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Public Notice

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Public Education Commission Schedules Two Day Meeting for August 26 & 27, 2021 Via ZOOM

The New Mexico Public Education Commission (PEC) has scheduled two days for their August meeting on Thursday, August 26 and Friday, August 27, 2021. Both days of the meeting will be held via the Zoom-Webinar platform.

The meeting had been scheduled to be the first in-person meeting for the Commission, and two of the main items on the agenda for this meeting are the PEC's decision on authorization of two new charter school applications.

Public comment on these applications is a critical part of the discussion before the Commission prior to their making their decision. Because there was not the availability of utilizing Zoom or a telecommunication device for this in-person meeting, the decision was made to hold the meeting via the Zoom-Webinar platform.

The two applicants are Rio Grande Academy of Fine Arts, to be located in Albuquerque and THRIVE Community School, to be located in Santa Fe. The Commission will hear from the school and members of the public during the meeting and will vote to approve, approve with conditions, or deny the new charter application.

Information on speaking in favor or opposing the school applicants and the Zoom link for the meeting will be on the PEC Agenda available on afternoon of Friday, August 20, 2021 on the PEC web page at <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/public-education-commission/2020-public-education-commission-meeting-information/>

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

SIGNING UP FOR PEC OPEN FORUM

The Commission has made special provisions for members of public who would like to speak during the Open Forum portion of their meeting. The PEC Chair will determine the length of Open Forum, and persons who wish to be heard are asked to join the meeting between 8:45 am and 9:00 a.m. to sign in via the Chat option at the bottom of the screen. Simply type your name, organization you represent if any and the topic, and indicate that you would like to speak during Open Forum. If you are only able to join via telephone, please join the meeting no later than 8:50 am. As a phone participant, you will be asked to identify yourself if you wish to speak. At 9:00 a.m., the sign-up for Open Forum will be closed.

Any questions about the meeting can be directed to the PEC Liaison at Bev.Friedman@state.nm.us 505-795-0180 or to New Mexico Public Education Department's Charter Schools Division at charter.schools@state.nm.us or 505-827-6909.

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