| 14 | something from the renewal site visit. I may have | 14 | was reading some of the interviews with the |
| 15 | to defer to the team on that. | 15 | students, I was kind of surprised, because one of |
| 16 | THE CHAIR: Are you familiar with the | 16 | the students made a comment that they wished there |
| 17 | letter? It was dated October 5th of 2018. Annual | 17 | were more AP courses offered. And that just kind of |
| 18 | Determination in 2017-2018 School Year. And, Karen, | 18 | surprised me, because I was, like, "How could that |
| 19 | you're -- | 19 | be?" So that was just kind of surprising. |
| 20 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: I'm just sharing a | 20 | MS. KATHY SANDOVAL: Yes. And let me tell |
| 21 | copy. | 21 | you how we handle AP. AP is part of our contract. |
| 22 | THE CHAIR: So you're indicating the | 22 | And so all students take AP, and I pay for them. So |
| 23 | school provided this. | 23 | that student may have been talking about a variety. |
| 24 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: They did. | 24 | But what that does is it gives me a really rich idea |
| 25 | MS. KATHY SANDOVAL: News to me. | 25 | of how my students actually are doing. |


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| 1 | I'm not going through and picking the best | 1 | I did actually read all this. If I'm missing it, |
| 2 | and brightest to take an AP exam. Every kid takes | 2 | just say, "Hey, I wrote it." |
| 3 | an AP History, two Histories, two AP Englishes, | 3 | So you have a teacher who is |
| 4 | English 11 and 12. And then we also have AP | 4 | special-ed-certified. Because GATE is not |
| 5 | Government that they must take. | 5 | special-ed-certified. Am I correct in understanding |
| 6 | And so that's in addition to their | 6 | what you were saying? |
| 7 | concurrent enrollment. | 7 | MS. KATHY SANDOVAL: Correct. I have a |
| 8 | So because of that, I get to see how my | 8 | teacher who is special-ed-certified. But the |
| 9 | students actually are doing. | 9 | director of our special ed is Dr. Eckert. And he |
| 10 | THE CHAIR: Right. So it's -- but if they | 10 | has his doctorates in special education. |
| 11 | want to take other AP courses, it's -- | 11 | THE CHAIR: And how many students with |
| 12 | MS. KATHY SANDOVAL: They can. | 12 | disabilities do you have for dual exceptional |
| 13 | THE CHAIR: It's -- because so many of | 13 | students? |
| 14 | them, or all of them, you can -- online. So it's | 14 | MS. KATHY SANDOVAL: Okay. So for gifted |
| 15 | not like you need a specific staff person to do | 15 | education, I have about 158. I have 12 that are not |
| 16 | that; right? | 16 | gifted education that have a variety of |
| 17 | MS. KATHY SANDOVAL: That is correct, | 17 | disabilities. |
| 18 | yeah. | 18 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: And some of |
| 19 | THE CHAIR: Right. So it may just very | 19 | those are duly exceptional or just regular folk? |
| 20 | well have been, like you said, that they didn't want | 20 | MS. KATHY SANDOVAL: Not necessarily. |
| 21 | to be penned into just those maybe to count for them | 21 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: So on -- I |
| 22 | when you're looking. That -- maybe. | 22 | thought I read that everyone takes AP Calculus. |
| 23 | MS. KATHY SANDOVAL: That -- I would agree | 23 | MS. KATHY SANDOVAL: Correct. |
| 24 | with you on that, yes. | 24 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: That's an AP |
| 25 | THE CHAIR: Thank you. | 25 | class that they're taking now? And so what do you |
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| 1 | Commissioner Ruiz? | 1 | do to help, in both English and history, your |
| 2 | COMMISSIONER RUIZ: Sorry. I had to get | 2 | students with disabilities? Do you have them take |
| 3 | the water. | 3 | an AP class test? |
| 4 | Good morning, and thank you all for being | 4 | MS. KATHY SANDOVAL: Thank you for the |
| 5 | here. | 5 | question. And we have -- of course, each student |
| 6 | So in the wake of the Yazzie-Martinez | 6 | would have accommodations. And those accommodations |
| 7 | rulings, I wanted you to talk a little bit more to | 7 | are sent to the teachers. But the accommodations |
| 8 | me about what you're doing -- I know you've been | 8 | for the AP test itself has to be done through AP, |
| 9 | Working to Meet standards on the needs and the | 9 | and the parents have to apply for that. |
| 10 | rights of your English Language Learners. Please? | 10 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: And how many of |
| 11 | MS. KATHY SANDOVAL: I have a dedicat- -- | 11 | your students with disabilities passed that AP test? |
| 12 | thank you, Commissioner Ruiz, for that question. | 12 | MS. KATHY SANDOVAL: One. |
| 13 | I have a dedicated staff member who is | 13 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: So it's not -- I |
| 14 | ELL-certified. And, in addition to the commission | 14 | would understand why they wouldn't. I mean -- let |
| 15 | that we are gathering together the beginning of this | 15 | me -- not to put you on the spot. |
| 16 | month, we also have a person that is dedicated | 16 | MS. KATHY SANDOVAL: Sure. |
| 17 | simply to ELL status. And so he works with those | 17 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: It would seem |
| 18 | children. | 18 | that they wouldn't or couldn't. But they can still |
| 19 | Technically, I think we have about two or | 19 | take the classes, and they still get the |
| 20 | three children that are still in the process of | 20 | information. |
| 21 | taking the tests and testing out. | 21 | MS. KATHY SANDOVAL: Absolutely. |
| 22 | COMMISSIONER RUIZ: Thank you. | 22 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: I think that's |
| 23 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Armbruster? | 23 | it for a minute. Thank you. |
| 24 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Yes. I'm on the | 24 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Raftery? |
| 25 | special ed issue. So I have several questions. And | 25 | COMMISSIONER RAFTERY: Yes. Going back to |


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| 1 | the ELL, you are serving the ELL to learn the | 1 | in January. And I had a list. |
| 2 | English. Do you have any plans to do a bilingual | 2 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: Madam Chair? If I |
| 3 | for a different language to develop their language? | 3 | may, it's everything that's on that list, other than |
| 4 | MS. KATHY SANDOVAL: Thank you for that | 4 | math and reading proficiency and the science |
| 5 | question. In order to graduate from AIMS, students | 5 | proficiency. |
| 6 | must take two years of a critical language, | 6 | THE CHAIR: On which list? |
| 7 | either -- in our case, either Chinese or Japanese, | 7 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: The second page of |
| 8 | to help develop their language. They also can take | 8 | the ESSA, the bottom table. Is that right, Karen? |
| 9 | any number of classes at UNM or CNM. That's their | 9 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: Yes, ma'am. |
| 10 | choice. | 10 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: This right here. |
| 11 | COMMISSIONER RAFTERY: And is that paid | 11 | Madam Chairwoman, it's right here. |
| 12 | through the charter? Or how does that work? | 12 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: We have the math and |
| 13 | MS. KATHY SANDOVAL: It's through the | 13 | reading proficiency, which is the highest points, |
| 14 | charter, and they're dual-credit classes. | 14 | and then the science proficiency. But the rest of |
| 15 | COMMISSIONER RAFTERY: Okay. Thank you. | 15 | this list is not available for the last school year. |
| 16 | MS. KATHY SANDOVAL: You bet. | 16 | THE CHAIR: So everything that's in green. |
| 17 | THE CHAIR: Commissioners, any other | 17 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: Green, brown. |
| 18 | questions? | 18 | THE CHAIR: Brown. |
| 19 | Okay. So as a reminder, we have proposed | 19 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: Most of the purple and |
| 20 | motions. And there's also a -- another sheet | 20 | the yellow. |
| 21 | that -- renewal with -- that's labeled "Renewal with | 21 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Would it not be more |
| 22 | Conditions." | 22 | streamlined simply to say the ESSA indicators? |
| 23 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Madam Chair, I'll | 23 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: Except for -- |
| 24 | take a stab at making a motion. | 24 | THE CHAIR: We need to be specific in the |
| 25 | THE CHAIR: Okay. And we can see if it | 25 | motion. It would be streamlined, yes. |
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| 1 | has to be tweaked. | 1 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Do you want me to |
| 2 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Okay. Right. | 2 | give it another go? |
| 3 | I move that the Public Education | 3 | THE CHAIR: Yes. |
| 4 | Commission approve the renewal of the Albuquerque | 4 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: All right. I move |
| 5 | Institute of Math and Science at UNM with the | 5 | that the Public Education Commission approve the |
| 6 | condition that the 2018-'19 School Year academic | 6 | renewal of the Albuquerque Institute for Math and |
| 7 | progress is met. | 7 | Science at UNM with the following conditions: That |
| 8 | Is that succinct enough? | 8 | math and reading proficiencies, student growth of |
| 9 | (Chair consults PEC counsel.) | 9 | the highest quartile, student growth of the middle |
| 10 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: I have another | 10 | quartile, student growth of the lowest quartile, the |
| 11 | version. | 11 | English Learner progress, science proficiency, |
| 12 | (Chair consults with PEC counsel.) | 12 | chronic absenteeism, college and career readiness, |
| 13 | THE CHAIR: We need the list of all of the | 13 | educational climate, growth in a four-year |
| 14 | indicators that -- so you're not -- | 14 | graduation rate for 2018-19 be met. |
| 15 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Okay. Yeah. | 15 | THE CHAIR: Show similar performance. |
| 16 | THE CHAIR: We have to go back, and we | 16 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Wait. Show |
| 17 | need to specifically list the indicators that are | 17 | statistically significant -- |
| 18 | missing. | 18 | THE CHAIR: No. Show similar performance |
| 19 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Of the academic | 19 | for SY'18-19. |
| 20 | performance framework? | 20 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Okay. Show similar |
| 21 | THE CHAIR: Of the Accountability -- State | 21 | performance for School Year 2018-'19, period. |
| 22 | Accountability system. So we need to list those | 22 | THE CHAIR: Have you got that, Cindy? |
| 23 | charts that are missing, yeah. So that's what needs | 23 | THE REPORTER: (Indicates.) It's all |
| 24 | to be in the motion so that it's clear that those | 24 | there. |
| 25 | would be the only indicators we would be looking at | 25 | DIRECTOR BRAUER: No. Madam Chair, we do. |


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| 1 | I just put one -- Commissioner Voigt, wonderful job | 1 | Robbins? |
| 2 | at trying to get all of that in there. | 2 | COMMISSIONER ROBBINS: Yes. |
| 3 | One point of order. We do actually have | 3 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Commissioner |
| 4 | the math and reading proficiency, and then the | 4 | Gipson? |
| 5 | science proficiency, we also have. | 5 | THE CHAIR: Yes. |
| 6 | And so I think if we want to make sure the | 6 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Commissioner |
| 7 | motion is cleaned up with those two things extracted | 7 | Voigt? |
| 8 | from there... | 8 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Yes. |
| 9 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Do you want me to do | 9 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Commissioner |
| 10 | it one more time? Third time is a charm. | 10 | Armbruster votes "Yes." |
| 11 | (Chair consults with PEC counsel.) | 11 | And I'm assuming Commissioner Crone is not |
| 12 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Do you want me to put | 12 | voting, but he's here. I don't know. |
| 13 | the graduation rate in? | 13 | THE CHAIR: Oh, I didn't see him come in. |
| 14 | THE CHAIR: No, I don't think so. | 14 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: He just came in |
| 15 | (Chair consults with PEC counsel). | 15 | now. I'm assuming he's not voting. |
| 16 | THE CHAIR: We're going to start all over, | 16 | THE CHAIR: Did you see him come in? |
| 17 | because the motion was not seconded. So we've got a | 17 | THE REPORTER: (Indicates.) |
| 18 | new motion out there. | 18 | (Commissioner Crone present.) |
| 19 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Let me try -- I got | 19 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: So six. |
| 20 | this now. Okay. Here goes. This is the real deal. | 20 | THE CHAIR: The motion passes. The record |
| 21 | All right. I move that the Public | 21 | had not even reflected that Commissioner Crone had |
| 22 | Education Commission approve the renewal of the | 22 | come in. |
| 23 | Albuquerque Institute of Math and Science at UNM | 23 | So we're good. The motion passes |
| 24 | with the following conditions of student growth, | 24 | six-zero. |
| 25 | highest quartile, student growth middle quartile, | 25 | So just so we're clear, as clear as we can |
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| 1 | student growth lowest quartile, English Language | 1 | be, that as long as the school has shown similar |
| 2 | Learner progress, chronic absenteeism, college and | 2 | progress to prior years in those specific areas, |
| 3 | career readiness, educational climate, growth in a | 3 | then you'll go on the Consent Agenda. You'll be |
| 4 | four-year graduation rate be met for School Year | 4 | notified that you're on the Consent Agenda, and we |
| 5 | 2018-19. | 5 | should be good to go. |
| 6 | THE CHAIR: Show similar performance. | 6 | MS. KATHY SANDOVAL: Thank you. |
| 7 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Okay. Show similar | 7 | THE CHAIR: Thank you so much, and thank |
| 8 | performance for 2018-19. | 8 | you for everything you do every day. We appreciate |
| 9 | COMMISSIONER ROBBINS: Second. | 9 |  |
| 10 | THE CHAIR: There's a motion by | 10 | Can we take a quick break? |
| 11 | Commissioner Voigt, a second by Commissioner | 11 | (Recess taken, 9:02 a.m. to 9:11 a.m.) |
| 12 | Robbins. | 12 | THE CHAIR: So if the record will now |
| 13 | Any further discussion? Are we clear on | 13 | reflect that Commissioner Crone is now present. He |
| 14 | what we're voting on? | 14 | just comes in, and it's like I didn't even -- |
| 15 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Just can't say it, | 15 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: I'm sorry if I |
| 16 | but we're clear. | 16 | confused you. But I didn't know what to do because |
| 17 | THE CHAIR: Roll call, please. | 17 | he was sort of technically here but hadn't been |
| 18 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Oh, sure. Are | 18 | here, and you didn't know he was here. |
| 19 | we ready? | 19 | THE CHAIR: Just so that everyone knows, |
| 20 | Commissioner Ruiz? | 20 | it's important for us to note when people are coming |
| 21 | COMMISSIONER RUIZ: Yes. | 21 | and going so that the number of votes that are taken |
| 22 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Commissioner | 22 | are reflecting the number of people that are listed |
| 23 | Raftery? | 23 | as present. |
| 24 | COMMISSIONER RAFTERY: Yes. | 24 | We had a little time there where there |
| 25 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Commissioner | 25 | were, you know, seven people voted on this, but |


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| 1 | there were eight people listed as present. So what | 1 | last year in all areas, showing that they're growing |
| 2 | happened there? And we weren't reflecting that | 2 | more than expected for their students. |
| 3 | people were coming and going for a short time. So | 3 | Their subgroup proficiency rates are also |
| 4 | we just have to be a little bit more aware of that. | 4 | showing an upward trend, primarily. And their |
| 5 | If a vote is taken during that time period and | 5 | graduation rate was at 92 percent. Their |
| 6 | you're not here, the -- the record's going to show | 6 | charter-specific goals, they met or exceeded every |
| 7 | that we're short a person. | 7 | single one; I say "every single one," because there |
| 8 | "Why didn't someone vote?" | 8 | were five of them in the last contract. Exceeded or |
| 9 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Right. That's | 9 | met all of those goals each of the years. |
| 10 | why I didn't know what to do, because someone was | 10 | Attendance is high. |
| 11 | here. | 11 | Their membership, as you can see on |
| 12 | THE CHAIR: We just have to be a little | 12 | Page 20 of 66 is a sharp upward trend, increasing -- |
| 13 | more aware of that. | 13 | as you know, they came before you for an enrollment |
| 14 | All right. So welcome. We're on to our | 14 | cap increase. And I will mention, in Director |
| 15 | second school, which is Albuquerque School of | 15 | Brauer's report -- probably not till Friday -- be |
| 16 | Excellence. | 16 | sharing that the school is looking at adding a |
| 17 | And we have a new face that we haven't | 17 | building on site in the future if -- assuming |
| 18 | seen before. So, welcome. And, once again, I will | 18 | approval here, and to separate their elementary and |
| 19 | remind anyone who wishes to speak for the school to | 19 | secondary schools because of their enrollment |
| 20 | please make sure that you have signed up here. | 20 | increases. |
| 21 | MS. SUE FOX: Sorry. | 21 | They're retaining their students from year |
| 22 | THE CHAIR: Okay. So we are now on to | 22 | to year. Their teacher retention rate is a little |
| 23 | CSD. Anything? | 23 | lower than we would like to see on Page 22 of 66. |
| 24 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: Madam Chair, | 24 | And then in terms of the performance |
| 25 | Commissioners, school representatives, good morning. | 25 | framework, on Page 3 of 66, we listed the indicators |
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| 1 | I just want to remind everyone that we are | 1 | that had a repeat Workings to Meet, as outlined in |
| 2 | using the rubric for the school -- the rubric that | 2 | the application. Those were students with special |
| 3 | is before you for Part B analysis. But this is | 3 | needs. And, primarily, there was some concern |
| 4 | Albuquerque School of Excellence, authorized to | 4 | through the years of a gifted teacher, but they |
| 5 | serve Grades K through 12, currently serving | 5 | resolved that concern. |
| 6 | Grades 1 through 12, with approximately 689 | 6 | Also, with resources for special education |
| 7 | students. And they emphasize math, science, | 7 | students, English Language Learners, there were some |
| 8 | technology, and higher education goals. | 8 | issues with properly identifying them. You'll |
| 9 | In the data analysis provided by CSD in | 9 | probably hear me say that a lot, because that is a |
| 10 | your packet, you will see the school is a | 10 | problem across the state. |
| 11 | high-performing school with their proficiency rates | 11 | Recurrent enrollment, they were below what |
| 12 | increasing through the years. | 12 | was set for the goal, below 85 percent. But I |
| 13 | I should note that because they serve | 13 | should mention that they are above 75 percent, which |
| 14 | grades first and second grade, the transition | 14 | is the new contract goal. So they are in pretty |
| 15 | assessment scores on Page 8 of 66 show | 15 | good standing in the recurrent enrollment, even |
| 16 | 49 -and-a-half percent reading proficiency. | 16 | though, on the last contract, they weren't quite |
| 17 | Actually, with the Istation factored in, that | 17 | meeting the standard. |
| 18 | dropped a half a percent. So it's 49 percent, with | 18 | Financial compliance, their findings, they |
| 19 | the Istation. We did not have the Istation numbers | 19 | had three findings in the last year, two in the |
| 20 | when we did this chart. | 20 | prior years. But I should mention that the last |
| 21 | Their science proficiency rate was at | 21 | year that we have data for, there were no material |
| 22 | 60 percent. As you see, on the index subgroup | 22 | weaknesses or significant deficiencies, and the |
| 23 | growth indices, again, close to zero is as expected. | 23 | three findings were Other Non-compliance, not to say |
| 24 | And if you look at the charts there -- I'm sure you | 24 | that that that's good, but it's less serious. |
| 25 | have -- they are above the line in all of -- in the | 25 | Also their issues around employee rights |


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| 1 | had to do with verification of employment and | 1 | are now on to your 15 minutes of telling us whatever |
| 2 | official transcripts, as well as summative reports | 2 | you wish. And I will remind you to please identify |
| 3 | for their teachers' evaluation system. Those have | 3 | for the record all the folks that are here with you |
| 4 | since been resolved at the school. | 4 | that may be speaking. |
| 5 | And the health-and-safety concern was | 5 | FROM THE FLOOR: All right. Good morning |
| 6 | around the master immunization log, which they've | 6 | everyone. Today I have my administrators -- |
| 7 | also worked to resolve. | 7 | THE CHAIR: Is your mic -- I'm sorry. Is |
| 8 | One final note is their governing board | 8 | your microphone on? |
| 9 | training is indicated in the report as the last year | 9 | FROM THE FLOOR: It's on. |
| 10 | there were some governing board members who were not | 10 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: A little closer. |
| 11 | able to meet their hours. | 11 | MR. MUSTAFA AYIK: My name is Mustafa |
| 12 | But, otherwise, I think -- 100 percent of | 12 | Ayik. I am the new Head Administrator of |
| 13 | the employees and over 83 percent of their | 13 | Albuquerque School of Excellence. I had three years |
| 14 | households did sign petitions. | 14 | of principal experience, before I come over here, in |
| 15 | And I think that some -- oh. And their | 15 | another state. |
| 16 | NMCI index was 14.45, significantly lower than the | 16 | And so today with me I have Ms. Del Curto, |
| 17 | average of 23. And, remember, lower is better. | 17 | our school principal. She was with us since the |
| 18 | So thank you. | 18 | beginning of the school year back in 2010. |
| 19 | THE CHAIR: Thank you. Good morning, once | 19 | And then I have Ms. Wichinsky [ph]. |
| 20 | again. | 20 | And then we also have Michael Vigil, our |
| 21 | FROM THE FLOOR: Good morning. | 21 | manager, financial manager. |
| 22 | THE CHAIR: And I need to get out my -- my | 22 | And I have also Patricia Martinez, our |
| 23 | script. | 23 | special program director. |
| 24 | Just to remind everyone that renewals will | 24 | And then we have Mr. Hakan Yanar. |
| 25 | be with conditions. PED has not provided a report | 25 | (Reporter requests clarification.) |
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| 1 | or review of data for the SY '18-'19 Accountability. | 1 | MR. MUSTAFA AYIK: So before I start my |
| 2 | It is important for schools to have the complete | 2 | presentation, I would like to first recognize |
| 3 | academic data as part of the renewal information for | 3 | Charter School Division for their exceptional |
| 4 | this renewal and also for future years. | 4 | service that they have provided. In being a new |
| 5 | PEC needs complete State Accountability | 5 | administrator, I got a lot of supports and guidance |
| 6 | reports to make the best decision on school renewal | 6 | from the Charter School Division. |
| 7 | applications. | 7 | And I was on the call with Karen and Megan |
| 8 | The PEC will review financial and | 8 | quite a lot, and despite how busy they were, they |
| 9 | operational performance, because the data is | 9 | were very much supportive and they answered all my |
| 10 | complete at this meeting in December 2019. If the | 10 | question, and I appreciate. |
| 11 | PEC decides to issue a renewal with conditions, the | 11 | I also thank Alan for visiting our campus |
| 12 | PEC will clearly state what Accountability | 12 | at the beginning of the school year and also hosting |
| 13 | information it will review from the PED | 13 | weekly charter leader calls. They were quite |
| 14 | Accountability Report. | 14 | helpful. |
| 15 | When the Accountability data is prepared | 15 | (The reporter cautions.) |
| 16 | by PED and the school has had an opportunity to | 16 | MR. MUSTAFA AYIK: So before -- I would |
| 17 | review the data -- no less than ten days -- the PEC | 17 | like to first mention about my presentation will be |
| 18 | will review the data and remove the condition or | 18 | all about our school mission since our mission is at |
| 19 | take other action, such as a Corrective Action Plan | 19 | the core of our charter school contract. So I will |
| 20 | or possibly non-renew the charter. | 20 | guide you through my presentation to go over our |
| 21 | At a future meeting, January or | 21 | mission statement and then highlight its |
| 22 | February 2020, the PEC will only consider the issues | 22 | implementation and results that we have received |
| 23 | related to the reasons for the conditions and will | 23 | during our charter term. |
| 24 | not consider any other issues related to renewal. | 24 | The mission of the Albuquerque School of |
| 25 | So thank you for your indulgence. And we | 25 | Excellence is to provide a safe and collaborative |


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| 1 | environment which will cultivate the academic and | 1 | teachers. |
| 2 | social development for all students, regardless of | 2 | Home visit plays an important role in |
| 3 | their social and economic status, by emphasizing | 3 | maintaining effective student and parent |
| 4 | math, science, and technology, for the purpose of | 4 | collaboration at ASE. Based on the study conducted |
| 5 | students setting and meeting higher education goals. | 5 | by California State University, the home visit |
| 6 | And I would like to actually break down | 6 | program gives teachers and parents a better |
| 7 | our mission statement and explain how we provide a | 7 | opportunity for connection, communication, and |
| 8 | safe and collaborative environment at our school and | 8 | collaboration. |
| 9 | how we integrate math, science, and technology in | 9 | So far, 96 percent of our teachers and |
| 10 | our school function, and finally talk about the | 10 | administrators conducted at least one home visit. |
| 11 | results for reaching higher education goals. | 11 | And we -- so far, we have visited 192 students in |
| 12 | So let's get started with providing a safe | 12 | just four months. |
| 13 | environment. | 13 | Aside from home visit, we also do four |
| 14 | To provide a safe environment at our | 14 | parent-teacher conferences throughout the year to |
| 15 | school, ASE implements a discipline point system and | 15 | maintain constant collaboration and inform our |
| 16 | holds students accountable for their behavior. And | 16 | parents about children's academic and social |
| 17 | those points that they receive, they are PRS points | 17 | progress. |
| 18 | students receive as a result of unwanted behavior. | 18 | To promote collaboration between |
| 19 | And then also they receive positive reinforcement of | 19 | administrator and teachers, we also do three teacher |
| 20 | points as a result of good things that they do, like | 20 | prep meetings throughout the year, one at the |
| 21 | volunteering at school, making and improving their | 21 | beginning of the year, one in mid-year, and the last |
| 22 | behavior, and so -- and active participation in | 22 | one, we do at the end of the year. |
| 23 | class. | 23 | During those meetings, we set academic |
| 24 | Those points are entered into school | 24 | goals, communicate our performance expectations, and |
| 25 | database by teachers and staff, and as soon as they | 25 | seek feedback from our teachers for any improvement |
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| 1 | are entered, parents receive notification, and | 1 | areas. |
| 2 | through the school app or using the school website. | 2 | Administrators at ASE highly value student |
| 3 | This point system creates awareness among students | 3 | voice and provide opportunities for them to develop |
| 4 | and parents and also helps the schools to gather the | 4 | their leadership by organizing and carrying out |
| 5 | data for making new policies and procedures | 5 | school activities and service projects. |
| 6 | dependent on the need. | 6 | (Reporter cautions.) |
| 7 | And we also use Raptor system. It's a | 7 | MR. MUSTAFA AYIK: So going back to, |
| 8 | visitor management system that enhances visitor | 8 | during those meetings, we set academic goals, |
| 9 | security by reading visitor driver license and | 9 | communicate our performance expectations, and seek |
| 10 | comparing information to national database, alerting | 10 | feedback from teachers for improvement areas. |
| 11 | school administrators and local police if match is | 11 | Administrators at ASE highly value student |
| 12 | found. | 12 | voice and provide opportunities for them to develop |
| 13 | So once the person is cleared through the | 13 | their leadership by organizing and carrying out |
| 14 | system, a visitor badge is produced that includes | 14 | school activities and service projects. |
| 15 | their photo. | 15 | Student council members meet with the |
| 16 | ASE also offers Character Education | 16 | school principal, as needed, to go over their |
| 17 | classes and uses research-based curriculum called | 17 | project ideas. Currently, our secondary student |
| 18 | "Second Step." This curriculum is designed in a way | 18 | council is working on the Book Buddy/Tutoring |
| 19 | to promote the social and emotional development, | 19 | program for elementary students. And our elementary |
| 20 | safety, and well-being of children. | 20 | student council is doing a coat drive to assist |
| 21 | And so those are some of the things that | 21 | needy people. |
| 22 | we do in order to maintain, as stated in our mission | 22 | All right. So aside from -- so I would |
| 23 | statement, a safe environment. | 23 | like to now talk a little bit about our STEM focus. |
| 24 | Also, now let's talk about how we promote | 24 | And so let me go here. |
| 25 | collaboration with our students, parents, and | 25 | So aside from emphasizing science, |


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| 1 | technology and mathematics, as indicated in our | 1 | respectively back in 2016, 2017, and 2018. |
| 2 | mission statement, we also focus on art and | 2 | School academic growth points increased |
| 3 | engineering. We offer STEAM electives and | 3 | from 6.52 in 2017 to 9.14 in 2018, while State |
| 4 | after-school clubs, such as Cybersecurity, | 4 | benchmark was 5.8, based on Part A preliminary |
| 5 | MathCounts and Math League, Science Olympiad, | 5 | report. |
| 6 | Forensic Science, Science Bowl, Art Contest. We | 6 | ASE graduation rate for 2018 was |
| 7 | provide an opportunity for our students to | 7 | 92 percent compared to 71 percent for State and |
| 8 | participate in STEAM competitions. | 8 | 68 percent for district. |
| 9 | Here are some of our accomplishments: | 9 | The New Mexico Public Education Department |
| 10 | Three first-place teams in different | 10 | report released in July 2018 included ASE -- ASE in |
| 11 | categories in New Mexico Junior FLL Robotics League | 11 | its rating of the ten highest performing State |
| 12 | in 2018. | 12 | charters in term of growth in ELA and math. |
| 13 | Fourth place in Regional MathCounts and | 13 | Albuquerque School of Excellence ranked |
| 14 | advanced to State Qualifying Contest, 2018. | 14 | No. 1 for two years' math growth in '17 and '18 and |
| 15 | Seventh place in International RoboRAVE | 15 | No. 2 for four-year growth in '15 to '18. |
| 16 | contest, high school category, Kaga, Japan, 2017. | 16 | At this point, 68 percent of our tenth-, |
| 17 | First, second, and third place for | 17 | eleventh-, and twelfth-grade students are taking |
| 18 | Hispanic Heritage Youth Art Contest, Sandia | 18 | online development courses. And also ASE's teachers |
| 19 | Laboratories, 2017. | 19 | uses Lexis programs at this point to have access to |
| 20 | Two special awards for Grade 9-12, | 20 | more than 20,000 professionals online. Teachers |
| 21 | Regional Science Fair, 2017. | 21 | have a chance to connect to professionals to their |
| 22 | Two special awards for Grades 6-8, | 22 | classroom, getting information about their specific |
| 23 | Regional Science Fair, 2017. | 23 | job and experience as well as answer any of their |
| 24 | So those are some of the accomplishments | 24 | questions. |
| 25 | our students receive from STEAM competitions. | 25 | So what happened in -- from 2015 to 2019, |
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| 1 | Aside from giving students opportunity to | 1 | our enrollment almost doubled. Despite this |
| 2 | participate in those competition, our school also | 2 | enrollment increase and we receiving new students, |
| 3 | holds after-school events to promote science, | 3 | our school continued to show academic progress and |
| 4 | technology, engineering, and mathematics at our | 4 | improvement. And despite this challenge -- despite |
| 5 | school. | 5 | this increase, we have also some challenges and |
| 6 | So following are some of the events that | 6 | opportunities. |
| 7 | we have hold this year so far: | 7 | A major concern of school staff, student, |
| 8 | Schoolwide Science Fair. This is actually | 8 | parents, and this community has been providing the |
| 9 | going to be happening on January 18th. | 9 | facilities that supports the mission of the school |
| 10 | Multicultural Night. We have about | 10 | and meet the students' needs. |
| 11 | 300 participation happening December 6th. | 11 | In 2015, ASE addressed the needs of the |
| 12 | Math and Science Night with | 12 | school by acquiring the north half of the building |
| 13 | 130 participants happened in September '17. | 13 | and creating a multi-purpose gymnasium to serve |
| 14 | And then we are going to be holding an | 14 | students' extracurricular needs. Since then |
| 15 | air-balling contest sponsored by the collaboration | 15 | Albuquerque School of Excellence enrollment |
| 16 | with Art and Science Department, and which will be | 16 | increased from 313 to 674. |
| 17 | happening December 20. | 17 | Albuquerque School of Excellence has |
| 18 | And so moving on. | 18 | identified the needs for additional space to allow |
| 19 | And so with all those concentration on | 19 | the schools to reach its charter capacity and |
| 20 | safety and collaboration and also STEAM focus, | 20 | maintain its educational program. |
| 21 | following are some of the -- following are some of | 21 | For the next school year, ASE will like to |
| 22 | the accomplishments and achievements that we have | 22 | add a second building adjacent to the current |
| 23 | received in regards to preparing students for | 23 | building that will house elementary students from K |
| 24 | college and career. | 24 | through fifth grade. The additional building will |
| 25 | So ASE received a "B" and "A" rating | 25 | help the campus reduce the number of students in |


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| 1 | existing building, opening more space for additional | 1 | FROM THE FLOOR: I wrote it all down, so |
| 2 | ESL and SpEd and ancillary rooms, as well as | 2 | I'll be quick. So I was coming to ask to speak -- |
| 3 | building a makerspace, providing students hands-on | 3 | Oh, sorry. My name is Daniella M. Nuñez. And I am |
| 4 | STEM learning opportunities. | 4 | here to speak about the effectiveness and |
| 5 | MS. FRIEDMAN: You have two minutes. | 5 | performance of ASE. |
| 6 | MR. MUSTAFA AYIK: ASE plans to have a | 6 | I have two children. One is currently |
| 7 | population of 450 at the new facility and would like | 7 | enrolled in -- in fourth grade. And he is |
| 8 | to keep the current building no more than 650. | 8 | performing at what I feel is the average of the |
| 9 | This ends my presentation, and I think our | 9 | school. He is -- has been on honor roll since first |
| 10 | attorney would like to add something. | 10 | grade. He currently has 37 PRS points, which is |
| 11 | MS. SUSAN FOX: Madam Chair and members? | 11 | Positive Reinforcement points, so I feel he's doing |
| 12 | THE CHAIR: So you're making your comment | 12 | very well at the school. |
| 13 | now instead of public comment? | 13 | I also have an older son who graduated in |
| 14 | MS. SUSAN FOX: Can I, yes, since I have a | 14 | 2016, well-adjusted, wonderful young man. And I owe |
| 15 | minute and a half? Sue Fox. I'm legal counsel for | 15 | a lot of that to the school. |
| 16 | ASE. | 16 | They have a disciplinary point system also |
| 17 | I'm just going to state a preliminary | 17 | which, yes, he was on very frequently. He did spend |
| 18 | statement in relation to the bifurcation or the | 18 | detention. He did have after-school -- you know -- |
| 19 | proposed bifurcation. The school objects to any | 19 | he was a very difficult kid. But he learned. He |
| 20 | bifurcation or extension of the charter renewal | 20 | learned so much. The teachers that he had then and |
| 21 | process that's intended to or would result in the | 21 | the ones that are still working there now, he's very |
| 22 | PEC's decision not being a final decision until | 22 | close with. |
| 23 | after the statutory deadline requirement in the | 23 | He learned how to communicate and -- not |
| 24 | Charter Schools Act. And it reserves all its appeal | 24 | just his feelings, but what he needed, in a |
| 25 | rights under New Mexico law. | 25 | professional manner. And it has worked wonders for |
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| 1 | Based on the school's presentation and the | 1 | him. |
| 2 | data before the PEC, the school requests that the | 2 | So I owe a lot of that to this school, and |
| 3 | PEC vote to grant it a five-year charter without | 3 | I feel that they are such a gem in our community. |
| 4 | conditions and without further consideration of the | 4 | They have outreach. They have communication. They |
| 5 | 2018-2019 final PED Spotlight designation. | 5 | have such -- a good presence around the community, |
| 6 | THE CHAIR: Thanks. | 6 | and I want to congratulate them, too. |
| 7 | MS. SUSAN FOX: Thanks. | 7 | So that's all I have. Thank you. |
| 8 | THE CHAIR: We are now into the Public | 8 | THE CHAIR: Thank you. And finally on the |
| 9 | Comment portion. And only two people now have | 9 | list is Angela Lopez. |
| 10 | signed up for public comment. | 10 | FROM THE FLOOR: Hi, there. My name is |
| 11 | So there's 10 minutes allotted total. | 11 | Angela Lopez, and I'm a parent of two students at |
| 12 | Each person can take up to five minutes, which is a | 12 | ASE. |
| 13 | lot of time. | 13 | I'm what you call a very social parent. I |
| 14 | But the first person on the list is | 14 | like to talk to my son's friends. I like to talk to |
| 15 | Daniella M. Nuñez. | 15 | friends of their friends, and the activities that |
| 16 | THE CHAIR: And, Bev, is she going to use | 16 | they're in, I like to introduce myself, not only to |
| 17 | your microphone? | 17 | parents, but also to students. |
| 18 | MS. FRIEDMAN: She certainly can. | 18 | And the reason I like to do that is |
| 19 | THE CHAIR: Okay. That might be easier. | 19 | because I love receiving children's perspective. I |
| 20 | FROM THE FLOOR: Thank you very much. | 20 | think that they have a phenomenal outlook on the |
| 21 | MS. FRIEDMAN: And, Madam Chair, you have | 21 | world in what they see, and they often see a lot of |
| 22 | eight minutes on the agenda. | 22 | things and hear a lot of things that we don't |
| 23 | THE CHAIR: Oh, I'm sorry. I thought I | 23 | realize that they hear. |
| 24 | had ten. Oh, I do. Eight. So you have four | 24 | Normally when I speak to children, I get a |
| 25 | minutes. | 25 | very generic response to the questions of "Why do |


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| 1 | you go to school," "What do you like about school," | 1 | be enriched is the arts programming. Because |
| 2 | "What are your favorite things to do," and "What did | 2 | there's not a whole lot of space right now, so that |
| 3 | you learn today?" | 3 | it's more of a STEAM, as opposed to just a -- I'm a |
| 4 | I have volunteered at a variety of | 4 | humanities person; so I -- I hope that that's going |
| 5 | different schools, so I've received a variety of | 5 | to be able to happen with the -- with the increase |
| 6 | responses. And I can say that within my time at the | 6 | in space. |
| 7 | Albuquerque School of Excellence, the responses that | 7 | I did -- I did see that your demographics, |
| 8 | I've received from children are just superb. | 8 | you have somewhat fewer Hispanic and Free and |
| 9 | They're very eloquent in their responses | 9 | Reduced Lunch students than APS and statewide; yet |
| 10 | in their speaking. They're very respectful, and | 10 | you have a higher percentage of English Language |
| 11 | they have really unique answers as to why they go to | 11 | Learners in your building. |
| 12 | school. Instead of saying, "I go to school because | 12 | It just seems like an odd thing, that |
| 13 | my parents make me" -- that's usually their | 13 | that's -- statistically you have fewer Hispanic, |
| 14 | response -- "I go to school because I really love | 14 | Native American. Is it because of a neighborhood |
| 15 | this project that I'm working on in science." | 15 | that you pull from? It just seemed -- it just |
| 16 | My own particular son, he wasn't | 16 | struck me as odd. But I don't know if there is an |
| 17 | challenged enough in the math area, I felt, in the | 17 | answer to that. |
| 18 | different school we were in. And he comes to school | 18 | MR. MUSTAFA AYIK: Madam Chair, right now |
| 19 | and he says, "Mom, let me tell you about geometry." | 19 | we have 63 percent economically disadvantaged |
| 20 | And I'm, like, "You're not even in | 20 | students we have based on our database that I |
| 21 | geometry, honey." | 21 | gathered the data yesterday. And then we have |
| 22 | And he says, "Yeah. But let me tell you | 22 | 127 English Language Learners. And then it was |
| 23 | about geometry. I looked it up, and my teacher | 23 | 140 -some-odd -- 140 SpEd students, we have. |
| 24 | showed me a few different things." | 24 | We, normally, based on our business plan |
| 25 | In any case, what I'm getting at is these | 25 | that was done about two years ago shows a graph |
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| 1 | children have a different outlook on school at this | 1 | showing where the students are coming. And it's all |
| 2 | institution. They view it more as excitement, and | 2 | the surrounding areas, actually, they are coming. |
| 3 | they view it more as things that they want to learn, | 3 | And so we have -- we have all around the |
| 4 | as opposed to things that they're being forced to | 4 | schools that -- and I think we also included that in |
| 5 | learn. | 5 | our application, that graph, [inaudible] business. |
| 6 | So with the charter renewal, I would love | 6 | I don't remember top of my head, but that is all |
| 7 | to see that culture continued. It's just a very | 7 | surrounding areas where we get the students the |
| 8 | rare thing in my volunteer work, and I've really | 8 | most. |
| 9 | experienced a lot of that at this institution. | 9 | THE CHAIR: Okay. And I appreciate the |
| 10 | So thank you for your time. | 10 | fact that it looks like, overall, you had a little |
| 11 | THE CHAIR: Thank you so much. | 11 | bit of a dip in proficiencies in growth in '17. But |
| 12 | And thank you all, once again. | 12 | it just seemed to be more of an aberration than |
| 13 | We saw some of you not that long ago with | 13 | anything else. Because what you didn't -- it |
| 14 | contract negotiations. So we appreciate that and | 14 | doesn't appear that with the -- with the new |
| 15 | the good discussion that we had and being able to | 15 | assessment, you were able to pull yourself out of |
| 16 | move forward. I think it's going to make any future | 16 | whatever occurred in '17. |
| 17 | contract negotiations a little bit easier. | 17 | So I appreciate the fact that there must |
| 18 | And I appreciate the fact that the school | 18 | have been some good conversations that occurred to |
| 19 | is looking to get that second facility, because I -- | 19 | say, "What happened here," and, "Let's figure this |
| 20 | I think it's problematic often when you've got | 20 | out." |
| 21 | elementary, middle, and high school all in the -- in | 21 | And they were valuable conversations, |
| 22 | the same -- in the same facility. | 22 | because '18 has, so far, shown that whatever you did |
| 23 | But I did see -- I don't remember if it | 23 | to change worked. And that's all you can ask people |
| 24 | was a parent comment or in the school's comment -- | 24 | to do. Sometimes things happen, and it's important |
| 25 | that hopefully one of the areas that will be able to | 25 | that you can look at it and make whatever |


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| 1 | modifications that you have to. So I truly do | 1 | There was a travel per diem getting an |
| 2 | appreciate that. | 2 | approval for the director. So the director does not |
| 3 | And just remind me. Your intention is to | 3 | sign off on his own travel anymore; we have the |
| 4 | be in that new building for the next school year? | 4 | governing council sign off on it. |
| 5 | That's -- | 5 | And the last one was an accounting |
| 6 | MR. MUSTAFA AYIK: Yes. It's our | 6 | closeout at the end of the year, so we have a review |
| 7 | intention. I know it's -- timewise it doesn't look | 7 | process we put in place. There were just three |
| 8 | that it will happen. And we had this conversation | 8 | non-compliance issues that were very easy to fix. |
| 9 | with the contractor. And they are already given us | 9 | COMMISSIONER ROBBINS: Thank you very |
| 10 | by the mid-July that they will finish. And they | 10 | much. Appreciate it. |
| 11 | will work weekends and overnights and holidays, and | 11 | MR. MUSTAFA AYIK: I would like to also |
| 12 | they are committing that they will finish. | 12 | add that we are no longer accepting cash from our |
| 13 | THE CHAIR: Okay. Well, that's exciting. | 13 | students and parents. |
| 14 | And I truly hope it happens on time. It'll be about | 14 | COMMISSIONER ROBBINS: That is a smart |
| 15 | the -- only once if that construction happens on | 15 | policy to have. |
| 16 | time. You need to put that as a headline, because | 16 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Ruiz? |
| 17 | that just -- you know, it's horrible, but it just | 17 | COMMISSIONER RUIZ: Thank you for that |
| 18 | doesn't happen. | 18 | clarification on the financial audit, because I had |
| 19 | Commissioner Robbins? | 19 | some of the same questions. |
| 20 | COMMISSIONER ROBBINS: Thank you. I do | 20 | The other question I have is on the -- so |
| 21 | want to commend you on the continued academic | 21 | in 2016-'17, you had a Falls Far Below standard, and |
| 22 | performance that Albuquerque School of Excellence | 22 | then '17-'18 and '18-'19, Working to Meet standard |
| 23 | provides to its students and the enlightened, I | 23 | for protecting the rights of students with special |
| 24 | would say, atmosphere that the students have. | 24 | needs, IDEA, 504, and gifted. |
| 25 | I would -- I look forward to visiting the | 25 | Can you talk to me a little bit about |
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| 1 | students again. I know the students when I see them | 1 | that, please, what specifically you were doing to |
| 2 | walking in the neighborhood and things like that. | 2 | work on that? |
| 3 | Very well-behaved. And when I visited before, | 3 | Thank you. |
| 4 | students are always attentive. The previous | 4 | FROM THE FLOOR: Hi. I'm Patty Martinez. |
| 5 | headmaster, he knew almost everyone -- every student | 5 | I'm the coordinator of special education services. |
| 6 | by name, which is very impressive. That's one of | 6 | I guess our biggest was compliance. |
| 7 | the advantages, I think, of smaller schools. | 7 | Compliance is a really big one. And so we had to |
| 8 | I did want to ask you about the audit | 8 | work on our gifted compliance. We had to work on |
| 9 | findings and what the school has taken, or will | 9 | our IEPs being in compliance from initials to the |
| 10 | take, in order to address those and in order to | 10 | SAT process. |
| 11 | avoid repeat findings. | 11 | We really worked hard on making a strong |
| 12 | MR. MICHAEL VIGIL: Madam Chair, my name | 12 | SAT process that leads to meet the needs of our |
| 13 | is Mike -- Madam Chair, my name is Michael Vigil. I | 13 | students, whether it's going for testing or meeting |
| 14 | am the owner of the Vigil Group, and we are the | 14 | the needs in Tier 1, Tier 2 kind of thing, so we |
| 15 | contracted business manager for the school. | 15 | have a very strong SAT process. |
| 16 | So the school did receive three | 16 | Then if it does go to initials, we've |
| 17 | non-compliance findings. And we have worked with | 17 | worked with really getting good -- I can only say |
| 18 | the school to implement processes. They were, I'll | 18 | they are angels from heaven diags that really |
| 19 | tell you, cash receipts, an issue with the 24 -hour | 19 | explain the process for teachers and staff and |
| 20 | deposit rule, which is difficult for many schools to | 20 | parents of what this is going to be and what's best |
| 21 | meet. So we've got that done. | 21 | practices for our students, and is in compliance. |
| 22 | It wasn't that they weren't deposited in | 22 | We had to work really hard on our IEPs |
| 23 | 24 hours; it was they couldn't document the | 23 | being in compliance, and we had to work really hard |
| 24 | timeline. | 24 | on our gifted IEPs being in compliance. So within |
| 25 | We've put the documentation in place. | 25 | that year, we did that. A lot of meetings. |


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| 1 | It continues to be a process. We have a | 1 | and the information was accepted in '17 and '18. |
| 2 | lot of new students. I don't know if this is | 2 | But then again in '19, it's not accepted. |
| 3 | throughout New Mexico, but special education | 3 | So I'm just a little confused there. And |
| 4 | students move around a lot. And so because of that, | 4 | I think the notation was that it was the -- the |
| 5 | you have to have IEPs. Within this first four | 5 | manner in which the information was provided, it |
| 6 | months of school, we've had to have 95 IEPs, | 6 | couldn't be rated. And I don't know why it would |
| 7 | transfer IEPs. That's a lot of time and a lot of | 7 | have changed between '18 and 19. So I don't know if |
| 8 | paperwork. But we've worked hard, and we're | 8 | you've got any response to that, or -- |
| 9 | compliant, and I'm very proud of that. | 9 | MR. MUSTAFA AYIK: I mean, this year, we |
| 10 | In the same instance, we've also | 10 | do have data collection, and we can show every |
| 11 | strengthened our 504s. I think that's an area in | 11 | single data. |
| 12 | schools that hasn't been necessarily addressed. And | 12 | Last year, I think what was submitted was |
| 13 | it is still an important part of students getting | 13 | a little bit misleading, because if I am remembering |
| 14 | their needs met and the accommodations and | 14 | correctly, our goal was giving assurances for |
| 15 | modifications. | 15 | participation, like all of the parents will be |
| 16 | Does that answer your question? | 16 | offered to have a home visit. |
| 17 | COMMISSIONER RUIZ: Yes. Thank you so | 17 | THE CHAIR: Right. |
| 18 | much. | 18 | MR. MUSTAFA AYIK: So it was not |
| 19 | FROM THE FLOOR: Thank you. | 19 | necessarily a goal of a certain percentage; but it |
| 20 | THE CHAIR: Well, can I just ask? Was the | 20 | was more like, "These parents will have a chance to |
| 21 | non-compliance that IEPs -- or maybe it was a | 21 | receive home visits." |
| 22 | combination -- IEPs hadn't been completed, or that | 22 | And so I think that in the previous years, |
| 23 | services hadn't been -- hadn't been completed? | 23 | it was in the applications and orientations that |
| 24 | FROM THE FLOOR: I don't know if I would | 24 | parents would be able to sign up and whether they |
| 25 | use the word "completed." They were non-compliant | 25 | want to have home visit or not. |
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| 1 | because they were out of date. | 1 | And it might be possible that that sign-up |
| 2 | THE CHAIR: Okay. Okay. And was there | 2 | sheet maybe not provided last year. Maybe Karen can |
| 3 | any concern about services being provided, that | 3 | answer that as well. |
| 4 | there was a lack of services being provided? | 4 | But I know that it was on our side also, I |
| 5 | FROM THE FLOOR: No. Services have always | 5 | think, as far as submitting proper data. Like |
| 6 | been provided. | 6 | previous years, I think it was provided, those |
| 7 | THE CHAIR: Okay. Thank you. | 7 | sign-up sheets during the orientation, showing that |
| 8 | MR. MUSTAFA AYIK: But, again, the new | 8 | school actually offered an opportunity for parents |
| 9 | building will definitely going to help us out | 9 | to receive home visits. |
| 10 | offering more classes and hiring more teachers to be | 10 | THE CHAIR: But it wasn't rated in this |
| 11 | able to help them out. | 11 | past year. |
| 12 | THE CHAIR: So let's touch a little bit on | 12 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: And I'm looking -- |
| 13 | the not-rated for your -- | 13 | pardon me. It's hard to remember all the different |
| 14 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: Mission goals. | 14 | details of everything, so I'm looking really quickly |
| 15 | THE CHAIR: -- yeah -- for your mission | 15 | in the reports to hopefully answer your question. |
| 16 | goal. | 16 | THE CHAIR: Okay. So while you do that, |
| 17 | For the one mission goal, two years. In | 17 | Commissioner Crone, have you a question? |
| 18 | '16 and in '19, it wasn't -- it's the home visit? | 18 | COMMISSIONER CRONE: Just more of a |
| 19 | So I'm just not sure what happened there. Because I | 19 | comment. I wanted to follow up on what you said |
| 20 | would guess that you would be using the same form of | 20 | about the humanities. |
| 21 | providing the information to the Charter School | 21 | I'm a firm believer in liberal education, |
| 22 | Division to show that you met it. | 22 | a well-rounded education. I believe that because of |
| 23 | So I'm not sure why, in -- I can kind of | 23 | our economy and our current value system that we |
| 24 | see that maybe in '16, the reporting wouldn't have | 24 | emphasize some things at the expense of others. |
| 25 | been accepted and you would have had a conversation, | 25 | Being very old-school and conservative in |


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| 1 | this regard, I would like to see Latin and Greek | 1 | to attend -- the charter -- the conference, the |
| 2 | taught in the schools. My degrees are in science, | 2 | yearly conference and completed all my training |
| 3 | but my minors were in literature and philosophy. So | 3 | requirements. |
| 4 | I do want to encourage you to make sure that they | 4 | One summer I was on travel at that time |
| 5 | get those things. | 5 | and I couldn't complete. And I used to depend on |
| 6 | Thank you. | 6 | the online trainings. And I think they are no |
| 7 | MR. MUSTAFA AYIK: Thank you. | 7 | longer available, so I missed. And I believe other |
| 8 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: Sorry. Megan is | 8 | governing council members might have been in similar |
| 9 | signaling to me, because she -- as you know, Megan | 9 | situation. |
| 10 | does a lot of this work. And she did this analysis. | 10 | But now we are hosting. We have one this |
| 11 | So I did find the analysis from last | 11 | year, and we will be hosting every year. And |
| 12 | year's report regarding home visits. And I will | 12 | governing council approved requirements and all of |
| 13 | tell you that the analysis indicates that of the | 13 | us attend the training. |
| 14 | 349 students in Grades 6 through 12, the staff | 14 | (Chair consults PEC counsel.) |
| 15 | visited 102 homes. And that was presented in a | 15 | THE CHAIR: So let's just get a |
| 16 | narrative and a school-created data table. | 16 | clarification on the hosting. Is -- you're hosting |
| 17 | They also included a home visit tracker | 17 | Charter School Division coming down, just like you |
| 18 | with 69 students. And of those, 62 had a notation | 18 | did Saturday at Las Montañas, that they're the host |
| 19 | suggesting a home visit was either offered, | 19 | school for it? |
| 20 | scheduled, or visited. | 20 | MS. MELISSA BROWN: Yes. There are no |
| 21 | So the way that material was presented, it | 21 | more locations within Albuquerque that will allow us |
| 22 | was hard to -- to determine a percentage, because it | 22 | to train on a Saturday. And so we seek out the |
| 23 | should have had over 300 students in the tracker for | 23 | schools and ask them to host. |
| 24 | us to be able to determine the percentage. | 24 | THE CHAIR: You are working on more |
| 25 | So -- and they only listed 69 students in | 25 | online. |
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| 1 | the documents they provided. So I do believe that | 1 | MS. MELISSA BROWN: There's a biweekly |
| 2 | they are offering home visits, and they are | 2 | online training every other week, an hour. |
| 3 | completing some. Whether or not it was the 80 to | 3 | MR. OSMAN ANDEROGLU: In addition, I think |
| 4 | 89 percent that they said was hard to verify or | 4 | the new opportunity -- for instance, our business |
| 5 | impossible to verify. | 5 | manager, Mike Vigil, one of our finance meetings, |
| 6 | THE CHAIR: All right. Thanks. | 6 | he -- before the actual meeting he came and gave a |
| 7 | Let's just touch a little bit on the | 7 | one-hour training as well. That has been actually |
| 8 | concern about governance council training. So is | 8 | tremendous help. So we are adopting those specific |
| 9 | the governance council currently up to date on their | 9 | trainings that we need, all of us need. |
| 10 | training? | 10 | THE CHAIR: That will give you the hours, |
| 11 | MR. OSMAN ANDEROGLU: My name is Osman | 11 | yes. Thank you. So there is -- currently, there is |
| 12 | Anderoglu. I am the current governing council | 12 | not a concern about training hours for the school. |
| 13 | president, and I have been in the board of the | 13 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: For the current school |
| 14 | school since the school started. | 14 | year. |
| 15 | We had one year that we were behind | 15 | MR. ALAN BRAUER: No. |
| 16 | expectation in terms of the trainings. But what we | 16 | THE CHAIR: Right. |
| 17 | did, we started hosting a session at ASE every year | 17 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: There is not a |
| 18 | starting this year. And I believe most of the | 18 | concern; although, all of the hours are not due |
| 19 | governing council members attended the training and | 19 | until the end of the year. |
| 20 | completed the training. | 20 | THE CHAIR: Right. |
| 21 | So we will be looking into close the -- | 21 | Commissioner Armbruster? |
| 22 | completing all the training requirements. | 22 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Just had some |
| 23 | Part of the problem, there used to be | 23 | various and different types of questions from my |
| 24 | online trainings. If you are on travel -- for | 24 | usual. |
| 25 | myself, I can speak. I typically attend -- I used | 25 | One is I'm -- it's just a concern or a |


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| 1 | comment. On your mission statement, it mentions | 1 | finalist. |
| 2 | students going to college, being prepared to go to | 2 | MR. MUSTAFA AYIK: Yeah. We had one |
| 3 | college. | 3 | finalist. |
| 4 | Great. | 4 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: And the other |
| 5 | But everyone isn't going to college. So | 5 | thing. On your ELL students, are they all |
| 6 | it -- so you do prepare kids for careers? Is that | 6 | Spanish-speaking, or do they have other languages as |
| 7 | through the dual language? Because I also noted | 7 | well? |
| 8 | that you have a certain percentage of your | 8 | MS. KRISTI DEL CURTO: There are other |
| 9 | graduating students went into the military, which I | 9 | languages. We have a variety of languages that |
| 10 | don't consider college. I mean, it's fine; but it's | 10 | we -- that our students speak; mostly Arabic and |
| 11 | not college. | 11 | Spanish is the highest level of our ELLs. |
| 12 | MR. MUSTAFA AYIK: Thank you for the | 12 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Right. So that |
| 13 | question. You are right. That's why I mentioned in | 13 | can kind of go with Free and Reduced Lunches as |
| 14 | my presentation what we do for college and career | 14 | well. |
| 15 | readiness. And like you said, not all students may | 15 | MS. KRISTI DEL CURTO: Right. Right. |
| 16 | be able to go to college. | 16 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: I'm just looking |
| 17 | So right now what we are doing is there's | 17 | at you-all, thinking perhaps Spanish isn't the only |
| 18 | a program called "YouScience." This program is an | 18 | thing. That's generally how we think of it, even |
| 19 | assessment tool for middle-school students and also | 19 | though it's incorrect doing that. |
| 20 | early-high-school students. | 20 | And I think it's -- I'm, like -- I was |
| 21 | [Inaudible] have, like, some kind of | 21 | reading about taking your students starting at |
| 22 | games, and that, as a result, it determines | 22 | eighth grade, I believe it was, to in-state as well |
| 23 | students' strengths and their skills and also | 23 | as out-of-state colleges. And so that comes out of |
| 24 | identifies their interest. So we are already | 24 | your money that you get from the State to take |
| 25 | adopted this program and we are giving out this year | 25 | students there? |
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| 1 | to all of our middle-school students, so that -- in | 1 | MR. MUSTAFA AYIK: Right now, since we |
| 2 | an effort to collect data so that we offer career | 2 | stop collecting cash from students -- so we |
| 3 | pathways in our high school. | 3 | technically pay for all educational trips for the |
| 4 | So that's very important, and that's | 4 | transportation and registration. So if it's |
| 5 | something I had in my previous schools. We had six | 5 | involving transportation and registration, the |
| 6 | different career pathways. We had certification | 6 | school pays. But if it's their, like, lunch and |
| 7 | programs in all those. | 7 | things like that, student brings their own money and |
| 8 | So those are quite important, and we are | 8 | pays right away there. |
| 9 | on the right path to provide that opportunity for | 9 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Okay. I think |
| 10 | our students. So we are going to identify their | 10 | that's it. Thank you for explaining that. |
| 11 | strengths, and then we are going to identify career | 11 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Robbins? |
| 12 | pathways to help them out and prepare them for their | 12 | COMMISSIONER ROBBINS: Unless there's |
| 13 | future careers. | 13 | other questions... |
| 14 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: I suppose if I | 14 | THE CHAIR: Oh, have at it. |
| 15 | were a parent and I wanted to send my child to the | 15 | COMMISSIONER ROBBINS: I move the Public |
| 16 | school, it might concern me that your mission | 16 | Education Commission -- before I make a motion, I do |
| 17 | statement only talks about college. I'm just giving | 17 | want to acknowledge what counsel had said. But in |
| 18 | you that as a -- as a heads-up. That would be one | 18 | spite of that, I think it's inappropriate for the |
| 19 | thing. | 19 | Commission to not put conditions, because we don't |
| 20 | So since your goal is for a college | 20 | have all of the indicators from PED. And until such |
| 21 | student, did you have any National Merit Scholarship | 21 | time as we have those, I think it would be |
| 22 | winners, or contenders, I should say? | 22 | inappropriate to just give unconditional approval. |
| 23 | MR. MUSTAFA AYIK: This year, we had one | 23 | So with that, I move the Public Education |
| 24 | finalist. Mr. Yanar can explain. | 24 | Commission approve the renewed charter for the |
| 25 | MR. HAKAN YANAR: Okay. We had just one | 25 | Albuquerque School of Excellence, with the condition |


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| 1 | on the receipt, and that these following indicators | 1 | with us. |
| 2 | show similar performance for the 2018-'19 school | 2 | So we are on to our third school now, |
| 3 | year. Those include student growth highest | 3 | which is South Valley Preparatory School. So thank |
| 4 | quartile, student growth middle quartiles, student | 4 | you once again for coming up. And before we start, |
| 5 | growth lowest quartiles, English Language Learners, | 5 | once again to remind Commissioners, we are doing |
| 6 | chronic absenteeism, college and career readiness, | 6 | renewal of charters with conditions. |
| 7 | educational climate, growth in the four-year | 7 | PED has not provided a report or a review |
| 8 | graduation rate in the four, five, and six-year | 8 | of data for the School Year '18-'19 Accountability. |
| 9 | graduation rates. | 9 | It is important for schools to have the complete |
| 10 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Second. | 10 | academic data as part of its renewal information for |
| 11 | THE CHAIR: I think the motion has to be | 11 | this renewal and also for future years. |
| 12 | amended, because I believe you said for a new | 12 | The PEC needs complete State |
| 13 | charter. So the word -- we can check with Cindy if | 13 | Accountability reports to make the best decision on |
| 14 | the word -- does it say "new charter"? | 14 | school renewal applications. |
| 15 | (The record was read as requested.) | 15 | The PEC will review financial and |
| 16 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: I second. | 16 | operational performance, because the data is |
| 17 | THE CHAIR: There's a motion by | 17 | complete at this meeting in December 2019. |
| 18 | Commissioner Robbins, a second by Commissioner | 18 | If the PEC decides to issue a renewal with |
| 19 | Voigt. | 19 | conditions, the PEC will clearly state what |
| 20 | Any further discussion? | 20 | Accountability information it will review from the |
| 21 | (No response.) | 21 | PED Accountability Report. |
| 22 | THE CHAIR: If not... | 22 | When the Accountability data is prepared |
| 23 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Commissioner | 23 | by PED and the school has had an opportunity to |
| 24 | Armbruster votes "Yes." | 24 | review the data -- approximately ten days -- the PEC |
| 25 | Commissioner Robbins? | 25 | will review the data and remove the condition or |
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| 1 | COMMISSIONER ROBBINS: Yes. | 1 | take other action such as a Corrective Action Plan |
| 2 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Commissioner | 2 | or possibly non-renew the charter. |
| 3 | Gipson? | 3 | At a future meeting, January or February |
| 4 | THE CHAIR: Yes. | 4 | 2020, the PEC will only consider the issues related |
| 5 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Commissioner | 5 | to the reason for the conditions and will not |
| 6 | Voigt? | 6 | consider any other issues related to renewal. |
| 7 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Yes. | 7 | So thank you. And I'll remind anyone that |
| 8 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Commissioner | 8 | does want to speak during the Public Comment |
| 9 | Raftery? | 9 | portion, the sign-up sheet is over here. So if you |
| 10 | COMMISSIONER RAFTERY: Yes. | 10 | would please do so. Thank you. |
| 11 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Commissioner | 11 | And we're now on to CSD. |
| 12 | Crone? | 12 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: Thank you, |
| 13 | COMMISSIONER CRONE: Yes. | 13 | Madam Chair, Commissioners, school representatives. |
| 14 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Commissioner | 14 | So South Valley Preparatory School serves Grades 6 |
| 15 | Ruiz? | 15 | through 8 , with approximately 168 current students, |
| 16 | COMMISSIONER RUIZ: Yes. | 16 | and is a small -- described in their mission as a |
| 17 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: It's a | 17 | small, safe, and unique family learning opportunity, |
| 18 | seven-zero vote. | 18 | where students are prepared for high school and |
| 19 | THE CHAIR: Motion passes, seven-zero. | 19 | beyond. |
| 20 | Congratulations, and good luck with that new | 20 | I must apologize, first and foremost. I |
| 21 | building. Keep us posted. | 21 | did not, on this PDF document, reassign numbers. So |
| 22 | (Recess taken, 10:05 a.m. to 10:21 a.m.) | 22 | if you're looking at the printed copy, they're |
| 23 | THE CHAIR: Good morning. | 23 | numbered by each section rather than overall |
| 24 | FROM THE FLOOR: Good morning. | 24 | numbers. So I apologize for that. There are a few |
| 25 | THE CHAIR: Thank you for your patience | 25 | schools that I neglected to do that, and this is one |

of them.
In the online materials, it starts on Page 293 in your packet. In your printed, it's a little easier to see.

The Part A data analysis did show, as indicated on Page 3 of the data analysis, that their proficiency rates have been steadily declining each year through this contract term to their current standing, which, in both reading and math, they're above the State average.

Same is true with their science.
Proficiency rate was at 37 percent, the State average being 35 percent.

And the indices for subgroup growth, are all above the line. And as we mentioned earlier, a zero means as expected. So above the line means they're doing better than expected, at least for the years that we had the data.

The same is true with their subgroup proficiencies, which we do have that data on Page 9 of Part A, again, with significant increases each year, a steady upward trend in increasing their proficiency.

Also the -- their percentage of students who remain enrolled within the year as well as

Another slight concern is the index -PSFA's index is 32.06 for the school, where the current Statewide average is 23 . So, in this case, theirs is a little higher than we would like to see, and, remember, lower is better. So I just want to point that out.

And, otherwise, I think -- again, their performance framework indicators, you can also see, again, continuous improvement over the course of their contract, similarly as to their academic performance.

THE CHAIR: Okay. Thanks.
And you've got your 15 minutes to present whatever you choose to. I will just ask you to please identify everyone that's going to speak for the record.

MS. ALDERETE-TRUJILLO: Absolutely. MS. KAREN WOERNER: I'm sorry, Madam Chair. I neglected to point out the school did not initially provide a response. But I know that they brought some materials that they would like for the PEC to have.

Would you like us to pass those out to them? And so just about their school that goes along with their presentation today.
return each year is high, over 85 percent every year, sometimes in the 90 s .

One concern in the Part A was a dip in the teacher retention rate last year. And as you saw on their analysis for the organization performance framework, there were two areas that the school had repeat Workings to Meet. One was financial compliance, and that was because there were audit findings each year. However, I should note that there were -- in the last three years, there was one audit finding, then two, and then one.

In that middle year when there were two, there was one that was a material weakness or significant deficiency. But this last year was just the one, and it was, again, another non-compliance concern, so not a real serious one.

Also the other indicator that had a repeat Workings to Meet was the teacher and staff credentialing. And those concerns were around a long-term sub and/or endorsement waivers, getting the waivers and getting notifications out to parents on those. And the school has rectified that and made sure to resolve those issues.

97 percent of employees and 94 percent of households signed petitions.

MS. ALDERETE-TRUJILLO: And, Chairwoman Gipson, I'll have Ms. Munsey pass those out to you. And I apologize. I'm struggling with some stomach flu --

THE CHAIR: Join the club.
MS. ALDERETE-TRUJILLO: -- and other issues.

But, as always, it's a pleasure to be here. My name is Charlotte Alderete-Trujillo. I'm the Executive Director of South Valley Preparatory School.

With me today I have our assistant principal -- I think she has probably 15 titles, lead teacher, gifted teacher, science teacher -Janie Munsey, and our governing board chair, Bernadette Fritz. I also have our governing board members Michaela Trujillo and Monica Aguilar, and our business manager, Al Martinez.

So, again, Chairwoman Gipson and Commissioners, I thank you very much for allowing us to be here.

I wanted to read you the statement -- it's
probably pretty much what I had, and I added some information in the packet to you.

But over the last ten years, South Valley

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| 1 | Preparatory School has successfully transformed the | 1 | our work starts over each year. And with every new |
| 2 | middle-school experience for close to 500 families | 2 | class we are honored to serve, we strive to |
| 3 | and students. Each year since 2010, we have worked | 3 | consistently provide an environment where every |
| 4 | diligently to fine-tune and continuously improve our | 4 | student has access to the knowledge and skills they |
| 5 | work to address the needs of the whole child. | 5 | need to be successful in high school and beyond. |
| 6 | We do this work specifically by creating a | 6 | That's my spiel. I'm going to leave the |
| 7 | middle-school environment where every student is, | 7 | rest of my time to Sue Fox, if that's okay. |
| 8 | first and foremost, feels like they are part of our | 8 | THE CHAIR: Sure. |
| 9 | family. We really do try to create a family | 9 | MS. SUSAN FOX: I'm going to make the same |
| 10 | environment at our school, and I think we have been | 10 | statement as I made for the last school. |
| 11 | successful at that. | 11 | The school objects to any bifurcation or |
| 12 | We also want to -- we have created a | 12 | extension of the charter renewal process that's |
| 13 | middle-school environment where every student is | 13 | intended to, or would result in, the PEC's decision |
| 14 | healthy by learning and teaching them what it takes, | 14 | not being a final decision until after the statutory |
| 15 | what they need personally to be healthy, to be | 15 | deadline requirement at NMSA 22-8B-12I, and reserves |
| 16 | physically, socially, and emotionally well, where | 16 | all its appeal rights under New Mexico law. |
| 17 | every student is safe in an environment where they | 17 | Based on the school's presentation and the |
| 18 | are unafraid to take risks both academically and | 18 | data before the PEC currently, the school requests |
| 19 | socially, and where they are comfortable being | 19 | that the PEC vote to grant a five-year charter |
| 20 | themselves without social pressures, and where every | 20 | without conditions and without further consideration |
| 21 | student can learn in an environment where their | 21 | of the 2018-'19 final Spotlight designation from the |
| 22 | culture and traditions are honored. | 22 | PED. |
| 23 | I think that's been a very significant | 23 | Thanks. |
| 24 | portion for our school, that our kids have really | 24 | THE CHAIR: Okay. Thanks. |
| 25 | grown, and we have grown as teachers, in being able | 25 | MS. ALDERETE-TRUJILLO: I did, in your |
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| 1 | to provide that environment. And also where every | 1 | packet, Chairwoman Gipson and Commissioners, try to |
| 2 | student can leave us with the ability to advocate | 2 | focus specifically on the data we had, specifically |
| 3 | for their own personal desires and academic, social, | 3 | from the transition assessment, just so you had that |
| 4 | and emotional needs. That's very important for us | 4 | to look at. |
| 5 | for when our students leave us. | 5 | THE CHAIR: Okay. Thank you. We are now |
| 6 | South Valley Preparatory School serves a | 6 | on to the Public Comment portion. And there is only |
| 7 | student population from a variety of long-standing | 7 | one person now that has signed up. So they can take |
| 8 | traditional communities where almost every single | 8 | eight full minutes if they choose to. |
| 9 | negative social determinant has historically | 9 | And it is Michaela Trujillo. |
| 10 | created, and continues to create, obstacles to | 10 | FROM THE FLOOR: Good morning, |
| 11 | success. South Valley Prep does not serve a similar | 11 | Madam Chairwoman, Commission. Thank you. I do not |
| 12 | student demographic makeup when compared to the | 12 | need eight minutes. I just wanted to say I am |
| 13 | large district in which we exist. | 13 | currently a board member at South Valley Prep, but |
| 14 | At SVP, a significantly higher percentage | 14 | I'm speaking today as a parent. |
| 15 | of our student population is economically | 15 | My three children attended South Valley |
| 16 | disadvantaged. We are 100 percent Free and Reduced | 16 | prep for all three years of middle school. |
| 17 | Lunch. We serve a far greater percentage of | 17 | And I am also born and raised in the |
| 18 | students with disabilities and a higher percentage | 18 | South Valley. And I'm so proud to see a school |
| 19 | of English Language Learners than the average | 19 | providing rigorous education, while still continuing |
| 20 | district school. | 20 | the family and community sense that is so important |
| 21 | However, despite those obstacles and | 21 | to us in the South Valley. |
| 22 | social determinants that our students and families | 22 | My three children were not only prepared |
| 23 | face each day, as you know, they continue to close | 23 | academically for high school and beyond, but were |
| 24 | the achievement gap. While South Valley Prep is | 24 | provided with skills, lessons, and opportunities |
| 25 | nowhere near perfect, we recognize and acknowledge | 25 | that left them committed to their community as well |


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| 1 | as global citizens. | 1 | that they have to complete working in the Wisdom |
| 2 | My oldest daughter is in her senior year | 2 | Garden, and they get tuition paid from UNM. |
| 3 | of her undergraduate degree, and she is focused on | 3 | So our students work alongside those |
| 4 | how she can serve her community and care about her | 4 | students at UNM, as well as the students from |
| 5 | environment. And I know that those values were | 5 | La Placita. A lot of our cultural and identity |
| 6 | fostered at South Valley Prep. | 6 | learning comes at the farm through La Placita. |
| 7 | I can confidently say and truly say that | 7 | And this year, we've added Los Jardines |
| 8 | they do focus on the whole child; mind, body, and | 8 | Institute in adding some of the comprehensive |
| 9 | soul. | 9 | sessions with our students in terms of culture, |
| 10 | Thank you. | 10 | identity, environmental justice. That has tied in |
| 11 | THE CHAIR: Thank you. So thank you for | 11 | nicely, because we have a social worker that brought |
| 12 | coming up. And without a doubt, thank you for | 12 | in two social work interns, one of which worked at |
| 13 | everything you do every day. Because what you do is | 13 | SWOP, Southwest Organizing Project; so she is |
| 14 | not only important, but what you do, certainly you | 14 | supporting all additional restorative justice |
| 15 | see the results of it in terms of truly serving the | 15 | practices at school, and then also working with the |
| 16 | community and absolutely serving those students. | 16 | Wisdom Garden and Los Jardines. So it's been |
| 17 | As some people know, my affinity is not | 17 | awesome this year. |
| 18 | for middle-school students. | 18 | THE CHAIR: Great. Great. And I |
| 19 | MS. ALDERETE-TRUJILLO: It's difficult, | 19 | certainly hope, going forward, that your school |
| 20 | for sure. | 20 | helps to be one of those leaders in modeling for -- |
| 21 | THE CHAIR: It is not. And I bless | 21 | for schools as we -- as we move forward with making |
| 22 | anyone -- because even though my affinity is not for | 22 | sure that our schools are being more culturally |
| 23 | middle-school students, we know that that becomes | 23 | responsive. You're one of our best examples of how |
| 24 | the black hole for a lot of students. And their | 24 | it can be done and how it also helps to provide that |
| 25 | educational career is made or broken during those | 25 | basis and foundation for students to be successful |
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| 1 | years. | 1 | in school as well. |
| 2 | They can be the -- I worked with someone | 2 | So that I truly appreciate the |
| 3 | who referred to it with their children as, "The Dark | 3 | conversations that you must have, apparently often, |
| 4 | Years. We don't talk about those years anymore." | 4 | in your school environment. But it is -- it is |
| 5 | But they are so critically important. And | 5 | evident with -- and going to the school and the |
| 6 | I think what you have developed with that -- what do | 6 | opportunity that I had to go to the school, the |
| 7 | you call -- looping system and that -- that | 7 | students are so proud. Even though you don't have a |
| 8 | consistency and that attachment to those core | 8 | good index, I know what an important move that was |
| 9 | teachers is, without a doubt, something that works. | 9 | that you made into -- into that building. |
| 10 | Let me ask you. I think you had spoken | 10 | So let's -- let's just talk a little bit |
| 11 | about a farm. | 11 | about -- is there any -- is there any talk about |
| 12 | MS. ALDERETE-TRUJILLO: We do do service | 12 | improvements that can or will be done to the |
| 13 | learning at -- with -- in collaboration with | 13 | building? |
| 14 | La Placita Institute. And we work at Sanchez Farm. | 14 | MS. ALDERETE-TRUJILLO: Absolutely. We're |
| 15 | We -- for the last four years, we worked | 15 | in the process of -- we just started the process of |
| 16 | in the Sanchez Farm, where they do -- where | 16 | our annual -- renewing our facility master plan, in |
| 17 | La Placita produces all of their produce for -- and | 17 | conjunction with doing some community schools |
| 18 | they sell it to the community. | 18 | frameworking. So we are -- with our enrollment cap |
| 19 | This last year, we went from the Sanchez | 19 | approval that we've received, we are doing some |
| 20 | Farm, which is right next door, to something called | 20 | construction upstairs to add square footage. |
| 21 | the Wisdom Garden, which the Wisdom Garden now is | 21 | We have some blank square footage above |
| 22 | a -- it's run by both La Placita and UNM. But it | 22 | the existing classrooms that are not counted. The |
| 23 | serves as a -- almost like a work-study for UNM | 23 | issue with that going forward is that we are going |
| 24 | students that come from the rural areas of | 24 | to have to put in a sprinkler system, which is -- |
| 25 | New Mexico. And they have a certain amount of hours | 25 | you know, high cost to the school in order to |


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| 1 | develop those spaces. | 1 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Madam Chair? |
| 2 | I think we are good in terms of the next | 2 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Voigt? |
| 3 | two years in fulfilling our enrollment cap with the | 3 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Thank you. Thank |
| 4 | existing space; but we will have to take away some | 4 | you. Good morning. Thank you for coming in today. |
| 5 | office spaces and reorganize ourselves a little bit. | 5 | You know, I just wanted to give you kudos on your |
| 6 | But in addition to that, we have been in | 6 | intentionality behind your growth and that |
| 7 | conversation with purchasing the lot, the empty lot | 7 | sustainability that you've built in over time. |
| 8 | next door that we lease, and also in conversation | 8 | And it's very methodical. I can see, over |
| 9 | with the owner of the rest of the building that's | 9 | the years since South Valley Prep began, the method |
| 10 | connected to us. They are looking to move because | 10 | in which you purposefully built and waited for the |
| 11 | they've outgrown their space. And it just seems | 11 | right time to plan and take those growth steps. And |
| 12 | like a natural fit for us to be able to look into | 12 | it's really coming to fruition now that you have |
| 13 | purchasing that facility, the rest of that facility. | 13 | this beautiful new space. And you bought it. That |
| 14 | We paid off the building -- I don't know | 14 | is huge. Congratulations. |
| 15 | if you know. I'm assuming you know that. Part of | 15 | MS. ALDERETE-TRUJILLO: Thank you. |
| 16 | our renewal application was the title. | 16 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: And I also wanted to |
| 17 | THE CHAIR: Right. | 17 | extend thanks for this, putting this together |
| 18 | MS. ALDERETE-TRUJILLO: So we have some | 18 | probably within the last two weeks; right? This is |
| 19 | collateral to be able to do that, look into going | 19 | a wealth of information. I think this is the first |
| 20 | into a lease-purchase hopefully for the rest of the | 20 | I've seen from any charter school from the data from |
| 21 | building. | 21 | the assessments. Your work you're doing is |
| 22 | Future goals are not expanding beyond | 22 | tremendous. |
| 23 | middle school. We have a lot of the parents that | 23 | I love the fact that you're grounded in |
| 24 | would like us to expand into high school. I -- I -- | 24 | relationship-building with your families. And the |
| 25 | you know, I -- it's taken us this long to even start | 25 | service learning is going to speak really great to |
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| 1 | a bilingual program. We've been criticized for a | 1 | the mid-school kids. |
| 2 | long time about not having a bilingual program. | 2 | I love middle school, because those are |
| 3 | But as a leader and as -- in the position | 3 | the kids that's -- they're in the biggest change of |
| 4 | we've been in the last ten years, I don't like to | 4 | their life. And you're doing that work at such a |
| 5 | start something unless I know we can do it right. | 5 | crucial point. So great work. Thank you. |
| 6 | And I don't want to do something that's not going to | 6 | MS. ALDERETE-TRUJILLO: Thank you. |
| 7 | benefit our kids. | 7 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Robbins? |
| 8 | And so for us, it was very important to | 8 | COMMISSIONER ROBBINS: Well, I'll touch on |
| 9 | have this foundation, to be in this building, to be | 9 | the audit again. And I noticed in the material, |
| 10 | a little more secure and not have to worry about | 10 | that had to do with a late payment. And what steps |
| 11 | those things and start worrying about the other | 11 | has the school taken to ensure, you know, that we |
| 12 | things that we always wanted to do but we could | 12 | don't get a repeat of that late payment? |
| 13 | never get to. | 13 | I just want to also make sure that it was |
| 14 | So I believe that expanding the bilingual | 14 | not due to lack of funds. |
| 15 | strand and then also looking into some preschools, | 15 | MS. ALDERETE-TRUJILLO: No, Commissioner |
| 16 | not necessarily state preschools ourself, but | 16 | Robbins. Thank you for the question. That specific |
| 17 | opening our space to the community with a city | 17 | audit finding was a conversation, long-going |
| 18 | preschool program as well as a YDI program, and then | 18 | conversation between us and -- who are the people we |
| 19 | also expanding that into a pilot with a possible | 19 | used to the rent the portables from? -- Williams |
| 20 | collaboration, where we're providing a licensed | 20 | Scotsman. Because Williams Scotsman was charging us |
| 21 | teacher in those situations, in those settings. | 21 | a different amount than our actual lease. |
| 22 | So it's -- it's a long way off, maybe four | 22 | And so we were going back and forth about |
| 23 | or five years; but it is something that we are -- | 23 | not paying that portion of the -- of the excessive |
| 24 | are making headway and talking about and planning | 24 | amount that they were charging us. |
| 25 | for. | 25 | Our internal controls have been reviewed |


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| 1 | and modified. | 1 | Math has been a little bit more of a |
| 2 | And I don't know if Mr. Martinez wants to | 2 | struggle. However, with hiring that second teacher, |
| 3 | add anything. But we have, you know, taken a lot of | 3 | we've been able to provide every type of environment |
| 4 | time to look at the internal controls and the | 4 | for those kids, whether it's inclusion -- |
| 5 | processes in place. Mr. Martinez is our business | 5 | (Cell phone interruption.) |
| 6 | manager. He's been our business manager for two | 6 | MS. ALDERETE-TRUJILLO: -- whether it's |
| 7 | years. So a lot of his internal controls that he | 7 | full inclusion with the support of an EA, or a |
| 8 | was having -- that he had used previously, and in | 8 | pullout system, or a combination of both, we've |
| 9 | his experience, along with ours, trying to meld | 9 | really had to be flexible with our math program in |
| 10 | those and come up with what's best for the school, I | 10 | that section. It has really -- as I'm going to use |
| 11 | think we've done a good job of doing that. So I | 11 | Commissioner Voigt's words -- come to fruition for |
| 12 | don't see -- foresee us having that issue again. | 12 | us, because we have finally been able to sustain a |
| 13 | COMMISSIONER ROBBINS: Okay. The other | 13 | second math teacher, and they have been solid. |
| 14 | thing I noticed in the handout you gave us, you had | 14 | We trained her right. We picked her up as |
| 15 | a huge increase in students with disabilities. How | 15 | a sub. We mentored her for almost an entire school |
| 16 | has the school dealt with and addressed that? | 16 | year. And then when she was licensed, we hired her. |
| 17 | Because this is a phenomenal increase. | 17 | She knew the system. She took the -- you |
| 18 | MS. ALDERETE-TRUJILLO: It's huge, yeah. | 18 | know, the job and ran with it. And her and the |
| 19 | COMMISSIONER ROBBINS: You go -- over a | 19 | other math teacher and the two special ed teachers |
| 20 | ten-year period, you had a 500 percent increase, you | 20 | really work well with each other to serve the needs |
| 21 | know. It is enormous. I guess, question. How are | 21 | of the kids. |
| 22 | you dealing with it, and what do you attribute the | 22 | COMMISSIONER ROBBINS: And is the |
| 23 | increase to? | 23 | school -- are you having to put additional resources |
| 24 | MS. ALDERETE-TRUJILLO: So, first, I think | 24 | in order to maintain IEPs and keep them current? |
| 25 | we attribute -- I, personally, and I think in the | 25 | Because that -- with such a large percentage of your |
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| 1 | conversations among the staff and the families, the | 1 | population being -- having a disability, it would |
| 2 | increase in the students with disabilities, one, has | 2 | seem that, you know, work with the IEPs and with the |
| 3 | come from parents seeking a small school that's | 3 | parents and with the staff on that would be an extra |
| 4 | going to serve the needs of their student. | 4 | burden. |
| 5 | And I think we have had some really good | 5 | MS. ALDERETE-TRUJILLO: It is an extra |
| 6 | word-of-mouth advertisement, I would say, from the | 6 | burden. Our -- our special ed teacher that has been |
| 7 | students that we have served previously and the | 7 | there for -- our veteran special ed teacher, I want |
| 8 | families. And -- and they seek us out. And, you | 8 | to say, has taken the first nine weeks to fulfill |
| 9 | know, they're just like any other kid in the | 9 | those obligations of -- of all the IEP work, whether |
| 10 | lottery. We don't know. | 10 | they're transfer IEPs or renewal or annual IEPs or |
| 11 | But we've had -- I think last year, our | 11 | new IEPs. She takes on that work as the director of |
| 12 | students-with-disability count was 36 . It increased | 12 | the special ed services. |
| 13 | by 10 this -- this year. But, previously, it | 13 | And then the other special ed teacher is |
| 14 | hovered around 20 for a couple of years, and then it | 14 | the one that works mostly the math. She'll do some |
| 15 | just sprung. | 15 | of the pullout. But she -- it is an extra burden. |
| 16 | We have hired a second special ed teacher, | 16 | We have looked this year into hiring a . 5 |
| 17 | FTE. We have hired a special ed EA. And so under | 17 | FTE special ed. We have difficulty finding somebody |
| 18 | the guidance of both of those teachers, the majority | 18 | that's certified. We have picked up another |
| 19 | of our work that we have I would say focused on is | 19 | substitute that she just started last week that is |
| 20 | working with our kids in math. | 20 | in the process of getting her teaching degree. She |
| 21 | Reading is a little bit easier, because | 21 | was a licensed teacher in California. I shouldn't |
| 22 | every teacher at our school teaches reading, and | 22 | say "licensed," because I don't think -- she was |
| 23 | every teacher is highly qualified to teach reading. | 23 | teaching at a private school in California for many |
| 24 | So our SpEd teachers are able to maneuver throughout | 24 | years, didn't have the license to teach in |
| 25 | that system easier than they are math. | 25 | New Mexico, but is transferring over and is |


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| 1 | fulfilling that part. | 1 | legislative session to expand that program, because |
| 2 | The special ed teacher that we picked up | 2 | your school certainly, to me, would be one of the |
| 3 | is an alternative license teacher whom we've | 3 | exemplars for this is -- you know, you're -- you're |
| 4 | mentored and supported for the last two years to get | 4 | right. You're already doing it. |
| 5 | him strong enough, and, you know, ready to take on | 5 | But for you to be able to get those |
| 6 | the veteran teacher's role, because I think she's | 6 | additional monies to help support and grow what you |
| 7 | getting ready to retire. | 7 | do do for the community, I think would be invaluable |
| 8 | So it is a lot of burden. We are -- we | 8 | for your area. So sad. |
| 9 | are -- I would say the biggest concern for me -- and | 9 | And how about -- because you did get an |
| 10 | I -- I'm not sure how IDEA B, the federal funds, are | 10 | enrollment cap increase. |
| 11 | allocated -- we still receive the same federal | 11 | MR. FLOYD TRUJILLO: We did. |
| 12 | funding amount that we did the first year we opened. | 12 | THE CHAIR: Did you apply for CSP Grant |
| 13 | And so I have tried to ask those questions and tried | 13 | money? |
| 14 | to find out how that can change. And that's kind of | 14 | MS. ALDERETE-TRUJILLO: We did. We did |
| 15 | a conversation that's ongoing with several of us in | 15 | get CSP. We're waiting for the award letter. |
| 16 | several charter schools about how our population of | 16 | FROM THE FLOOR: You and everybody else. |
| 17 | those students has grown, but yet we're still | 17 | MS. ALDERETE-TRUJILLO: But yeah. |
| 18 | receiving those same fundings. | 18 | THE CHAIR: At least that's good. And, |
| 19 | I know we get adjustments in SEG in | 19 | hopefully, there will be some changes in the at-risk |
| 20 | operational. But sometimes it's not -- it's not | 20 | index -- |
| 21 | sufficient. We do spend a lot of money having a | 21 | MS. ALDERETE-TRUJILLO: Yes. |
| 22 | full-time social worker. That's extremely important | 22 | THE CHAIR: -- so that you can get |
| 23 | for us. | 23 | assigned your own. And that should help some. It's |
| 24 | COMMISSIONER ROBBINS: Thank you very | 24 | not going to be the fix for all. But it should help |
| 25 | much, and congratulations on the success of the | 25 | some. So I hope that does come out of this |
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| 1 | school. | 1 | legislative session. So that should be important. |
| 2 | MS. ALDERETE-TRUJILLO: Thank you. | 2 | Commissioner Armbruster? |
| 3 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Ruiz? | 3 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Thank you. It's |
| 4 | COMMISSIONER RUIZ: No. I was just going | 4 | so nice to have someone from middle school, finally. |
| 5 | to make a motion. | 5 | Finally. So after my 35 years of middle school, |
| 6 | THE CHAIR: I have -- did you apply for a | 6 | special ed, we're on. We're on. It kind of goes |
| 7 | community school grant? | 7 | with the special ed thing, you know. |
| 8 | MR. FLOYD TRUJILLO: We did apply for the | 8 | I just had some questions, because I |
| 9 | Community Schools Planning Grant, which I regret in | 9 | really wanted to commend you on your students -- |
| 10 | retrospect. We probably should have just gone to | 10 | teacher following the students through the three |
| 11 | the implementation, because of what we do. But we | 11 | years. I think that's really great. I was able to |
| 12 | were really looking forward to using the planning | 12 | do that in California, but not here. And I think |
| 13 | grant money to do a very in-depth need assessment | 13 | that really helps, because it's like being -- you |
| 14 | that we have -- we really need. | 14 | know, somebody would say "Mom -- I mean |
| 15 | I'll be honest with you. I really wanted | 15 | Mrs. Armbruster." You know how that goes. |
| 16 | that, personally, because I feel I'm getting to the | 16 | I wanted to know, with your special ed -- |
| 17 | point where I'm getting ready to retire and, we want | 17 | students with disabilities special ed I'm referring |
| 18 | to document those -- you know, that whole process | 18 | to. So do you have, like, a different curriculum |
| 19 | and have that roadmap very clear for whoever comes | 19 | when they get pulled out or something to strengthen |
| 20 | in and takes over. And -- but we didn't get it. | 20 | the skills that they're missing or they're |
| 21 | THE CHAIR: Oh. | 21 | struggling with? |
| 22 | MS. ALDERETE-TRUJILLO: I know. I was | 22 | MS. ALDERETE-TRUJILLO: We do -- we give |
| 23 | sad, too. I was devastated. | 23 | them the core curriculum at a modified -- in the |
| 24 | THE CHAIR: I think there's -- I can't say | 24 | modified version. The curriculum that we use, |
| 25 | for sure. I hope there's more money available this | 25 | Glencoe, has an extremely -- a wealth of resources |


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| 1 | for our special ed students to modify that | 1 | Gipson? |
| 2 | curriculum, in addition to their IEP goals and | 2 | THE CHAIR: Yes. |
| 3 | addressing the skills that they're lacking. We use | 3 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Commissioner |
| 4 | IXL for math, and we use MindPlay for reading. | 4 | Robbins? |
| 5 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: I'm writing that | 5 | COMMISSIONER ROBBINS: Yes. |
| 6 | down. Thank you for doing this. I actually | 6 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Commissioner |
| 7 | personally think if you're really a teacher, you | 7 | Crone? |
| 8 | teach middle school. But that's just me. | 8 | COMMISSIONER CRONE: Yes. |
| 9 | MS. ALDERETE-TRUJILLO: It takes every | 9 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Commissioner |
| 10 | teaching skill you have to teach middle school. | 10 | Armbruster votes "Yes." |
| 11 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Yes, agreed. | 11 | Commissioner Raftery? |
| 12 | Thank you. | 12 | COMMISSIONER RAFTERY: Yes. |
| 13 | THE CHAIR: Is that it? | 13 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Commissioner |
| 14 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Oh, I'm sorry. | 14 | Ruiz? |
| 15 | Yes. | 15 | COMMISSIONER RUIZ: Yes. |
| 16 | THE CHAIR: You said you had a lot. I | 16 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: We're back to |
| 17 | thought you said you had a lot of questions; so I | 17 | seven on our thing. The motion passes. |
| 18 | just tuned out for a while. | 18 | THE CHAIR: The motion passes, seven-zero. |
| 19 | Commissioner Ruiz? | 19 | Thank you very much, and thank you once again for |
| 20 | COMMISSIONER RUIZ: I move that the Public | 20 | everything you do every day. |
| 21 | Education Commission approve the renewal of | 21 | FROM THE FLOOR: Thank you so much. |
| 22 | South Valley Preparatory School with the following | 22 | THE CHAIR: Okay. We'll take another |
| 23 | conditions: Student growth in the highest, middle | 23 | short break. |
| 24 | and lowest quartiles, ELL -- | 24 | (Recess taken, 10:59 a.m. to 12:12 p.m.) |
| 25 | THE CHAIR: You have to use the similar | 25 | THE CHAIR: Okay. We are on to our final |
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| 1 | performances. | 1 | school of the day, and that is The MASTERS Program. |
| 2 | COMMISSIONER RUIZ: Okay. With similar | 2 | So good afternoon. |
| 3 | performance for SY 2018 and 2019. And the student | 3 | FROM THE FLOOR: Good afternoon. |
| 4 | growth with the highest, middle and lowest | 4 | THE CHAIR: Thank you for your patience |
| 5 | quartiles, ELL progress and proficiency, chronic | 5 | with us. I'll start with my little statement. |
| 6 | absenteeism, college and career readiness, | 6 | The -- we will be renewing charters -- if |
| 7 | educational climate, and growth in the four-year | 7 | we do renew charters, we are renewing them with |
| 8 | graduation rate. | 8 | conditions, and that is because PED has not provided |
| 9 | COMMISSIONER RAFTERY: I second. | 9 | a report or review of data of the SY '18-'19 |
| 10 | THE CHAIR: They don't graduate. They're | 10 | Accountability. It is important for schools to have |
| 11 | middle school; so take out the graduation rate. | 11 | the complete academic data as part of its renewal |
| 12 | (Chair consults with PEC counsel.) | 12 | information for this renewal and also for future |
| 13 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: I'll second. | 13 | years. The PEC needs complete State Accountability |
| 14 | COMMISSIONER RAFTERY: I second. Oh, | 14 | Reports to make the best decision on school renewal |
| 15 | sorry. | 15 | applications. |
| 16 | THE CHAIR: There's a motion by | 16 | The PEC will review financial and |
| 17 | Commissioner Ruiz, a second is by Commissioner | 17 | operational performance, because the data is |
| 18 | Raftery. | 18 | complete at this meeting in December of 2019. |
| 19 | Any further discussion? | 19 | If the PEC decides to issue a renewal with |
| 20 | (No response.) | 20 | conditions, the PEC will clearly state what |
| 21 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Armbruster? | 21 | Accountability information it will review from the |
| 22 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Okay. | 22 | PED Accountability Report. When the Accountability |
| 23 | Commissioner Voigt? | 23 | data is prepared by PED and the school has had an |
| 24 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Yes. | 24 | opportunity to review the data -- no less than ten |
| 25 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Commissioner | 25 | days -- the PEC will review the data and remove the |


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| 1 | condition or take other action, such as a Corrective | 1 | starts on Page 358. |
| 2 | Action Plan, or possibly non-renew the charter. | 2 | As indicated earlier, we have the Part A |
| 3 | At the future meeting, January or February | 3 | data that was provided earlier for the school, |
| 4 | 2020, the PEC will only consider the issues related | 4 | high-performing results in the data, with the school |
| 5 | to the reason for the conditions and will not | 5 | showing an upward trend in their proficiency rates. |
| 6 | consider any other issues related to the renewal. | 6 | Reading at 67 -- just over 67 percent, math at about |
| 7 | I know you weren't here at the beginning | 7 | 19-and-a-half. Both are -- reading is well over the |
| 8 | when we had a little discussion about this. But | 8 | State average. The math is about at the State |
| 9 | if -- if the school's charter is renewed and there | 9 | average. |
| 10 | aren't any significant concerns that are highlighted | 10 | Their science proficiency was at |
| 11 | through this conversation, then the renewal would be | 11 | 45 percent this last year. The statewide average is |
| 12 | with the conditions that there be no substantial | 12 | 35 percent. |
| 13 | changes in the data when it is released. And as | 13 | The growth indices by subgroup, as we |
| 14 | long as there isn't any substantial change in the | 14 | mentioned earlier, if it's at or around the zero |
| 15 | data, then the school would just be on the Consent | 15 | mark, they're as expected; and so almost all of them |
| 16 | Agenda. | 16 | are above the mark. Any below were slightly below, |
| 17 | Our best guess probably is February, | 17 | except back in 2016; so, again, showing improvement. |
| 18 | because right now the release date is January 15th. | 18 | The proficiencies by subgroup in reading, |
| 19 | So that wouldn't -- that falls, I think, either on | 19 | for all subgroups shows an upward trend. Math is a |
| 20 | or the day before our meeting. So it wouldn't give | 20 | little bit lower and more level than upward trend. |
| 21 | schools enough time that they felt they needed to | 21 | Graduation rate, last we had, was at |
| 22 | respond to something to have that time. So it looks | 22 | 77 percent. |
| 23 | like it would be the February agenda. | 23 | Regarding their mission-specific goals, |
| 24 | But, like I said, if there isn't any | 24 | other than the first year when they had a couple |
| 25 | substantial changes, then it's the Consent Agenda | 25 | that they didn't quite meet, they have Exceeded or |
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| 1 | that the full renewal would be given. Okay? | 1 | Met the standards since that time. So for the last |
| 2 | If you have -- please don't hesitate if | 2 | three years of the contract term, their -- as I |
| 3 | you've got any questions about it, because we -- you | 3 | mentioned about their membership has been |
| 4 | know, we talked about it earlier this morning. | 4 | increasing, as indicated on Page 20 of 62 in the |
| 5 | It's -- it's territory we don't want to be in, but | 5 | Part A data. |
| 6 | we are, and we're just trying to make the best of | 6 | And their retention within the year and |
| 7 | the situation and be the fairest to schools. | 7 | between years is above the 90 percent mark, along |
| 8 | So if you do have any questions or | 8 | with their teacher retention rate. |
| 9 | concerns, whenever, just speak up so that we can | 9 | And no audit findings in the last year |
| 10 | hopefully make things as clear as we can about this. | 10 | that we have data for. |
| 11 | So welcome once again. We appreciate your | 11 | They did, if we go back to the area -- the |
| 12 | coming up and spending the time with us. | 12 | analysis of their Part B, you will notice that each |
| 13 | If there is anyone for the school that | 13 | of the areas was a Meets the standard, except for |
| 14 | wishes to speak during the Public Comment, Beverly | 14 | that organizational performance framework where they |
| 15 | has the sign-up sheet. So we would ask that people | 15 | Demonstrate Substantial Progress. I think this is |
| 16 | sign up there. Otherwise, we're going to start with | 16 | probably -- there aren't very many schools who get |
| 17 | CSD. | 17 | so many Meets Standards. |
| 18 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: Madam Chair, | 18 | The Demonstrates Progress is because, as |
| 19 | Commissioners, school representatives, obviously, | 19 | you know, the rubric is pretty strict about any of |
| 20 | MASTERS Program is before you, serving Grades 9 | 20 | these areas. If they didn't meet it at any one |
| 21 | through 12, approximately about 263 students, | 21 | time, at most, it Demonstrates Substantial Progress. |
| 22 | approaching their cap at 280. | 22 | In the areas indicated on Page 3 that were |
| 23 | And their mission is focusing on academic | 23 | concerns or where they had their repeat of Workings |
| 24 | excellence and service to others. | 24 | to Meet was English Language Learners, financial |
| 25 | If you're looking on the online copies, it | 25 | compliance, facilities, and health and safety. |


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| 1 | So addressing those, the English Language | 1 | some confusion over how schools were supposed to |
| 2 | Learner was around identification of English | 2 | administer or not administer tests. |
| 3 | Language Learners. I mentioned earlier that they | 3 | Is part of -- is part of the problem -- |
| 4 | have that a lot across the state, especially with | 4 | especially with the high schools -- is part of it |
| 5 | schools that serve older students, because they're | 5 | that they're not getting information from the |
| 6 | not allowed to use the Home Language Survey unless | 6 | schools that students are transferring from, so you |
| 7 | they're new to public schools. | 7 | end up doing something because you didn't have the |
| 8 | So there's new requirements regarding | 8 | full information? Is that where part of the glitch |
| 9 | identification of English Language Learners. The | 9 | is? |
| 10 | school has been working to address that. Most | 10 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: Absolutely, |
| 11 | recently at the site visit, we asked them to provide | 11 | Madam Chair. |
| 12 | that in each student file. | 12 | THE CHAIR: Okay. Yeah. |
| 13 | The financial piece was around their CPO, | 13 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: The prior guidance |
| 14 | but at the renewal site visit, that is all in | 14 | from the Language and Culture Bureau was to make |
| 15 | compliance and been resolved, as was the | 15 | three attempts to obtain the records from the prior |
| 16 | health-and-safety issues, which was the master | 16 | school, realizing over the last -- at least since |
| 17 | immunization log and at least one teacher who hadn't | 17 | I've been here in the last couple of years, |
| 18 | completed the reporting child abuse and neglect. | 18 | realizing that isn't working. No matter how many |
| 19 | But those have been resolved. | 19 | times you ask, it's difficult to obtain in some |
| 20 | And, finally, the facilities issue was | 20 | districts. |
| 21 | around the emergency drills, which also has been | 21 | The new advice -- when I say new, it's |
| 22 | resolved. | 22 | been since I've been here in the last couple of |
| 23 | So moving on, Part D, the petitions, they | 23 | years -- is to look into S.T.A.R.S. for the data, |
| 24 | had 100 percent of their staff and 75 percent of | 24 | especially at the higher grades. If the student has |
| 25 | their households sign a petition. | 25 | had an ACCESS test in the past, then you probably |
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| 1 | And their NMCI score regarding their | 1 | have an EL, unless that ACCESS test score was |
| 2 | facility is 18.57 percent, lower than the 23 percent | 2 | proficient. |
| 3 | average; so remember, lower is better. | 3 | But the new guidance is to, yes, try to |
| 4 | THE CHAIR: Right. | 4 | get your records from the prior school; but to look |
| 5 | MS. WOERNER: Oh, excuse me. One other | 5 | into S.T.A.R.S. for each new student that enrolls |
| 6 | thing. In your packet -- the packet was printed | 6 | and look for their ACCESS test scores to determine |
| 7 | prior to a correction I received. The -- your | 7 | if they are proficient -- have scored profic- -- |
| 8 | packet indicates the wrong governing board | 8 | have tested, first and foremost, or have scored |
| 9 | president. So it has been changed. The member who | 9 | proficient. |
| 10 | was the president is still a member. And that was | 10 | Before doing that, there was a big lag |
| 11 | John Triolo. | 11 | between when a student started and repeated requests |
| 12 | But it's now Shalimar Krebs who's the | 12 | where a student could be under- or over-identified, |
| 13 | president. I didn't want to print a whole set of | 13 | and, most important, not receiving services. |
| 14 | documents just for that one change. But the | 14 | So there have been some changes in that |
| 15 | governing board president is changed. | 15 | requirement, and we are working diligently for the |
| 16 | THE CHAIR: And it'll be reflected in the | 16 | past couple of years in our state to get that into |
| 17 | contract. | 17 | compliance for our students. |
| 18 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: Yes. Thank you. | 18 | THE CHAIR: Okay. Thanks. All right. |
| 19 | THE CHAIR: Presuming there's a contract. | 19 | Thank you. And you have now -- now have your |
| 20 | So let me just ask, before we start a | 20 | 15 minutes. |
| 21 | specific conversation -- but as you mentioned, it | 21 | FROM THE FLOOR: Of fame. |
| 22 | has been more the norm that schools are getting that | 22 | THE CHAIR: Whatever you want to tell us. |
| 23 | Does Not Meet the standard with the meeting the | 23 | But we'll ask you to identify for the record all the |
| 24 | needs of the English Language Learners. And I know | 24 | folks with you that are here to speak for the |
| 25 | you've identified that there's -- I guess there was | 25 | school. |


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| 1 | MS. ANNE SALZMANN: I'm Anne Salzmann, | 1 | And I'm just praying that something shifts |
| 2 | Principal of The MASTERS Program. Lisa Lucas is our | 2 | in people's awareness, and instead of closing all |
| 3 | business manager responsible for -- | 3 | the small schools, public or public charter, people |
| 4 | THE CHAIR: Can I ask you to pull it | 4 | will recognize that that's not going to help the |
| 5 | closer? | 5 | problem -- the kids that are the problems right now. |
| 6 | MS. FRIEDMAN: It has to be closer to your | 6 | They are going to continue to fail and drop out; |
| 7 | mouth. | 7 | 'cause we get lots of kids who have been lost in |
| 8 | MS. ANNE SALZMANN: Lisa Lucas is our | 8 | bigger schools. And they're the kids we look for. |
| 9 | business manager responsible for the "no findings" | 9 | We have really actively created a place |
| 10 | and for another great report soon to come out. | 10 | where kids can feel comfortable, even if they are |
| 11 | Dr. Lori Miller is our Director of Guidance, been | 11 | not shining as far as academically. And many, many |
| 12 | here since the very beginning of the school. She | 12 | of our students are not. |
| 13 | was actually hired before I was. And Mara Bruton is | 13 | And I just wanted to make that clear. |
| 14 | our special ed coordinator. | 14 | I also wanted to mention -- somebody |
| 15 | This is our board chair, Shalimar Krebs. | 15 | mentioned our mission. Academic excellence is |
| 16 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: Oh. Glad I recognized | 16 | definitely part of it. Service is part of it. |
| 17 | him. | 17 | They're out now -- they will be out -- or they won't |
| 18 | MS. ANNE SALZMANN: And we might have had | 18 | be out this week. Last Friday, they're out there |
| 19 | some other board members coming, so we weren't sure | 19 | doing service in the community, which is huge, |
| 20 | what to tell them about when, so I kind of doubt | 20 | because it's a different kind of learning than the |
| 21 | that they will come. | 21 | classroom. |
| 22 | I just made a couple of notes about things | 22 | And we feel like it's incredibly |
| 23 | I wanted to say that I think are really important | 23 | important, whether they're working for the Humane |
| 24 | about this school, because I worry that this -- in a | 24 | Society or maintaining trails for the City of |
| 25 | couple of years, this school won't exist, as we lose | 25 | Santa Fe or working out at HIPICO with the |
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| 1 | Small Size funding. It's devastating for schools -- | 1 | therapeutic riding horses working there, or helping |
| 2 | understand all the rationale behind what | 2 | when disabled kids come. Some of them work for |
| 3 | the Legislature is doing. What I think is | 3 | Piñon Elementary; a lot of different things they do, |
| 4 | unfortunate, and what I hope that other people who | 4 | incredibly important, in addition to what they do in |
| 5 | are involved in schools will talk about, is the fact | 5 | the classroom. |
| 6 | that small schools are what works. | 6 | But the third thing that for us is huge is |
| 7 | And there was an incredible example this | 7 | building a conscious community and a compassionate |
| 8 | morning. We were -- we had a gathering -- this is | 8 | community. And we have put a lot of time and effort |
| 9 | our last week, it's finals, and we had kids come | 9 | into how we treat our students, how well we allow |
| 10 | together, and we had a talent show. Kids get up and | 10 | them to know us. And it is that which can carry |
| 11 | sing and do whatever. I would be terrified to be up | 11 | them through when things are not going well. |
| 12 | there doing that. And you see these 15-year-olds | 12 | And we have a lot of kids who have issues |
| 13 | playing the viola, and this new freshman playing the | 13 | going on at home. We have kids who work 40 hours a |
| 14 | piano and putting themselves out there. | 14 | week and go to school, everything you can think of. |
| 15 | And what people don't seem to understand | 15 | Lori mentioned in our gathering this |
| 16 | anywhere, with teenagers, they need to be in a | 16 | morning, we had two students get the Davis |
| 17 | school small enough so they are known, even when | 17 | Scholarship. Both of them, if you read their |
| 18 | they're doing badly, which some of our students do. | 18 | histories, you would think those kids are never |
| 19 | We've had kids fail the whole first semester. | 19 | going to make it. And they're both now going to go |
| 20 | They're not used to turning in work, meeting | 20 | to a good college, four years paid-for, everything. |
| 21 | deadlines, asking for help. They've never been | 21 | And it's all because there are people there that |
| 22 | challenged; they think they're stupid. It takes us | 22 | know them and can pull them through. And I think it |
| 23 | a while to get them to the place of really trying | 23 | isn't talked about enough. |
| 24 | and asking for help and starting to be proud of what | 24 | Another place you see the way we work with |
| 25 | they do. | 25 | kids is if you look at our graduation rate. If you |


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| 1 | look at our five and six-year rates, we go at | 1 | THE CHAIR: Okay. So we're now on to our |
| 2 | five-year, our cohort of 2015, the five-year rate is | 2 | questions. So we can just continue on, because I -- |
| 3 | 83. If you look at our cohort of 2014, the six-year | 3 | I circle around Anne a lot during the Legislative |
| 4 | rate is 86 . | 4 | Session. So she's always there as a staunch |
| 5 | The idea that every student, every high | 5 | advocate. And, absolutely, we've had conversations |
| 6 | school kid can make it through high school in four | 6 | about isn't it a shame that the CSP Grant is a |
| 7 | years is ridiculous. Again, we have kids who it | 7 | growth model, so you can't support schools who |
| 8 | takes one year just to get them willing to work. | 8 | intentionally need to stay small and say, "Why can't |
| 9 | And we hang onto them. We know, in the end, it | 9 | we help these schools out and say, you know, they're |
| 10 | hurts us because they take longer. | 10 | doing it well, they're doing it the right way, and |
| 11 | But it's something else that everybody in | 11 | why can't we support that?" |
| 12 | education needs to look at in this state, because | 12 | Unfortunately, that grant program can't be |
| 13 | trying to get them out of there faster -- and you | 13 | tweaked to do that. But I wish there was something |
| 14 | feel pressure as a school to say, "Yeah, you can | 14 | out there that could be established to help schools, |
| 15 | take another semester, we'll get you there, you've | 15 | so that even if they could create better economies |
| 16 | just got to keep trying." And you know that you're | 16 | among small schools to share some services or |
| 17 | going to be punished for that. | 17 | whatever, so that might keep them going -- but I -- |
| 18 | It should be that a lot of people are | 18 | I wholeheartedly agree with you that I think |
| 19 | speaking about that, because the longer we can hold | 19 | charters started with that concept that they're |
| 20 | onto those adolescents and keep them in school and | 20 | going to be smaller so that they -- you know, those |
| 21 | keep them trying, the better off we're going to be | 21 | students are be known for the good, the bad, and the |
| 22 | with them when they're adults. | 22 | ugly, you know, but they're not going to get lost. |
| 23 | And, again, I just feel like nobody talks | 23 | And that is so important. And that's why |
| 24 | about that. But these statistics, if you look -- | 24 | so many families gravitate to the charter school as |
| 25 | it's part of our school grade from before. Every | 25 | that choice, because they feel that their -- their |
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| 1 | time we get that, we see that our five- and six-year | 1 | child is getting lost somehow in that bigger school. |
| 2 | rates are far higher than four-year. | 2 | And even APS is somewhat acknowledging the mega |
| 3 | And I think there's a really obvious | 3 | schools, because they're -- the last one or two high |
| 4 | reason for that. These kids are coming in with huge | 4 | schools that they built are smaller. |
| 5 | issues going on. | 5 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Yeah. |
| 6 | THE CHAIR: And I'll just interject. And | 6 | THE CHAIR: They're still big, but they're |
| 7 | at the same time, colleges have recognized that. | 7 | still smaller. Understanding that, you know, the |
| 8 | And how many degree programs can you get through now | 8 | mega -- mega school isn't certainly for everyone. |
| 9 | in four years? It's almost impossible. So colleges | 9 | And that whole -- looking to create community |
| 10 | have recognized that they weren't doing it well. | 10 | schools and want to support that, and that's |
| 11 | So I appreciate that. Sorry for | 11 | absolutely important -- is that me? |
| 12 | interrupting your time. | 12 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Madam Chair? |
| 13 | MS. ANNE SALZMANN: No, it's fine. I see | 13 | THE CHAIR: So I -- I appreciate that from |
| 14 | these things every day, and I see that it works. | 14 | you. And -- because I think you're different than a |
| 15 | And it's very frustrating that everyone I see in | 15 | number of early college high schools, because I |
| 16 | education isn't talking about this. It's all about, | 16 | think some of the -- some of the other early college |
| 17 | "Let's close down the small schools so all the money | 17 | high schools don't have as much of the |
| 18 | can go to the big schools." I don't believe in | 18 | intentionality of the community component of it, |
| 19 | that. I don't think it works for a lot of kids. | 19 | that they're on the campuses of the community |
| 20 | And I worry about the future of this school along | 20 | colleges, and you're more a college student than |
| 21 | with others. | 21 | that -- still, that traditional high school student |
| 22 | That's all I wanted to say. | 22 | with, I think, a greater level of support that's |
| 23 | THE CHAIR: Okay. We're on to -- Bev, did | 23 | embedded in your program than some of the others. |
| 24 | anyone sign up for Public Comment? | 24 | Even though they're -- they are successful |
| 25 | MS. FRIEDMAN: No one signed up. | 25 | and great programs, yours is a little different than |


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|  | a number of the others, and I truly do appreciate | 1 | community are there representing the great work that |
| 2 | that. | 2 | you're doing and the great minds that you're growing |
| 3 | Commissioner Voigt? | 3 | at your school. It's something that our legislators |
| 4 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Thank you, | 4 | need to understand more of. |
| 5 | Madam Chair. | 5 | MS. ANNE SALZMANN: I think the other side |
| 6 | Good morning -- or good afternoon already. | 6 | of it is also teachers are happier. We have a |
| 7 | Thank you for being here. I just wanted to commend | 7 | higher retention rate, because teachers, when |
| 8 | you on your arts program. And hearing you speak | 8 | they're teaching a number of students where they |
| 9 | about students being willing to overcome their | 9 | actually can read all these papers -- if you're |
| 10 | vulnerabilities to be up on stage and then that | 10 | teaching 150 kids, and you ask them to write a |
| 11 | level of empowerment that immediately follows that; | 11 | paper, how are you going to grade that and breathe |
| 12 | right, after a student is able to -- to demonstrate | 12 | on the weekend? |
| 13 | what they've learned is really empowering, also for | 13 | Our teachers are teaching more like 70 to |
| 14 | your school culture, I'm sure. | 14 | 80. You can deal with that. You can look at their |
| 15 | I don't know if that's something you feel | 15 | writing. You can make them rewrite it, which is how |
| 16 | right away when students are given that opportunity | 16 | they're going to relearn it. They're going to have |
| 17 | to either speak up or demonstrate their learning or | 17 | to edit. Kids connect to different people. |
| 18 | present, is that something that immediately affected | 18 | There are kids that might connect to a |
| 19 | your school culture, the academic level of | 19 | particular teacher or to Lori, who's the Director of |
| 20 | achievement? | 20 | Guidance, or whoever it is. And the teachers have |
| 21 | MS. ANNE SALZMANN: Well, I think one of | 21 | time to actually speak to them, know them, because |
| 22 | the things we talk about a lot as a school is having | 22 | there's time and space and small enough groups that |
| 23 | encouragement and whether it's in a classroom where | 23 | they can do that. It is -- it's critical for |
| 24 | kids have to present -- we do that a lot. And it's | 24 | survival, I think, of our kids and of this country, |
| 25 | very scary for them, so you have to set the stage | 25 | really, if you start thinking about it in a |
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| 1 | and make sure everybody understands, you cannot make | 1 | different way. It's a much bigger issue. |
| 2 | fun of people. I think you have to create that base | 2 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: True. I agree. |
| 3 | first so they really understand that. Or else you | 3 | Thank you. |
| 4 | do expose kids to other kids being mean. | 4 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Crone? |
| 5 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Sure. | 5 | COMMISSIONER CRONE: I can't get my mic |
| 6 | MS. ANNE SALZMANN: So we've worked really | 6 | on. There we go. |
| 7 | hard at that. We worked that from the first year. | 7 | I think you know that I teach a sociology |
| 8 | We had crazy kids doing crazy things, because | 8 | class at SFCC. And I've had a number of -- I do ask |
| 9 | suddenly they felt like they had all this freedom. | 9 | students if they have attended a charter, just a |
| 10 | So from the beginning, we realized we have to be | 10 | show of hands. Several have identified the fact |
| 11 | very intentional about the way we do this. | 11 | that they are at The MASTERS Program. Others have |
| 12 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: You know, when you | 12 | attended other charters there in Santa Fe. |
| 13 | were talking about small schools, too, and that | 13 | So I just wonder what proportion -- how |
| 14 | aspect of relationship building and making that | 14 | many of your students are taking college-level |
| 15 | something that's really purposeful in your | 15 | classes? |
| 16 | community, that -- that is so important. And that's | 16 | DR. LORI MILLER: So college-level |
| 17 | something that you're not going to see in the mega | 17 | classes -- |
| 18 | schools, because there's just no time or space for | 18 | THE CHAIR: Could you just identify |
| 19 | it. And that's something that really needs to be | 19 | yourself first? |
| 20 | heard by your legislators. It's great that you're | 20 | DR. LORI MILLER: Hi. I'm Dr. Lori |
| 21 | active up there. | 21 | Miller. I would say -- you know, we reach them |
| 22 | I remember seeing you when I was with | 22 | where they come in at, and we do that with the |
| 23 | Media Arts. That's something charter schools need | 23 | Accuplacer and looking at their grades, because we |
| 24 | to do. Their communities need to be advocates, now | 24 | want to set them up for success. |
| 25 | more than ever. It's great that you and your | 25 | So college-level courses, they all take |


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| 1 | dual-credit courses. That might be, like, student | 1 | THE CHAIR: So someone had brought up |
| 2 | leadership. But I think what you're referring to is | 2 | earlier a question about how many schools are up for |
| 3 | English 1110 that requires that, or math courses. | 3 | renewal offer food services. And, of course, your |
| 4 | And, of course, sociology requires that you test | 4 | school is actually one of the few that's up for |
| 5 | into 1110 or -- yeah, 1110. | 5 | renewal that doesn't. I think you're one of four |
| 6 | And so I would say it would be about | 6 | that don't offer food. |
| 7 | 70--- 73 percent, I bet. And before they graduate, | 7 | Is it because you're on the community |
| 8 | it's around 80. | 8 | college campuses that the service just isn't |
| 9 | COMMISSIONER CRONE: Do -- some of your | 9 | available? Because let me just -- there is pretty |
| 10 | students graduate with a high school diploma and a | 10 | good traffic on legislation that will get rid of the |
| 11 | certificate, or -- | 11 | waiver opportunity for charters to not be able to |
| 12 | DR. LORI MILLER: Absolutely. In fact, we | 12 | offer food. |
| 13 | had 37 percent of our graduating class last semester | 13 | MS. ANNE SALZMANN: My understanding so |
| 14 | graduate with an Associate's or a certificate. Out | 14 | far has been that because we don't have a kitchen |
| 15 | of 83 seniors, we probably have a good 30 or 40 that | 15 | and can't provide all the things that you're |
| 16 | will be graduating with a certificate or Associate | 16 | required to provide to get the -- to the Title I |
| 17 | degree. Really proud about that, really excited | 17 | funding, that -- and we're never going to have that, |
| 18 | about that. | 18 | we're not going to be able to create a kitchen where |
| 19 | It's something that we don't push. We are | 19 | we are and so on. |
| 20 | a high school first. We want them to graduate from | 20 | We actually fund, out of our SEG payments, |
| 21 | high school. But we want them to take full -- full | 21 | \$150,000 of cards kids can use in the college |
| 22 | access to the -- what's available to them. And | 22 | cafeteria. The only way we can have them eat -- |
| 23 | that's something that's -- that's readily available | 23 | it's like a debit card that's only usable there. |
| 24 | to them. | 24 | But what was really important for -- we have a |
| 25 | Of course, they have to test into those | 25 | little over 50 percent that are Free and Reduced |
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| 1 | courses. But they usually do. | 1 | lunch that we shouldn't be able to see half of the |
| 2 | COMMISSIONER CRONE: Yeah. The students | 2 | kid going up there with their parents' credit card |
| 3 | that I have identified have been very good students. | 3 | buying food or cash, and other kids are unable to. |
| 4 | I think an advantage, too, to having | 4 | That's what we've been doing. Whether |
| 5 | charter and college is that a lot of the small | 5 | that's one of the things a couple of years out that |
| 6 | schools have limited access to cultural events and | 6 | goes by the wayside, I think it would be |
| 7 | so forth. I believe there's about 6,000 to 8,000 , | 7 | unfortunate. |
| 8 | at least -- not actively -- but handicapped students | 8 | We also -- we buy granola bars and have |
| 9 | at the community college, and they do some pretty | 9 | them available for kids any time that they want, |
| 10 | remarkable things. And the college break brings in | 10 | because teenagers get hungry, and it's really hard |
| 11 | some remarkable people to give presentations or | 11 | to learn if you're hungry. |
| 12 | shows and so forth. | 12 | So those are things that we've just done |
| 13 | I do like the Native American dancers that | 13 | out of the money that we get. |
| 14 | we have. | 14 | THE CHAIR: So why can't we consider that |
| 15 | And I did have a personal question for | 15 | providing food services? I'm just throwing it out. |
| 16 | Shalimar. Do you send me e-mails on line? SFCC -- | 16 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Maybe because it's |
| 17 | MR. SHALIMAR KREBS: I do. | 17 | not verifiable? |
| 18 | COMMISSIONER CRONE: -- address? And | 18 | THE CHAIR: But they can verify it through |
| 19 | they're always saying, "You need to do this right | 19 | their budget. They can identify that they've |
| 20 | now"? | 20 | purchased these. |
| 21 | MR. SHALIMAR KREBS: Yes. | 21 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: But it's not going |
| 22 | MS. ANNE SALZMANN: Is that going to count | 22 | through the Food and Nutrition Bureau. |
| 23 | against us? | 23 | THE CHAIR: Right. There's no control |
| 24 | COMMISSIONER CRONE: No. I'll just blame | 24 | over what they're actually purchasing. |
| 25 | him. I'm done. Thank you. | 25 | DIRECTOR BRAUER: I would say even -- |


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| 1 | Madam Chair, members of the Commission, we would | 1 | know that there is that opportunity, I think that's |
| 2 | count that as providing food for students who -- it | 2 | an important piece of that school's story that needs |
| 3 | just doesn't come out of the National Student Lunch | 3 | to -- that needs to be identified there. Because we |
| 4 | Program. We do have a couple of schools that fall | 4 | have some schools that use a food truck. You know, |
| 5 | under that category that provide food out of | 5 | the food truck is out there. |
| 6 | operations, as the MASTERS -- that should count | 6 | So -- but, once again, we have other |
| 7 | as -- yeah. | 7 | schools where there is no food opportunity. And I |
| 8 | THE CHAIR: And that's what I want to say. | 8 | think we have to really be clear as to what are |
| 9 | For our purposes, why can't we say, "No, we | 9 | those schools and -- this school, because you just |
| 10 | don't" -- it's just, "No, they don't provide food | 10 | populate into a list that don't offer food services. |
| 11 | services." I think there should be an opportunity | 11 | And it's like that's not really true. |
| 12 | there for a qualifier, saying, "No, we don't | 12 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Madam Chair? |
| 13 | follow -- but we do -- the opportunity for providing | 13 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Armbruster? |
| 14 | food is offered for all students through this." | 14 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Since I was the |
| 15 | So that maybe that's something we need to | 15 | one who brought that up a couple of meetings ago, |
| 16 | tweak in our paperwork so that it is identified; | 16 | maybe the question that we, for charter schools, |
| 17 | because that's not -- you know, that's an important | 17 | want to ask is how do you provide -- in some wording |
| 18 | piece of your story. Because we have others that | 18 | for this -- "How do you provide lunches for those |
| 19 | don't offer -- that don't offer anything. | 19 | who would qualify for Free and Reduced lunches?" |
| 20 | It's like how do you not make food | 20 | Maybe that's the question, as opposed to, "Do you?" |
| 21 | available? Because you're right; because teenagers | 21 | Does that make any sense to you? |
| 22 | are hungry in every corner. So it's very difficult. | 22 | THE CHAIR: Yeah. But I think it's -- and |
| 23 | And we all know the importance of being able to be | 23 | the Free and Reduced lunch is important. But I |
| 24 | fed. And, unfortunately, we all deal with the fact | 24 | think, overall, it's all -- it's every student, to |
| 25 | that that's very often the only meal of the day, so | 25 | be able to have the opportunity for food. Because, |
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| 1 | that we have to be constantly aware of that. | 1 | once again, then you could unfortunately start into |
| 2 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: I have a question to | 2 | a separating out, and the Free and Reduced kids are |
| 3 | follow up with that. So you don't need a full | 3 | getting taken care of, but there's others, you |
| 4 | kitchen, though, to offer, like, a catered lunch if | 4 | know -- you may just barely fall out of that |
| 5 | there was a food vendor to bring it in. Like, you | 5 | eligibility request for Free and Reduced lunch. |
| 6 | could have a salad bar or something like that, | 6 | That doesn't mean the family's in great shape and |
| 7 | right? | 7 | can provide that opportunity. |
| 8 | MS. ANNE SALZMANN: Our problem is we | 8 | So that -- you know, I think it's -- I |
| 9 | don't have that kind of space. Because we lease | 9 | think it's more -- I think it's more important to |
| 10 | from the college, 16 of us work in one room, all of | 10 | just allow the school to tell their story of, "This |
| 11 | us. We have one small office where Lisa and her | 11 | is how we provide food." |
| 12 | assistant work. And then we have classrooms that we | 12 | And so I think that's something -- when we |
| 13 | lease 8:00 to 4:00 that then revert to the college | 13 | look at our multitude of papers in January and |
| 14 | after 4:00. We just don't have the space to even | 14 | February through those work sessions on where we |
| 15 | set that up. | 15 | have to tweak, I think either in the performance |
| 16 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Do you have a | 16 | framework, the contract, or, you know, somewhere, we |
| 17 | refrigerator anywhere for kids to keep their | 17 | need to be able to identify that, and certainly in |
| 18 | lunches? | 18 | this renewal packet, to be able to identify that |
| 19 | MS. ANNE SALZMANN: We do have a | 19 | better. |
| 20 | refrigerator for kids to put lunches in. And most | 20 | MS. KAREN WOERNER: How they're providing |
| 21 | of us bring our own lunch, because it's expensive to | 21 | food and whether it's provided to Free and Reduced? |
| 22 | eat at the college every day. | 22 | THE CHAIR: Yeah, yeah. I think that's |
| 23 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: I think it would be | 23 | really important. |
| 24 | great, that that could be counted as -- | 24 | Thanks for this, you know. We go through |
| 25 | THE CHAIR: For our purposes, so that we | 25 | this, and there's -- it's -- we're evolving that |

way.
And I had a --
COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Always new discoveries.

THE CHAIR: I think -- oh. Commissioner Ruiz?

COMMISSIONER RUIZ: Thank you for being here. I have a question on your Chart 22 that's a comparison of the student enrollment of other subgroups.

So you have a considerable decreased enrollment or percentage of students -- you have 48 percent on the Free and Reduced, 10 percent student disabilities. That's comparing it to Santa Fe Public Schools and statewide, 4 percent of gifted and only 8 percent of your English Language Learners.

In New Mexico, that is pretty much the picture of most of our students; not all, but a significant number. So can you tell me what you're doing to encourage enrollment and participation from those subgroups? Because it is lower than the schools and the state.

MS. ANNE SALZMANN: Part of it is hard to
have any control over because it's a lottery. So

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part of it is just the luck of the draw.
But if you look, we keep statistics from the very beginning. And it's been -- I think in our first year, our economic disadvantaged number was 22 percent. So we've more than doubled that.

And I think the main way that we do that is try to -- again, the whole idea of creating community is that you create a community where everyone feels comfortable. It's sort of the idea of this new -- the equity council, looking at how -how are you making sure people feel comfortable that their needs are met in any given school.

And I feel like we've been doing that for a long time, trying to think about that.

One of the ways we've done is we have a tutoring table that is always staffed from 8:00 to 4:00. It's certified teachers; it's people who have retired that are always there to help students, because our feeling is if we're going to challenge them academically, we have to make sure there's always support.

They can come find their teachers that they're not teaching, because their desks are in the office where I am and Lori and everybody is. But having those tutors there and those particular
people have personalities that attract kids and don't repel them, because if you don't pay attention to that, you can hire somebody and it's useless.

You have kids coming in with extremely low skills, and we need to get them up quickly. So that's a main thing that we've looked at.

We work really closely with the Student Development Office in the College, a man named Ernest Kavanaugh, a man who's been fantastic working with our English Language Learners.

So all along the way, we're kind of looking for things that fit naturally in and that make kids feel like this is a place for them.

A number of our English Learner students and Free and Reduced Lunch students have gone on at the College and are now part of the leadership group there as a result of that.

But I think those things are ongoing with us. And the more we have, and having these numbers double, the more when people come and visit, that's what they see and, they go, "Oh, there are a bunch of people here like me, and they're all doing well." I think that's a really big part of it.

COMMISSIONER RUIZ: Okay. Thank you.
THE CHAIR: Remind me. You don't provide

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transportation; correct?
MS. ANNE SALZMANN: We do not.
THE CHAIR: But I would imagine there's public transportation that's a little bit easier to the campus.

MS. ANNE SALZMANN: City bus.
THE CHAIR: Yeah. So that it -- so transportation shouldn't be a hindrance, to a great extent, about not being able to reach out to a far-reaching area of Santa Fe because they can't get there. The public transportation can do it.

MS. ANNE SALZMANN: Honestly, what we've seen and what they tell us, parents of students, once they get in, they are so excited to have their student in a school where they know they're going to be challenged and know they're going to learn, we have people who drive in from Pecos and Española, people who drive up from Rio Rancho, because they're looking for that kind of school. So I don't feel like that has stopped us at all.

THE CHAIR: Okay. All right. Thanks.
Commissioners, any other questions?
DR. LORI MILLER: Can I say something about the bus?

THE CHAIR: I'm sorry?

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| 1 | DR. LORI MILLER: Can I say something | 1 | Commissioner Gipson? |
| 2 | about the bus? | 2 | THE CHAIR: Yes. |
| 3 | THE CHAIR: Oh, sure. | 3 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: It's a |
| 4 | DR. LORI MILLER: So I had a student a | 4 | seven-to-zero vote. |
| 5 | couple of years ago. And she's a wonderful student. | 5 | THE CHAIR: Congratulations. You'll be |
| 6 | But it meant so much to her to come to school that | 6 | receiving a letter. |
| 7 | she took three different buses from Española to get | 7 | And, like I said, as long as there's no |
| 8 | to our school. So it can be done. | 8 | substantial difference with the data that will be |
| 9 | That student also is at Southwestern in | 9 | provided by January, you should be on the Consent |
| 10 | Texas on a full-ride scholarship through the Davis. | 10 | Agenda and full renewal then in February. |
| 11 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Wow. That's cool. | 11 | So thank you so much, and thank you for |
| 12 | THE CHAIR: Okay. So did you send me that | 12 | everything you do every day. We really do |
| 13 | new language? Okay. Here. Everyone take note of | 13 | appreciate it. |
| 14 | this. | 14 | MS. ANNE SALZMANN: Thank you. |
| 15 | Okay. I move that the Public Education | 15 | THE CHAIR: We're in recess until tomorrow |
| 16 | Commission renew the charter for The MASTERS Program | 16 | morning at 8:00. |
| 17 | for five years, with the conditions that the | 17 | (Proceedings in recess at 1:01 p.m.) |
| 18 | New Mexico System of School Support and | 18 |  |
| 19 | Accountability Report prepared by PED shows similar | 19 |  |
| 20 | performance for SY 2018-2019 in the student growth | 20 |  |
| 21 | highest quartile, student growth middle quartile, | 21 |  |
| 22 | student growth lowest quartile, English Learner | 22 |  |
| 23 | progress, chronic absenteeism, college and career | 23 |  |
| 24 | readiness, education climate, and growth in | 24 |  |
| 25 | four-year graduation rate in high school with no | 25 |  |
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| 1 | significant decrease in performance. | 1 | BEFORE THE PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION |
| 2 | COMMISSIONER ROBBINS: Second. | 2 | STATE OF NEW MEXICO |
| 3 | THE CHAIR: So a motion by Commissioner | 3 |  |
| 4 | Gipson, a second by Commissioner Robbins. | 4 |  |
| 5 | Any further discussion? | 5 |  |
| 6 | (No response.) | 6 |  |
| 7 | THE CHAIR: If not, Commissioner | 7 | REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE |
| 8 | Armbruster? | 8 | I, Cynthia C. Chapman, RMR, CCR \#219, Certified |
| 9 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Commissioner | 9 10 | Court Reporter in the State of New Mexico, do hereby |
| 10 |  | 10 | certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true |
| 10 | Raftery? | 11 | transcript of proceedings had before the said |
| 11 | COMMISSIONER RAFTERY: Yes. | 12 | NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION, held in the |
| 12 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Commissioner | 13 | State of New Mexico, County of Santa Fe, in the |
| 13 | Crone? | 14 | matter therein stated. |
| 14 | COMMISSIONER CRONE: Yes. | 15 | In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my |
| 15 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Commissioner | 16 | hand on December 16, 2019. |
| 16 | Robbins? | 17 |  |
| 17 | COMMISSIONER ROBBINS: Yes. | 18 |  |
| 18 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Commissioner | 19 |  |
| 19 | Ruiz? |  | Cynthia C. Chapman, RMR-CRR, NM CCR \#219 |
| 20 | COMMISSIONER RUIZ: Yes. | 20 | BEAN \& ASSOCIATES, INC. |
| 21 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Commissioner |  | 201 Third Street, NW, Suite 1630 |
| 22 | Voigt? | 21 | Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102 |
| 23 | COMMISSIONER VOIGT: Yes. | 23 |  |
| 24 | COMMISSIONER ARMBRUSTER: Commissioner | 24 |  |
| 25 | Armbruster votes "Yes." | 25 | Job No.: 3263N (CC) |


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