

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION

Summary Minutes for PEC Work Session

Thursday, May 21, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Patricia Gipson called the PEC Work Session to order at 9:05 a.m. using a Zoom Webinar.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Commissioner Patricia Gipson, PEC Chair, District 7, Las Cruces
Commissioner Trish Ruiz, PEC Vice Chair, District 9, Hobbs
Commissioner Karyl Ann Armbruster, PEC Secretary, District 4, Los Alamos
Commissioner R. Carlos Caballero, District 1, Albuquerque
Commissioner David Robbins, District 2, Albuquerque
Commissioner Glenna Voigt, District 3, Albuquerque
Commissioner Georgina Davis, District 5, Aztec
Commissioner Tim Crone, District 10, Espanola
Commissioner Michael Chavez, District 6, Deming
Commissioner Sonia Raftery, District 8, Roswell

Commissioners Absent:

Also Present:

Alan Brauer, Acting Director, PED Charter School Division
Karen Woerner, Deputy Director, PED Charter Schools Division
Dylan Wilson, PED Charter Schools Division
Ami Jaeger, PEC Attorney
Mark Chaiken, PEC Attorney
Megan Maestas, PED Charter Schools Division
Missy Brown, PED Charter School Division

WORK SESSION AGENDA

1. Training for DocuSign

Elwood Lehman, Administrative Assistant to PED Deputy Secretary Adan Delgado, presented the DocuSign application that will be used for preparation, signing, and submission of the meeting reimbursements for PEC Commissioners. The new application will begin with PEC Commissioners' reimbursements in May.

2. Review Charter Contract Amendment Request Policies, Timelines, and Forms

Chair Gipson led the discussion on this item. Deputy Director Woerner, PEC attorney Jaeger, CSD's Dylan Wilson and all Commissioners discussed the current amendment request and notification policies, timelines and forms. Several proposed edits were made including, but not limited to: removing the word "Notification" as all items are requests to amend the charter contract with different timelines and requirements; adding an opportunity for early college high schools to increase their enrollment for second semester; clarifying the wording related to the state accountability system and the PEC Tier Levels; revising the School Location within District form to include additional square footage, including portables; and adding a Pre-Kindergarten Early Childhood Program policy and form. The PEC will vote on the changes at the PEC meeting tomorrow.

3. Discussion on the Scoring and Review of New Charter School Applications

Chair Gipson began the discussion talking about the independent reviewers and the scoring procedure used in the evaluation of the new charter school applications. Commissioners discussed using a more holistic scoring procedure and how that might give Commissioners more freedom in their decision and vote. The Commission discussed removing all numerical scores from the application, leaving three general ratings for each response on the application. This also removes the weighting that the PEC has previously set on the various responses and sections. The ratings were proposed to remain the same, with a slight change to the last one: “Meets the Criteria”, “Approaches the Criteria”, and “Does Not Meet the Criteria”. The PEC also proposed removing the minimum scoring expectations and reviewing all applications submitted. There was also discussion regarding the Commissioners being able to vote based on their own review of the application, along with all of the elements of the application process. The topic will be discussed and voted on at the meeting tomorrow.

4. Discussion on Renewal Application Criteria

The Commissioners discussed the upcoming renewal applications which are due October 1st. Schools have completed the training and are beginning to work on their renewal application packets. Since schools were not able to administer state-mandated assessments this Spring, they will be missing valuable academic data. As a result, the Commission recommends that the school include information such as the following in the Part B – School Progress Report: short-cycle assessment data, reflection on the Continuous Learning Plan, an explanation on how the school plans to close the learning gaps, etc. This will be shared publicly at the meeting tomorrow.

5. Review Albuquerque Sign Language Charter School Exception/Waiver

The school has requested that the PED rule on an exception/waiver because of the uniqueness of their school. A meeting will be held on May 27, 2020 with PED. PEC will also participate in the meeting. This item is on the agenda for the meeting tomorrow but it was mentioned that a decision will likely be postponed until PED makes a determination on the exception/waiver.

ADJOURN

No votes were taken by Commissioners during this work session.
The work session was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

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