

**Public Education Commission Meeting**

August 27, 2021

Open Public Meeting via Zoom Webinar

**Summary Minutes**

<p><b>Members Present</b> Patricia Gipson, Chair David Robbins Georgina Davis Glenna Voigt Melissa Armijo Michael Chavez Michael Taylor Rebekka Burt Steven Carrillo KT Manis</p> <p>Meeting began at 9:10 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Members Absent</b> None</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 1.</b> CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE &amp; SALUTE TO NEW MEXICO FLAG</p>	<p>Rebekka Burt, Secretary, called the roll and confirmed a quorum of 8 Commissioners. Commissioners Davis and Manis entered the meeting later in the morning. Commissioner Armijo led the Pledge of Allegiance; Commissioner Robbins led the Salute to the New Mexico Flag</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 2.</b> APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> Chair Gipson made a motion to approve the Agenda and move Items 7 &amp; 8 regarding The Great Academy to the September Agenda. Commissioner Taylor seconds the motion. Discussion by Commissioner Robbins and Commissioner Carrillo. <b>Motion passed unanimously 8-0</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 3.</b> OPEN FORUM</p>	<p>No one signed up for the Open Forum</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 4.</b> INTRODUCTION TO BARNES MEDIATION AND LAW, PEC ATTORNEY</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available in full transcript.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 5. CONSENT AGENDA</b> <b>A. Approval of PEC Minutes and Transcripts</b> <b>1.</b> Approval of the Transcript for the July 22, 2021 PEC Community Input Hearings</p>	<p>CSD Director Corina Chavez asked that Item B.2.b La Tierra Montessori be removed from the amendments. <b>MOTION</b> Chair Gipson made the Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Burt seconds the motion</p>

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Approval of the Summary Minutes from the July 23, 2021 PEC Work Session</li> <li>3. Approval of the Transcript for the July 23, 2021 PEC Meeting</li> <li>4. Approval of the Summary Minutes for the July 23, 2021 PEC Meeting</li> </ol> <p><b>B. Request to Amend the Charter School Contract</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Governing Board Membership Changes</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Estancia Valley Classical Academy</li> <li>b. La Academia Dolores Huerta</li> <li>c. La Tierra Montessori</li> <li>d. North Valley Academy</li> <li>e. Sandoval Academy of Bilingual Education</li> <li>f. Six Directions Indigenous School</li> <li>g. South Valley Preparatory</li> <li>h. South West Preparatory Learning Center</li> <li>i. Taos Academy</li> <li>j. The MASTERS Program</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. <b>School Business Manager Change</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Public Academy</li> <li><del>b. La Tierra Montessori</del></li> <li>c. The MASTERS Program</li> <li>d. Red River Valley Charter School</li> <li>e. Southwest Secondary Learning Center</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. <b>Change in Head Administrator</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. North Valley Academy</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. <b>Change in Facilities</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Albuquerque Sign Language Academy</li> <li>c. Hozho Academy</li> <li>d. Solare Collegiate</li> <li>e. Tierra Adentro of New Mexico</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion passed unanimously 8-0</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 6. DISCUSSION, UPDATE AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL, APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS, OR DENIAL OF NEW CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATION</b></p> <p><b>A. Rio Grande Academy of Fine Arts - Albuquerque</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Public Input/Comments (15 minutes)</li> <li>2. Charter School Division Recommendation (15 minutes)</li> <li>3. Applicant Comments (15 minutes)</li> <li>4. PEC Questions/Comments to Applicant and CSD</li> <li>5. Determination Vote</li> </ol> <p><b>B. THRIVE Community School – Santa Fe</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Public Input/Comments (15 minutes)</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Commissioner Manis joins the Meeting</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">***</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p><b>Rio Grande Academy of Fine Arts-Albuquerque</b>  Commissioner Burt made the motion: "... I move that the Public Education Commission approve the application of the Rio Grande Academy of Fine Arts on the condition that they complete the Planning Year Checklist."  Commissioner Taylor seconds the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Motion Passes unanimously 9-0</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">***</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Commissioner Davis Joins the Meeting</b>  <b>Commissioner Armijo Leaves the Meeting</b></p>

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Charter School Division Recommendation (15 minutes)</li> <li>3. Applicant Comments (15 minutes)</li> <li>4. PEC Questions/Comments to Applicant and CSD</li> <li>5. Determination Vote</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p><b>THRIVE Community School-Santa Fe</b>  Commissioner Carrillo made the motion: "I move that the Public Education Commission approve the application for the THRIVE Community School with two conditions, as stated, that each board member obtain all required training hours to be provided by the Charter School Division, and that's within three months of approval, and that they complete the Planning Year Checklist.  Commissioner Davis seconds the motion.  <b>Motion Passes 9-0</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE GREAT ACADEMY CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Discussion and possible action to send a letter of concern regarding the Great Academy Foundation to appropriate enforcement agencies including the Attorney General and the State Auditor</li> <li>B. Discussion and possible action regarding sending a letter of concern to the Great Academy regarding possible employee violations of the Governmental Conduct Act and other ethical laws</li> </ol>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Item Moved to the September Agenda</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE GREAT ACADEMY CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Item Moved to the September Agenda</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE LETTER OF CONCERN REGARDING RESPONSIVENESS OF ALBUQUERQUE INSTITUTE OF MATH AND SCIENCE (A.I.M.S.)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MOTION</b></p> <p>Chair Gipson made the motion: "I'm going to move that the Public Education Commission move Item No. 9 Discussion and Possible Action on a Letter of Concern regarding Responsiveness of Albuquerque Institute of Math and Science, to our September agenda, pending a report from the meeting that will take place next week.  Commissioner Robbins seconds the motion.  <b>Motion Passes 7-0</b>  (Commissioners Armijo, Burt, and Taylor absent for vote.)</p>

<p><b>Agenda Item 10.</b> DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION 2021-22 IMPLEMENTATION YEAR CHECKLIST</p>	<p>Commissioner Robbins made the motion: “I move that the PEC approve the Implementation Year Checklist for the 2021-2022 school year, as discussed in our Work Session yesterday. Commissioner Burt seconds the motion. <b>Motion Passes 8-0</b> Commissioners Armijo and Taylor were not present for the vote.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 11.</b> DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON GUIDANCE FOR LOTTERY AND ENROLLMENT PROCESS</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> Commissioner Carrillo made a motion: “So based on everything that Ms. Barnes just said, I would make a motion that we table this item and that we table Item No. 11 until the September meeting, at which time it'll be a part of the Work Session and the regular meeting. Commissioner Burt seconds the motion. <b>Motion Passes 7-0</b> Commissioners Armijo, Chavez, and Taylor were not present for the vote.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 12.</b> DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ONLINE OPTIONS FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available in full transcript. No PEC to take.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 13.</b> DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PEC RULES OF PROCEDURE</p>	<p><b>MOTION</b> Chair Gipson made the following motion: “I will move that the Public Education Commission adopt the Rules of Procedure. Commissioner Carrillo seconds the motion. <b>Motion passed unanimously 8-0</b> Commissioners Armijo and Taylor were not present for the vote.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 14.</b> REPORT FROM OPTIONS FOR PARENTS &amp; FAMILIES DIVISION—DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS A. Charter School Division B. Renewal Information to Schools C. Highlights and Appreciations</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available in full transcript.</p>

<p><b>Agenda Item 15. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PEC LIAISON REPORTS</b></p> <p>A. LESC &amp; LFC –Chair Gipson &amp; Vice Chair Voigt  B. NM Indian Education Advisory Council – Commissioner Davis  C. NM Coalition of School Administrators – Commissioner Burt  D. NM Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC) – Commissioner Robbins  E. NM Public School Insurance Authority (NMPSIA) – Commissioner Manis  F. NM School Boards Association (NMSBA) – Commissioner Carrillo  G. NM State Library Commission – Commissioner Armijo</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available in full transcript.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 16. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR</b></p> <p>A. Contract Negotiations Update  B. Update from Charter School Advisory Council  C. Update from Public Charter Schools of New Mexico</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available in full transcript.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 17. PEC COMMENTS</b></p>	<p>Recorded comments are available in full transcript.</p>
<p><b>Agenda Item 18. ADJOURN</b></p>	<p><b>MOTION</b>  Chair Gipson moves to adjourn.  Commissioner Robbins seconded motion.  <b>Motion passed unanimously 8-0</b>   <b>Meeting ends at 4:44 p.m.</b></p>