**NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION**

**Summary Minutes for Public Education Commission (PEC) Work Session**

**Thursday, October 22, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Patricia Gipson called the PEC Work Session to order at 10:06 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, left at 11:30 to teach a class, returned at 12:45

Commissioner Sonia Raftery, District 8, Roswell

Commissioner Tim Crone, District 10, Espanola

Commissioner Michael Chavez, District 6, Deming

**Commissioners Absent:**

**WORK SESSION AGENDA**

1. Legislative Priorities  
   Chair Gipson asked the Commissioners to discuss legislative priorities for the coming Legislative Session which included:

* No management organizations (CMOs/EMOs) should run charter schools (but avoid prohibiting contract services such as School Business Official and partnerships such as NACA-Inspired Network) The PEC attorney will work on specific language. Statute number is 228B4subR.
* PEC would like to have charter school appeals go directly to the District Courts, removing the PED Secretary from the appeal process
* Specifically limit charter school renewal applications to one authorizer with a Notice of Intent (similar to the new application process

Matt Pahl discussed PCSNM legislative priorities that they are working on:

* Provisions for enrollment use and SEG: a hold harmless with a 40d adjustment
* Facilities Bill (Senators Candelaria and Ortiz y Pino).
* Oppose Enrollment Cap and Moratorium
* Increase access to transportation funding
* Small school size adjustment: Rural size requirement and additional aid for urban small schools
* Allowing for enrollment preference for the children of charter school staff members
* Finding a path forward for adult education

Other requests from Commissioners included:

* + PEC needs to have assigned parking in the future, particularly during legislative session
  + Raise the food allowance from $30 to $50
  + The number of signatures required in order to be on the ballot for the PEC
* Lottery/Enrollment

1. Complaint Process and Procedures

The Chair requested that both the complaint process steps and a list of places to report specific complaints be posted on the web pages to help filter out complaints that need to be addressed.

Deputy Director Karen Woerner asked what types of reports on complaints the PEC would like to receive and how often would they like to receive these reports. Chair stated that if the complaint is about a student’s rights being violated; that is the only type of complaint that should come to the PEC’s attention. Compliance complaints do not generally rise to the PEC level of interest, unless unable to resolve at school level or by PED staff.

1. Overall Points from NM System of Support and Accountability reports for 2018-2019 and PEC Tier Levels

Deputy Director Woerner described how the estimated point values in the PEC Tier Levels were based on school letter grade points which do not align with the new School Accountability System overall points. Deputy Director Woerner illustrated that with the current PEC cut-off points, too many schools would fall into tier three or tier four and no schools would be in tier 1. The PEC and staff will work to revise the cut-off points for each PEC Tier Level based on data from the 2019-2020 school year.

1. Requirements regarding School Improvement Plans  
   Deputy Director Woerner reminded the PEC that 2018-2019 was the first school year with the new school accountability system and that 2019-2020 data would not be complete due to waiving the statewide-standardized test. The PEC has a performance framework requirement for lowest 25% of schools to complete a school improvement plan.  
     
   Deputy Director Woerner asked if the PEC would rather utilize 2018-2019 data to determine and create School Improvement Plans for this school year or not require improvement plans for this year. Discussion took place and the PEC indicated it would waive the school improvement plan requirement for both 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.
2. Renewal Process and Meeting Schedule

Deputy Director Woerner presented a proposed schedule reminding the PEC members of the extra 15 minutes that need to be added for optional presentations on equity from each school. A schedule was set with three schools per day on December 9th and 10th and two schools on December 11th.

1. Notice of Intent and New Charter School Application

Deputy Director Woerner presented proposed minor updates to the Notice of Intent and the New Charter School Application. Discussion took place and the PEC will vote at the meeting.

**ADJOURN**

No votes were taken by Commissioners during this work session.

The work session was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by Beverly Friedman, PED Liaison to the PEC, Melissa “Missy” Brown, CSD Technical Assistance and Training Administrator and Dylan Wilson, CSD Technical Assistance and Training Specialist