

# NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION

## Summary Minutes for PEC Work Session on Thursday, April 7, 2022

**Link to Recording of Meeting:**

**Link to PEC Meeting Materials on PEC Website:**

## CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rebekka Burt began the PEC Work Session at 10:00 a.m. for a hybrid PEC Work Session

### **Commissioners in Attendance in Person in Mabry Hall**

Commissioner Rebekka Burt, PEC Chair, District 4, Rio Rancho

Commissioner Glenna Voigt, District 3, Albuquerque

Commissioner Steven J. Carrillo, District 10, Santa Fe

### **Commissioners in Attendance on ZOOM Webinar**

Commissioner Melissa Armijo, District 1, Albuquerque

Commissioner Patricia Gipson, District 7, Las Cruces

Commissioner David Robbins, District 2, Albuquerque

Commissioner KT Manis, District 9, Hobbs

### **Commissioners not in Attendance**

Commissioner Michael Taylor, District 8, Roswell

Commissioner Georgina Davis, District 5, Aztec

Commissioner Michael Chavez, District 6, Deming

### **Also Present:**

Julia Barnes, PEC Attorney

Corina Chavez, Director of PED Charter School Division

Brigette Russell, Charter School Deputy Director

Melissa (Missy) Brown, Charter School Division

**Members of the Public on Zoom** are listed on the attached Attendance document.

## PEC Work Session Agenda

Chair Rebekka Burt called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Roll Call was taken by PEC Secretary Michelle Armijo. Six members of the PEC were in attendance.
2. **Discussion of renewal timelines and options consistent with the Court order in TGA litigation, including 2022 renewing schools.**  
Attorney Barnes provided information as to a review of the PEC and CSD timelines to the Commissioners. Director Chavez provided some information on CSD deadlines in relation to this discussion.
3. **Discussion of contract negotiations:**
  - o **technical changes to Performance Framework for use in upcoming negotiations,**
  - o **status of contract negotiations documentation**
  - o **process and timeline to address conditions for four schools**

- **Walatowa High Charter School (condition on governance and open meetings act)**
- **Pecos Cyber Academy Charter (condition on culturally and linguistically responsive curriculum)**
- **McCurdy Charter School (condition on fiscal processes)**
- **Alma d'Arte Charter School (conditions on growth in literacy and mathematics)**
- **expectations for PEC/school negotiations**

Attorney Barnes gave an overview to Commissioners of the above topics and opened the discussion for the Commissioners. The Commissioners that had a lengthy discussion on these topics that lasted into the late afternoon. Details can be found on the recording of the meeting at the link above.

#### 4. **Discussion of form of amendment for 7 schools for a one year extension**

This topic was discussed while discussing Item #3.

#### 5. **Discussion and Overview of the Implementation Year Checklist and Process**

Director Chavez and CSD Trainer Melissa (Missy) Brown discussed updates to the checklist and process.

#### 6. **Discussion of funding for salary increases**

Chair Burt introduced Matt Pahl, Executive Director of Public Charter Schools of New Mexico, to discuss this topic with the PEC.

Pahl stated that there were some issues that charter schools will face with mandatory salary increases for teachers for next school year. Some of these issues are increases in utility costs, overhead costs, SEG increases, stipends, inflation impact and salary increases.

School position on the salary increases:

- John Binnert from Exec Director for Cottonwood Classical
- Kimberly Ritterhouse, Red River Valley Charter School
- Eric Ahner for J. Paul Taylor Charter School

The Commission and these representatives discussed the mandatory salary increase and its impact on charter schools. This issue will be discussed the PEC meeting tomorrow.

#### 7. **Subcommittee Reports**

##### ○ **Virtual Schools**

Commissioners Georgina Davis, Patricia Gipson and CSD Director Chavez met with **Samantha Samoiel**, CSD Authorizing Practices Administrator, who is the lead for PED. Discussion was centered on other states' virtual school practices. They will meet monthly.

##### ○ **Performance Framework Project Team**

Commissioners Voigt, Gipson, Carrillo and Chair Burt. Committee discussed the valuation of surveys. Will meet on Friday, April 8 to continue discussion last meeting the team discussed Surveys, their value and potential high stakes. Whether to include them in the performance framework at all. Overall expense of survey creation and data collection is expensive.

##### ○ **Foundation**

Commission Vice Chair Voigt, Commissioner Mike Taylor, CSD Deputy Director Russell, CSD Melissa Sanchez Objective was formulated and topics raised. Next meeting will include panel of school perspectives.

##### ○ **Budget**

Committee has not met. No update.

**8. PED/PEC MOU**

Commission will use the discussion at this meeting to create a “draft” on this topic.

- Commissioner Robbins: Look at the PEC budget and re-evaluate how much and when money is taken from schools so not so much money is reverted back to the state at the end of the year, quarterly report of spending
- Director Chavez: Asked to have timelines so she could have good discussions with PED colleagues.
- Chair Burt: A clear description of the 28% PED portion by PED departments of the 2% funding, top of page 3 there is a formula. That formula needs to be clarified.

**9. The GREAT Academy contract negotiation and court order**

Executive Director Jasper Matthews asked the Commission to consider negotiating the contract with The GREAT Academy on April 29, 2022.

**10. Mabry Hall Updates**

Elwood Lehman gave an update on creating the requisition and purchase order for the equipment and upgrade for Mabry Hall. He is working on the requisition, but he is having software issues inputting the information. He will notify the PEC and CSD Director Chavez when the requisition is completed and the purchase order is created.

**ADJOURN**

Chair Burt adjourned the meeting at 3:59 p.m.

No votes were taken by Commissioners on items during this work session.

Submitted by Beverly Friedman, PED Liaison to the PEC  
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