

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION

Summary Minutes for PEC Work Session on Thursday, July 21, 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 9:01 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 Patricia Gipson, District 7, Las Cruces
Commissioner David Robbins, District 2, Albuquerque

Commissioners in Attendance on ZOOM Webinar

Commissioner Melissa Armijo, District 1, Albuquerque
Commissioner Georgina Davis, District 5, Aztec
Commissioner Steven J. Carrillo, District 10, Santa Fe
Commissioner Michael Taylor, District 8, Roswell
Commissioner KT Manis, District 9, Hobbs
Commissioner Michael Chavez, District 6, Deming

Commissioners not in Attendance

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 9:01 a.m.

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call by Secretary Melissa Armijo**
- 2. Spotlight 9:00 - 10:00: Equity Councils (Mayra Valtierrez)**

Ms. Valtierrez asked Commissioners to share information they would like to have regarding Equity Councils. She launched the discussion by distributing a hand-out on Equity Councils, going over the elements of the program with the Commissioners. (See documents attached to these minutes) Ms. Valtierrez then responded to specific questions from the Commissioners.



Equity-Councils-Brief-2022.pdf



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3. **Report out from National Charter Schools Conference (PEC members and CSD Staff)**

Three Commissioners attended the NACSA conference in Washington DC in June. They shared some of their experiences.

- Vice Chair Voigt—appreciated to attend this school-based conference. Great ideas and energizing to see that quality learning was going on in their schools. Met with authorizers and see change in education.
- Secretary Armijo—Attended as a Governing Board member for her charter school Mark Armijo Academy. Learned from other school experiences. Over 300 vendors and 3,000 participants and good to see new equipment, materials, and sharing ideas.
- Chair Burt—Meet with authorizers who were shocked that NM PEC were elected officials. Discussed practices in other states. Michigan invited Chair Burt to visit their schools in the fall. Enjoyed visiting with CSD staff on an informal basis.
- Director Chavez and the CSD staff shared some of their highlights of the conference.
 - Great networking activity. Performance Framework discussions, including “context matters.” Recognition of charter schools is not a “one size fits all.” One session for charter schools to “How to tell your story.”
 - Interaction with PEC and districts who attended and that New Mexico was mentioned in the Keynote Address.
 - Sharing information other states on Governing Board trainings.
 - Early Morning Session—Home Room. Very interesting session. Attended construction and finance session to hear views on future legislation. Meet with Director Chavez and the School Works group.

Commissioners were encouraged to let CSD know if they are interested in attending the NACSA conference in October.

4. **CSD and PEC commissioners to provide input to Chair on concerns to list for new school applicant, including concerns raised during Community Input Hearing.**

Commissioners were asked to give comments to the Chair.

- Commissioner Gipson suggested additional information on a school “Foundation” and more information regarding the Explore LLC.

5. **Final review of yearly timeline of CSD/PEC work**

Deputy Director Russell showed the CSD and PEC Annual Work Cycle Calendar and opened the topic for discussion.

6. **Second review of Group 1: Amendment forms from June working session and discussion of status of existing policies pending final decision of process**

PEC Attorney Barnes discussed the changes/edits to amendments and asked the Commissioners for input. These forms will be voted on at the PEC meeting tomorrow.

7. **First review of Group 2: Implementation Year Checklist**

Deputy Director Russell let the discussion on edits to the Checklist. Today’s checklist is a new edit in the format. The document will come back to the PEC next month for final edits.

8. **Mabry Hall construction update (with Woody Lehman, PED, and Jeff Downing, Director of Operations, IT Connect)**

- a. **Equipment Installation**
Woody Lehman discussed the ordering and delivery of equipment for the technical update of Mabry Hall for PEC hybrid meetings. Certain items were delivered, but there are still complex components are on back order. Jeff Downing said his team needed to communicate more clearly with PED/PEC on the delivery, installation, and payments for the equipment. Two critical components have a ship date of February of 2023, although it may come earlier. All equipment is being held securely by IT Connect. As soon as the equipment arrives, installation will take two weeks. The equipment would be fully functional in March of 2023.
- b. PEC training on the use of the equipment will follow the installation.

9. Subcommittee Updates and Discussion

- a. **Virtual Schools**
Commissioner Gipson thanked Sam for assistance in providing information and answering questions of Commissioners on virtual schools.
- b. **Performance Framework Project Team, including facilitator selection**
Seeking facilitator for the group and narrowed this down to two people. They will bring a draft to the PEC in August hopefully.
- c. **Budget, including facilitator selection**
Commissioner Gipson said Director Chavez presented a budget based on PED projections. The group discussed funding for CSD staff, PEC travel, and PEC budget for next fiscal year. An extended discussion was held on providing the PEC information on the budget.
- d. **Foundations (currently paused)**

ADJOURN

Chair Burt adjourned the meeting at 3:06 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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