



# New Mexico Public Education Department

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## Public Notice

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### Public Education Commission Schedules Community Input Hearing for One New Charter School Applicant and PEC Work Session and Meeting for July 2022

The New Mexico Public Education Commission (PEC) has scheduled

- a Community Input Hearing for one new charter school applicant on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at the NMHU campus in Rio Rancho, and
- the regular PEC work session and meeting on Thursday and Friday, July 21 and 22, 2022 at Mabry Hall in the Jerry Apodaca Education Building in Santa Fe.

The hearing and meetings will be held in a hybrid platform providing Zoom-Webinar and in-person attendance.

New Application. There is one applicant for a new charter school. Explore Academy - Rio Rancho is proposed to be located in the Rio Rancho Public School District. The application for the proposed new state charter school is located at: <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/public-education-commission/submitted-applications/>

A Public Input Hearing for Explore Academy - Rio Rancho is scheduled for 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The primary purpose of the meeting is to hear community input on the application. 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 may then have questions for the charter school applicant. The link for public participation via Zoom will be posted in the agenda document at <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/public-education-commission/2022-public-education-commission-meeting-information/>.

Members of the public may submit comments electronically regarding the charter school application via email to [Charter.Schools@state.nm.us](mailto:Charter.Schools@state.nm.us). Written comments and petitions may also be mailed to the Public Education Commission, c/o Charter School Division, 300 Don Gaspar, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501. The deadline for receipt of written comments or petitions is 11:59 p.m. on July 19, 2022.

PEC Commissioners will vote to approve, approve with conditions, or deny the new charter application at their PEC meeting on August 19, 2022, scheduled for Ruidoso, NM.

PEC Work Session and Meeting. A PEC regular work session and meeting will be held on Thursday and Friday, July 21 and 22, 2022 beginning at 9:00 a.m. each day. Both meetings will be held using a hybrid format where participants may appear in person or use the Zoom-Webinar link on the agenda. The agenda for the PEC meetings 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/2022-public-education-commission-meeting-information/>. Information on attendance for both of these meetings will be included.

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](mailto:charter.schools@state.nm.us) or 505-827-6909.