

Public Education Commission Meeting

September 24, 2021

Open Public Meeting via Zoom Webinar

Summary Minutes

<p>Members Present Patricia Gipson, Chair David Robbins Georgina Davis Glenna Voigt Michael Chavez Michael Taylor Rebekka Burt Steven Carrillo KT Manis</p> <p>Meeting began at 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Members Absent Melissa Armijo</p>
<p>Agenda Item 1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & SALUTE TO NEW MEXICO FLAG</p>	<p>Rebekka Burt, Secretary, called the roll and confirmed a quorum of 8 Commissioners. Commissioner Chavez joined during Item 7. Commissioner Armijo was absent. Commissioner Voigt led the Pledge of Allegiance; Commissioner Burt led the Salute to the New Mexico Flag</p>
<p>Agenda Item 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p>	<p>MOTION Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Carrillo seconds the motion. Motion passed unanimously 8-0</p>
<p>Agenda Item 3. OPEN FORUM</p>	<p>No one signed up for the Open Forum</p>
<p>Agenda Item 4. CONSENT AGENDA A. Approval of PEC Minutes and Transcripts 1. Approval of the Minutes from the August 26, 2021 PEC Work Session 2. Approval of the Transcript for the August 27, 2021 PEC Meeting 3. Approval of the Summary Minutes for the August 27, 2021 PEC Meeting B. Request to Amend the Charter School Contract</p>	<p>MOTION Commissioner Carrillo made the Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Chair Gipson seconds the motion Motion passed unanimously 8-0</p>

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Governing Board Membership Changes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Albuquerque School of Excellence b. DEAP c. Explore Academy d. Explore Academy Las Cruces e. Las Montañas Charter High School f. Southwest Secondary Learning Center g. The ASK Academy h. The MASTERS Program 2. School Business Manager Change <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Altura Preparatory School b. Amy Biehl High School c. New America Las Cruces d. Red River Valley Charter School e. School of Dreams of Academy f. Southwest Preparatory Learning Center 3. Membership of Foundation or Component Unit <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Estancia Valley Classical Academy 4. Additional Square Footage <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Taos Academy 	
<p>Agenda Item 5 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RIO GRANDE ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS BOARD OF FINANCE APPLICATION</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Chair Gipson made the motion: I will move to -- that the Public Education Commission approve the application for Rio Grande Academy of Fine Arts Board of Finance.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Commissioner Burt seconds the motion</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion passed unanimously 8-0</p>
<p>Agenda Item 6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE GREAT ACADEMY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Discussion and possible action to send a letter regarding the Great Academy Foundation and the Great Academy to appropriate enforcement agencies including the Attorney General and the State Auditor regarding concerns. B. Discussion and possible action regarding sending a letter to appropriate enforcement agencies regarding possible employee violations of the Governmental Conduct Act, Standards of Professional 	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Commission Vice Chair Voigt made the motion: I move that the Chair of the Public Education Commission send a letter regarding The GREAT Academy and The GREAT Academy Foundation, with supporting data and an outline of concerns regarding the finances of these organizations, to the State Attorney General and the State Auditor and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for their review and possible action.</p> <p>Commissioner Carrillo seconds the motion..</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion Passes 8-0</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Chair Gipson makes the motion:</p>

<p>Conduct for Educators and other ethical laws regarding concerns.</p>	<p>I will also move that the Public Education Commission send a letter regarding possible ethics violations of The GREAT Academy employees, with supporting data and an outline of concerns, to the Public Education Department Office of General Counsel, and Licensure Bureau within that office, and, if appropriate, to the State Ethics Commission, for their review and possible action.</p> <p>Commissioner Robbins seconded the motion.</p> <p>Motion passes 8-0</p>
<p>Agenda Item 7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE GREAT ACADEMY CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS</p> <p>A. Existing Financial Corrective Action Plan</p> <p>B. Academic and Organizational Corrective Action Plan</p> <p>C. Possible additional Financial Corrective Action Plan</p>	<p>MOTION ON 7A</p> <p>Commissioner Voigt makes a motion: I'd like to also move that the financial Corrective Action Plan with The GREAT Academy entered into on July 23rd, 2021, be considered closed, with no further data being requested by the Public Education Commission at this time. However, the closure of this Corrective Action Plan does not affect other actions of the PEC to address its concerns regarding the finances of the school and the foundation at this or a future meeting of the PEC.</p> <p>Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion.</p> <p>Motion passes 8-0</p> <p>MOTION on 7B</p> <p>Commissioner Robbins makes the motion: I move that Item 7-B be tabled and that the Commission, a subgroup of the Commission, renegotiate the CAP with specific goals and timelines to bring back to the Commission at their October meeting. Commissioner Voigt seconded the motion.</p> <p>Commissioner Carrillo calls the question.</p> <p>VOTE ON QUESTION</p> <p>Motion Passes 9-0</p> <p>Vote on 7B on Tabling Motion Passes 5-4</p> <p>Motion on 7C proposed by Commissioner Voigt was retracted by her.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE LETTER OF CONCERN REGARDING RESPONSIVENESS OF ALBUQUERQUE INSTITUTE OF MATH AND SCIENCE (A.I.M.S.)</p>	<p>MOTION</p> <p>Chair Gipson made the motion: I move that move that the Public Education Commission move Albuquerque Institute of Math and Science back to a status of good standing.</p> <p>Commissioner Robbins seconds the motion.</p>

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<p>Agenda Item 9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON WRITTEN GUIDANCE FOR ALL CHARTERS SCHOOLS’ LOTTERY AND ENROLLMENT PROCESS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Commission Secretary Burt made the motion: I move that the lottery guidance document be adopted as guidance for State charter schools for the following additional guidance added: First, that no State charter may request address information for a student at the lottery stage unless the parent specifically requests that they be contacted by mail; and, that in order to ensure that the lottery process is separate from the enrollment process, the school must ensure that no student or family has access to enrollment forms until the student has been accepted. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion Passes 9-0</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Commission Secretary Burt made the motion: I move that the Chair provide State charters with a copy of lottery guidance and request that they review and update their lottery policies and websites in compliance with the guidance document prior to their next lottery, and confirm that compliance with the lottery guidance will be scored within the organizational performance framework. Commissioner Carrillo seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion Passes 9-0</p>
<p>Agenda Item 10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RENEWAL SITE VISIT PROTOCOL AND MOU WITH RENEWING SCHOOLS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Chair Gipson made the motion: I move that the Public Education Commission adopt the site visit protocol for renewing schools. Commission Secretary Burt seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion Passes 9-0</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Chair Gipson made the motion: So I move that the Memorandum of Understanding be adopted by the Public Education Commission as a template to propose to each State charter that's applying in October 2021 to renew its charter. I further move that the Chair transmit the Memorandum of Understanding to each of the governing boards for those schools, with a request that prior to October 15th of 2021, they consider entering into a Memorandum of Understanding substantially similar</p>

	<p>to this template, and that the Public Education Commission put adoption of the Memorandum of Understanding on the October 22nd, 2021, agenda. Commissioner Robbins seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion Passes 9-0</p>
<p>Agenda Item 11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE 2020-2021 MODIFIED ANNUAL SITE VISIT REPORTS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Chair Gipson made the motion: I'll make a motion to table Item No. 11, Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the 2020-2021 Modified Annual Site Visit Reports to our October meeting. Commission Secretary Burt seconded the motion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motion Passes 8-0</p>
<p>Agenda Item 12. REPORT FROM OPTIONS FOR PARENTS & FAMILIES DIVISION—DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Charter School Division B. Renewal Information to Schools C. Highlights and Appreciations 	<p>Recorded comments are available in full transcript.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PEC LIAISON REPORTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. LESC & LFC—Chair Gipson & 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>Recorded comments are available in full transcript.</p>

<p>Agenda Item 14. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR 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>Agenda Item 15. PEC COMMENTS</p>	<p>Recorded comments are available in full transcript.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 16. ADJOURN</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MOTION</p> <p>Commissioner Robbins moves to adjourn. Commission Secretary Burt seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously 9-0</p> <p>Meeting ends at 2:02 p.m.</p>

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