

AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- I. Public Education Commission Meeting Date:** January 15, 2021

- II. Item Title:** Introduction of Deputy Secretary Dr. Vickie Bannerman and Director Corina Chavez

- III. Executive Summary:**

The newly appointed Deputy Secretary, Identity, Equity, and Transformation Dr. Vickie Bannerman and the newly appointed Director of Options for Parents and Families/Charter Schools Division Corina Chavez will introduce themselves to the Commission. Both the Deputy Secretary and the Director officially started at NMPED on December 14, 2020.

DEPUTY SECRETARY

Dr. Bannerman most recently served as principal of Albuquerque Public School’s Volcano Vista High School, the state’s fifth largest high school. Previously, she was principal at Wilson Middle School in Albuquerque. She serves on the APS Principals’ Association executive board and as an Equity Advocate for APS. We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Bannerman on board. As an educational and action-oriented leader, she will help fulfill the critical mission of the department of ensuring that a quality education is provided to every child in New Mexico.

DIVISION DIRECTOR

Corina Chavez began her career in education as an elementary school teacher in New Mexico and in Texas. For most of the past two decades, she has worked with charter schools both at the state/authorizer and school/network levels. In her most recent position as the Director of School Design and Evaluation at the NACA-Inspired Schools Network, she helped launch mission-driven community-led schools and engaged school leaders in continuous improvement work. Prior to that, she served as the New York State Education Department’s Director of Performance Oversight. Her work at NMPED will include efforts to spread innovative approaches across schools in New Mexico.