

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION

Summary Minutes for PEC Work Session

Thursday, May 13, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Patricia Gipson began the PEC Work Session at 10:00 a.m. in a Zoom Webinar

Commissioners in Attendance:

Commissioner Patricia Gipson, PEC Chair, District 7, Las Cruces
Commissioner Glenna Voigt, District 3, Albuquerque
Commissioner Rebekka Burt, District 4, Rio Rancho
Commissioner Melissa Armijo, District 1, Albuquerque
Commissioner David Robbins, District 2, Albuquerque
Commissioner Georgina Davis, District 5, Aztec
Commissioner Michael Chavez, District 6, Deming
Commissioner Michael Taylor, District 8, Roswell
Commissioner KT Manis, District 9, Hobbs
Commissioner Steven Carrillo, District 10, Santa Fe

Commissioners Absent: None

Also Present:

Corina Chavez, Director of PED Charter School Division
Karen Woerner, Deputy Director of PED Charter School Division
Melissa Brown, PED Charter School Division
Dolores Archuleta, PED Charter School Division
Brigitte Russell, PED Charter Schools Division
Dylan Wilson, PED Charter Schools Division
Melissa Sanchez, PED Charter School Division
Ami Jaeger, PEC Attorney

WORK SESSION AGENDA

- **Application Process for New Charter Schools**

New charter school applications are due June 1, 2021, applications will be reviewed, the PEC will hold public input hearings in July, and the PEC will vote on these applications in August. Chair Gipson asked Director Corina Chavez to go over the application process and the actual application for new charter schools with the Commissioners. Missy Brown contributed to the discussion related to the technical assistance workshops offered to the applicants. Deputy Director Karen Woerner went the materials that the PEC will use in reviewing the new charter school applications. The topic elicited a robust discussion of the application, input hearings, and approval process.

- **Virtual/Remote Learning Amendment Process**

PED is sending out a survey questioning districts about student connectivity, virtual/remote learning, calendars, etc. when they submit their school budgets in the next month. Director Chavez suggested that this discussion be postponed until next month. Chair Gipson made the point that the PEC will look at the remote option for schools after PED decisions/guidelines are made.

- **PEC subcommittees – such as PED strategic plan, alternative assessments, RFP for PEC attorney Update**

Vice Chair Voigt asked Commissioners about their roles on subcommittees. Such as the Strategic Plan subcommittee. Chair Gipson asked the Commissioners to consider changes to the Performance Framework to look at how schools are rated. Vice Chair Voigt asked that PEC consider decreasing the weight of standardized scores and more emphasis on the work of individual, spotlight schools acknowledging their unique work, such as re-engagement schools.

Chair Gipson asked Commissioners to participate on a PEC Budget Committee. An email will be sent out to ask for volunteers.

- **Discussion of MOU with PEC and PED**

The Commission discussed the Memorandum of Understanding edits. After a lengthy discussion, the Commissioners agreed to edits. The MOU will be voted on at the Friday PEC Meeting.

ADJOURN

The work session was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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