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Public Education Commission Schedules Community Input Hearings for Two New Charter School Applicants and a PEC Work Session & Meeting for July 22 and 23, 2021

The New Mexico Public Education Commission (PEC) has scheduled two Community Input Hearings for two new charter school applicants on Thursday, July 22, 2021 and a regular PEC work session and meeting on Friday, July 23, 2021. The hearings and the meetings will be held via Zoom-Webinar platform.

The Hearing for Rio Grande Academy of Fine Arts is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and Thrive Community School is scheduled for 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Zoom link provided on the Agenda. During the public hearing, members of the PEC will listen to comments from the charter school applicant and local school district representatives. Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak about the proposed school and identify their concerns or support. The PEC will then question the charter school applicant.

PEC Commissioners will vote to approve, approve with conditions, or deny the new charter application at their PEC meeting on August 26 & 27, 2021 in Santa Fe.

This year's applicants for a new charter school are Rio Grande Academy of Fine Arts proposed to be located in the Albuquerque Public School District, and Thrive Community School to be located in the Santa Fe Public School District. Links for public participation via Zoom and information about how to submit written comments or petitions, will be posted on the PEC web page at <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/public-education-commission/2020-public-education-commission-meeting-information/>

A PEC regular work session and meeting will be held on Friday, July 23, 2021. The work session will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.: both will be held using the Zoom-Webinar link on the agenda. The agenda for the PEC meeting and information about how to provide public comment, will be posted on the PEC web page: <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/public-education-commission/2020-public-education-commission-meeting-information/> on Friday, July 16, 2021. Information on attendance for both of these meetings will be also included.

The applications for the proposed new state charter schools are located at:
<https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/public-education-commission/submitted-applications/>

Any questions about the hearings can be directed to the New Mexico Public Education Department's Charter Schools Division at charter.schools@state.nm.us or 505-827-6909.