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1 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: And Commissioner 2 Brauer. 3 He's here, too. He's also present. 4 THE CHAIR: So we do have ten present. 5 I'll make sure they say "Here" when they come back. 6 Thank you. 7 All right. And if we could do the Pledge 8 of Allegiance from -- led by Secretary Armijo, and 9 the Salute to the New Mexico Flag led by myself. 10 (Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the 11 New Mexico Flag conducted.) 12 THE CHAIR: Thank you. And we do have 13 Commissioner Brauer present. 14 The next item is Approval of the Agenda. 15 And I will move to approve the agenda. 16 COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Second. 17 THE CHAIR: Thank you. There's a motion 18 and a second by Commissioner Gipson. 19 Any discussion? 20 (No response.)

folks come on, if you can limit your comments to no more than three minutes.

And you will hear a chime at the end of your time, so please wrap up your comments at that time so I don't have to interrupt you.

Thank you.

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MS. MISSY BROWN: Our first speaker will be Melissa Salazar. I am -- Melissa, please state your name and spell it for our court reporter, and then I will start the timer.

We can't hear you, Melissa. I see that you're unmuted.

FROM THE PUBLIC: Oh, I'm sorry. I had my microphone muted. Can you hear me now?

MS. MISSY BROWN: Go ahead and spell your name for the court reporter, and then I'll start the timer.

FROM THE PUBLIC: My name is Melissa Salazar. It's M-e-l-i-s-s-a S-a-l-a-z-a-r.

Thank you, Commissioners and Chair Burt, for allowing me to speak today. I am speaking on behalf of La Tierra Montessori School. Parent.

I read the documents that were posted on the website and noticed you had a site visit to our school. And what I read in the report was exactly

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1 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner 2 Carrillo. 3 COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Yes. 4

could do roll call. Secretary Armijo.

THE CHAIR: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Ingham.

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Gipson.

THE CHAIR: All right. Seeing none, if we

COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: All-righty. Chair

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Manis. 9

COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Beck.

COMMISSIONER BECK: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Taylor.

13 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Brauer.

COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: And Secretary Armijo

17 votes yes. That passes, nine to zero.

THE CHAIR: Thank you. The next item is

19 Item 3, Open Forum.

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Burt.

Missy, I know we do have folks signed up to speak. How many are there?

MS. MISSY BROWN: We have six people

signed up to speak.

THE CHAIR: Okay. So we'll go ahead and

do a three-minute time limit per speaker. So as

what parents have been noticing at La Tierra. So as a confirmation and a validation that our concerns are -- are true and that we're still experiencing, after several months, a serious lack of staffing at La Tierra and a broken structural system within the charter school governance of our school.

What I've learned: Even though I've been an educator in New Mexico for many years, I didn't know much about the governance of a charter school. But what I've realized was happening, and I think what you're seeing at La Tierra from my perspective as a parent, is the fact that La Tierra has absolutely no accountability, from its governing council within its charter and of the charter system that it has, for parents to have any say in what goes on, to remove any governing council members that we feel are doing things that are detrimental to our students and the learning of the school.

And I think that's just a big gap. We can't vote them out. We can't get onto council. The council has absolute control over the school. And I think that, as a PEC, I just encourage you as you're moving forward with your Performance Framework, that you look at charters of every charter school in New Mexico with that lens, is how

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are the governing councils accountable. And if bad agents get on your governing council and parents have no way of getting them off, I think that's a huge problem.

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So I think what you're seeing is a systemic issue. The symptoms that you saw in our site visit are really a bigger problem of a systemic issue that we're not being heard; we're not being listened to. Teachers are being retaliated against. They're afraid to teach; they're afraid to come to school. The students are left hanging in the balance of wondering what the heck is going on with all the adults at the school.

And I think that's really the saddest part of all of this is how much the students have lost their learning this year while the adults -- you said last time. The adults need to figure out all their problems. But at the problem of all that is that the students wait every day for that to happen.

We have not seen much change in our governing council. We've asked to be voted into the council, and we have not had any response to that. They promised that we would have a committee to prepare a response to the Letter of Breach. No parents were reached out to.

not able to support the school's getting in compliance. As far as many of us are concerned, we're way out of compliance, and, unfortunately, a lot of parents aren't able to tune in because we're so busy with work. I am fortunate in that I have my own construction company and I can set my own schedule a little bit.

But we followed up with former Commissioner Robbins. He had offered at the last meeting to help mediate, and that offer was rejected by the governing council, as they said he was biased. And that's in the minutes, that he was biased against the school.

And we feel that the opposite is true, that all of you Commissioners are very much in support of the school.

I was quite taken at the support for La Tierra Montessori School and the way that the Montessori aspect is important to our community. And I'm not sure why the governing council has assumed such a combative tone, even with you Commissioners. And the response, it just seems like there's no room to accept that there may be room for improvements.

And when there is anything about

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1 improvements, it's always finger pointing back to 2 the years past.

> I was president of the PTA for some time. My daughter, who's now 21, was one of the first graduating classes of the school. And I've been through working with a lot of different governing councils. And never have I experienced this type of combativeness and just name-calling and just -- it's quite interesting.

And even the way the charter is being questioned and how it was voted on, in my opinion, everything looked right, you know.

Having been through several meetings, I just don't understand why we can't get our school back on track, get our kids back on track, and support one another in this school community. So it's quite heartbreaking.

The meeting with former Commissioner Robbins was excellent. It was somewhat cathartic for many of us. And he, you know, helped us to look at the issues from all sides.

But the fact that we weren't even given the Letter of Breach in any kind of timely fashion, even though we were promised two weeks ago that it was going to come and that we would have it, it's

So all of this is still stuck in this place where kids lose learning every day. So I just ask that you continue to put pressure on your governing council at La Tierra to be accountable and hold more open forums with parents and teachers that are honest and ask for feedback and allow them to

help make decisions to move the school forward. Thank you very much for your time, and that's all I had to say. Thank you.

THE CHAIR: Thank you.

MS. MISSY BROWN: Our next speaker is a lovely man who's from Portugal, originally. I can't pronounce his last name. Mateo.

FROM THE PUBLIC: Yes, hi. Good morning, Chair Burt.

MS. MISSY BROWN: Remember to spell your name for the court reporter, Mateo.

FROM THE PUBLIC: Okay. Great. Thank you.

Mateo -- it's M-a-t-e-o -- Peixinho, P-e-i-x-i-n-h-o.

And Chairwoman Burt and Commissioners, thank you for allowing us to speak this morning.

I am following up on what Melissa said. We've been just so heartbroken that somehow we're

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just so disheartening.

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My son is going to speak after me. He stayed home. We're doing the civics lesson. I mean, they only had a half day planned because of teacher development. So I'm going to let him go ahead and follow up.

But we're here. We're very, you know, willing -- not sure of our ability, but we're willing to address any issues that we have seen from the response. So if you have any questions, I think a few of us will definitely stay on the meeting and be happy to chime in.

I know your power is limited, but there must be --

THE CHAIR: Mateo, your time is up. FROM THE PUBLIC: Okay. Thank you. THE CHAIR: So our next speaker is Mateo's son. Please remember to spell your first and last name.

FROM THE PUBLIC: My name is spelled K-a-l-e-o P-e-i-x-i-n-h-o.

I'm a student at La Tierra. And the school -- the school's adults are -- it's just not together. We have lunches outside on these picnic tables. And it just saddens me, because there's so

confused instead of trying to -- trying to take the best out of school. They're just sitting there confused, and they don't know what's happening, why they don't have -- why their teachers just have to go sometimes.

Like, there's a lot of issues. And most kids are very confused, and most parents don't have the time to deal with it.

Thank you.

THE CHAIR: Thank you.

MS. MISSY BROWN: Our next speaker is Forrest Verde Dudek. Please spell your name for the court reporter.

FROM THE PUBLIC: Good morning. Yes. My name is Forrest Verde Dudek. That's F-o-r-r-e-s-t V-e-r-d-e D-u-d-e-k.

And thank you, Commissioners and Chair Burt, for allowing me to share some of my experience.

I'm a former parent of children at La Tierra. It's been two months since my son was assaulted by a staff member at the school.

And you'll see the governing council's response in the Corrective Action Plan, which that is almost entirely false. The Sheriff's

many destroyed ones that are just kind of thrown out. And there's dogs around the school. And it's disheartening, because it's just not what the school could be. It's not functioning properly.

And I think -- and when -- I was really upset about the school's whole situation with not having enough classes and things like that. But I went on a boycott for about two weeks, and I didn't get any calls from any of the people there. They didn't -- they didn't seem to be concerned about my boycott at all, the staff.

And when I came back to school, it really felt like not much had changed at all, even after the PEC meeting. And that's been really rough to have to go to school, and it's made me not want to go to school at all, in contrast to last year, or even at the very beginning of this year, where things were a lot better, and I remember being excited to go to school.

Now that's completely different. I don't want to go to school ever, and it's very difficult, because there's also a lot of younger students than me who are going through the same thing of not wanting to go to school. And they don't know as much of what's going on, so they have to just be

investigation is still open. It's currently being looked at by the Deputy District Attorney here in Rio Arriba County.

I have been ignored continuously. I've sent e-mails to the governing council, to the head learner, phone calls to the head learner, actual visits to the school where the doors are not answered. There's nobody opening the door.

So we've been ignored as parents trying to get just policies and procedures. We've been left in the dark. I remember the -- the actual week that it happened in the beginning of November asking this head learner, like, "What's the policy and procedure for when a staff injures a student?"

And she couldn't tell me the policies and procedures, and she said she didn't know.

So I've been asking ever since then to have that please provided to me. The governing council has given me the runaround. They've silenced me in meetings.

My students -- my children -- were disenrolled without my notice by the school. But thankfully, they're now in another school, and they seem to be thriving in a way that they weren't thriving at La Tierra, and they feel like they're

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safe in a way that they are not safe at La Tierra, because that staff member who assaulted my son is still on campus during this open investigation.

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And there seems to be a lack of accountability for this head learner within the governing council and the oversight of the governing council. And to me, it feels like there's a cover-up that's taking place, because there is no response. I've been ignored and left in the dark.

There's been empty promises from this governing council president, Mr. Isaac Casados, who promised us the Letter of Breach during one of the governing council meetings.

And you can see the minutes of that promise. It was never provided to us. We had to go through other means to get it.

I actually applied to be on the governing council in the beginning of November, and I still have not been voted on in that position.

It came to my attention that the rules are being changed without any official procedure for members to be joining the governing council.

And I'm just -- I want to say -- I know I heard that chime.

But my daughter, who's ten years old, was

school because we believe in La Tierra, and we believe that this is an education that they should be receiving if it were a proper Montessori.

However, due to numerous things, even -especially with special ed, we have one student that
has been supposed to receive four hours of
out-of-class time a week, and we're just finding out
that these services have only been implemented
within the past month.

I'm worried that if the school uses the makeup time, the (incomprehensible) time, he'll miss out on the socialization provided that he desperately needs.

I'm very concerned about the school and the lack of outreach from the governing council to address the parents' needs.

And I don't know what else to say. But our children in the school are hurting. The school is hurting, and the community of the school is still hurting. And finding that we have no recourse with the governing council, there's no way to ensure recall of the governing council. And it's self-sustaining that our voices will continue to be unheard by the governing council and the school, and the students' education will continue to suffer.

going to play Dorothy in the school play. And she was really looking forward to that and putting a lot of time and energy into that play.

And now she had to move schools. The play's been canceled. The school is in shambles. And this president of the governing council is obstructing positive change within the school.

Thank you for your time, and I really hope that this school doesn't close. But it's looking like the governing council does not care about the students or the teachers at that school. So thank you for your time.

THE CHAIR: Thank you.

MS. MISSY BROWN: Our next speaker is Benjamin Pearce.

FROM THE PUBLIC: Yes. My name is Benjamin Pearce. B-e-n-j-a-m-i-n P-e-a-r-c-e.

And I'm a parent at La Tierra, and I am very disheartened in the last couple of months at the school since the last PEC meeting.

The governing council has changed its -- I guess working on changing the bylaws for the governing council without proper acknowledgment. They refuse to follow their own bylaws at times.

Right now my children's -- we are still in

Thank you very much for your time, honorable Commissioners, and that's pretty much all I have to say.

THE CHAIR: Thank you.

MS. MISSY BROWN: Our final speaker is Prairie Boulmier.

FROM THE PUBLIC: Hi. Can you hear me? MS. MISSY BROWN: Yes, we can hear you. FROM THE PUBLIC: Thank you. Yeah. My name is Prairie Boulmier. P-r-a-i-r-i-e B-o-u-l-m-i-e-r.

And thank you for giving me some time to speak. Set my timer.

Yeah. I want to just echo a few points that some other folks brought up. I think it's really important, you know, that -- what Melissa was pointing out about the inability, really, of community members and parents to really be able to affect the governing council of the school.

And I also know that there are some -that that's being looked at by the PEC. And maybe
there's some, you know, legislation that could be
crafted in the future to really help communities in
this kind of situation. So I wanted to agree with
that.

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And then just say, you know, at the last meeting, what I heard was the PEC, you know, asking the adults of the school to come together, you know, to put down their weapons, stop blaming, and just sit at the table and work things out and make a plan and be specific.

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And the group, you know, friends and parents of La Tierra has taken a lot of steps, including writing our own alternative response to the PEC breach, which, you know, we had to piece together using audio recordings and screen-shots.

And we, as a team, have really put a lot of effort into that, while also understanding that we would not have a chance to put forth our specific proposals and solutions.

And what I want to talk about is the governing council response in the Corrective Action Plan to their Montessori -- to the breach in the Montessori section of the letter.

Now, one of the things they say is that nothing has changed in the Montessori environment.

Well, what has changed is that they don't have an administrator who is familiar with Montessori. What has changed is it's not a safe learning environment. What has changed is there's 1 and the Consent Agenda. And I will move to approve 2 the Consent Agenda.

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Second.

4 THE CHAIR: Thank you. There's a motion 5 and a second by Commissioner Gipson. If we could 6 call roll.

7 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner 8 Carrillo.

9 COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Just want to thank 10 all the people that spoke, too.

Yes.

COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Ingham.

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner

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16 COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes. 17 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Gipson.

18 COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Manis.

20 COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Beck.

22 COMMISSIONER BECK: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Taylor.

24 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Brauer.

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not support going forward from people with

knowledge. And, you know, Montessori admin- -- there is a Montessori administrative course coming up in -- starting in March. It's online. It's \$750. And the head learner should be signed up for that.

There are also multiple other online courses and short courses and seminars that the school should be signing up and paying for right now, today, rather than relying on the former head learner as the sole source of Montessori without a contract or any time to provide professional development.

So, you know -- and I know my time is up. But I just quickly want to say, the governing council has said that they don't want to send teachers for full Montessori training that have not been there for three years. So it's not looking to me like they have any plan today with any specifics going forward on how to support Montessori in the charter.

And I know I'm over time. Thank you for allowing me to speak.

> THE CHAIR: Thank you. Thank you, Missy. All right. The next item is Item No. 4

1 COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Secretary Armijo

3 votes yes.

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And Chair Burt.

THE CHAIR: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: That passes, ten to

8 THE CHAIR: Thank you. That'll lead us to 9 Item 6, which is Introduction of New Head

Administrators.

Director Chavez.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Thank you, Chair Burt. Missy is going to promote the new head administrator of Aldo Leopold Charter School in Silver City, Dr. Smith.

16 DR. ANTHONY SMITH: Yeah. Can everyone --17 THE CHAIR: Hello. Yeah, we can hear you.

18 DR. ANTHONY SMITH: Can people hear me 19

now?

20 DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Yes, we can. And 21 we see that your camera maybe is being turned on 22

23 DR. ANTHONY SMITH: Yes, I -- it's 24 supposed to be. Yes, thank you. Yeah. 25 So I'm the interim director for

Aldo Leopold Public Charter School and super excited to be here after a 39-year career in Washington State ending with ten years as assistant superintendent and nine years as superintendent for the Riverview School District.

And I let people know that I'd be interested in out-of-state interim opportunities back in June, "But please don't call me till December." I took some time off after 39 years.

And then I am so happy to be here. Excellent school. The culture here is fantastic. And what we're working on right now is really in the areas of sustainability, capacities, systems, written procedures that are accountable, and then -- and, of course, probably most importantly, funding issues.

But it's all under the umbrella of sustainability.

And then HYA, which is a search firm, and John Bash, will be leading the search for the permanent and ongoing director. And, actually, HYA did the search process for Riverview, ending a national search process when I was leaving Riverview. And so I'm -- I have a fantastic replacement there because of that process, because

Dr. Smith. And if you could just share with the Commissioners where you're going right after this, and that we are visiting your school. You have the date on the calendar already. Thank you for coming to the PEC meeting. I know that you reorganized your schedule to be here.

DR. ANTHONY SMITH: Yeah. And I'm sorry my video isn't showing. I have it set to be on, but it's for some reason not showing.

Yeah. Right after this, I'm going to the recycling center where our middle school students are actually split into two groups. One group is out doing a hike. And I'm going to go join the group at the recycling center, which, again, the topic of sustainability in everything we're doing here.

So I'm going to be with kids today and our teachers. And I'm a hands-on administrator. And maybe -- and I'm looking forward to the site visit. I think that is scheduled tentatively -- and I need to confirm it -- for the 8th. I'm just looking at my whiteboard.

And, yeah, just super excited to be here and looking forward to the site visit and find out, you know -- getting a report on what we're doing

we hired someone out of state to be the next great superintendent in Riverview.

And so it's nice that I can be on both ends. I can be feeding in information for the search process, and then, at the same time, be improving things here.

And a lot of the things here are really going great. So it's just a joy to have a fabulous culture that's accomplishing things, and now on the sustainability area, and, like I said, including fiscal, that that's what I'm working really hard on through legislature, the college president here at Western New Mexico University -- excuse me -- Western New Mexico, if I didn't say New Mexico.

And just excited to be here. I'm just starting my -- really, my third week. But a lot has happened already. And thank you for -- the associations and public education system here have been very responsive with my calls as I'm putting in consistent processes that can be accountable for the future here. And I appreciate your role within that.

And if you have any questions for me, I can certainly answer them.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Thank you,

well and where we need to improve.

And I'm doing the same kind of work -- I am about three quarters through my staff and the governing council on one-on-ones, and they're giving me great information. And I'm also -- I'm a big believer in student voice, so next is students and families. Thank you.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Thank you so much for joining us, and enjoy the rest of your day.

THE CHAIR: Don't go yet. We have questions from Commissioners.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Oh. DR. ANTHONY SMITH: Thank you. THE CHAIR: All right, Dr. Smith.

Commissioner Carrillo.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Dr. Smith, I just want to welcome you to your role. I think it's super exciting. So while you were talking, I brought up your website, because I don't know much about your school. I'm here in the north, and, you know, I'll know more about what is -- at the renewal time and things like that.

But the picture on the -- if you guys were to bring up Aldo Leopold school, they're all backpacking. And it's just -- and then the phrase,

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2	And the fact that people are going hiking	2	on Wednesday, I had the new Commissioners. I gave
3	right now and just you know, getting out of the	3	you Mrs. Barnes' number. Hopefully, you really did
4	normal environment and learning from everything	4	save that in your phone, because you're going to
5	around you, which is the normal environment.	5	need it. If you don't have her number saved, just
6	So just thank you very much for your	6	in case, it's at the top of the draft motions. You
7	dedication to your kids and the kids in our state.	7	can see Ms. Barnes' number there.
8	Appreciate it very much. Enjoy your time.	8	So after discussion, we'll take a vote,
9	DR. ANTHONY SMITH: Oh, thank you so much.	9	and you will text your vote to Ms. Barnes.
10	I'm all in and really having a great time.	10	Oh. And put your name, too, just in case
11	THE CHAIR: And we can see you now, too,	11	she doesn't have your number saved in her phone yet.
12	Dr. Smith.	12	So your name, and then the name of the Commissioner
13	DR. ANTHONY SMITH: Yeah, it's my fault.	13	that you are voting for for that position.
14	I just got a new computer, an HP. And the camera	14	All right. Sound good?
15	actually pulls up. It's not just automatic. So	15	Okay. All right. So starting with the
16	there you go.	16	chairperson. We will first open for nominations.
17	THE CHAIR: Awesome. All right.	17	And I'm going to start by I'm going to
18	Next is Commissioner Ingham.	18	nominate Commissioner Brauer for chair. And you
19	COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Hello, Dr. Smith.	19	have to accept or reject the nomination.
20	I'm starting. I'm a new Commissioner. I'm going to	20	COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Madam Chair or
21	be your Commissioner. I just got elected in	21	Madam Chair Burt sorry I accept the
22	District 6. So I'm very much looking forward to	22	nomination.
23	come down and visit your school as soon as possible.	23	THE CHAIR: Thank you.
24	So we'll connect with you at that point. Just very	24	Commissioner Manis.
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THE CHAIR: Thank you. Any discussion? All right. I'll just say I'm happy to --

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COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Okay. I'm looking forward to your running tight meetings. And, yeah, it's just -- you know, it's -- everything's gotten just really running like a really well-oiled machine, and -- and I'm looking forward to your continuing that. And with your experience, I can see that that would be almost effortless for you. So thank you.

THE CHAIR: Thank you. And I'll say I'm very supportive of Commissioner Brauer becoming chair. As I've said from the beginning, I think

1 But I appreciate every aspect of Alan's 2 thought processes when he's making a decision. So I 3 have full faith and confidence in where he can take 4 this Commission.

THE CHAIR: Commissioner Beck?

COMMISSIONER BECK: Yeah. I thought this would be an apt time to say, in the last two days, I have been, as a newbie, incredibly amazed and impressed at the amount of work that's been done over the past two years, not only the Performance Framework that you guys have done with Attorney Barnes, which has been incredible, but the rules and responsibilities, the IT in, actually, Mabry Hall that we discussed yesterday, while doing all the work that you do in terms of all the charter schools.

It's -- I can't believe -- you know, especially when Commissioner Gipson said when she started, you hardly had any work sessions, I just was amazed over the last two days.

And, Commissioner Burt -- or Chairperson Burt -- obviously, you've done an awesome job at what you've done. And I know that we'll be in really good hands going forward. And I definitely think he's going to be great. So I just wanted to

it's important that there's people who want to step into leadership roles. I'm happy to support Commissioner Brauer in this.

I know there's some loose ends to help tie up, and I'll help to support in that in any way. But I have full confidence Commissioner Brauer is going to do a great job as chair this year.

> COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Can I just --THE CHAIR: Yeah. Commissioner Gipson.

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Alan and I go back too many years, I think, you know, from his applications and working with NACA, and now through sitting in Corina's chair for a while. And I can't think of anyone else that could best fill these shoes.

And we're in a good place with the Commission; we really are. And Alan has gone through the ugly with the -- with the Commission on both sides. And I know he can have those tough conversations, which is really important, too, you know. You're supportive, but you have to be able to stand the line as well. And I know Alan can do that very well; although, sometimes he does channel his elementary school background. Sometimes. And it's like, oh, no, don't be so nice.

put that out there.

THE CHAIR: All right. Seeing no other, it's time to vote. So make sure if you didn't already, just go ahead and send your text message right now.

(Votes received and recorded.)

MS. JULIA BARNES: Commissioner Burt, by a vote of ten to zero, Commissioner Brauer is your new chair.

THE CHAIR: Thank you.

(Applause.)

THE CHAIR: All right. The next will be nominations for vice chair.

Commissioner Carrillo.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: I would like to nominate you, Rebekka Burt, as vice chair. I think you've done an excellent job as chair in the last year. I know it's incredibly time-consuming. And so I'm, Commissioner Brauer, happy that you're taking on that role, and just really would like to see you continue on EC because you're really effective.

THE CHAIR: I accept.

24 Any other nominations for vice chair?

(No response.)

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1 THE CHAIR: Any other nominations for 2 secretary? 3 Commissioner Carrillo? 4

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: This is where I can make a comment also?

THE CHAIR: No, not yet. Nominations.

Okay. Seeing no other nominations, I'll ask Secretary Armijo first to allow you an opportunity to comment, and then we'll go to discussion.

COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Well, thank you so much. As -- serving on the EC has been a really incredible learning experience for me as well. Learning from legends like Glenna Voigt was -- is incredible, so I really appreciate that opportunity. And then, you know, sharing that space with Chair Burt and other people who have been in that position, and just learning from everybody on the Commission.

So, you know, the secretary role fits me very well, I think, and I'm happy to continue in it. So I appreciate the nomination, Commissioner Manis. THE CHAIR: Now, discussion? Commissioner Carrillo?

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Very happy that

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position in the Commission right now. I feel really good about the work moving forward.

THE CHAIR: All right. Seeing none, I'm

COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Okay. Got you.

So right now, we need to go ahead and text

THE CHAIR: Okay. Thanks. I'll say thank

what Commissioner Gipson has done now throughout the

you to Commissioner Carrillo for those kind words.

And I have been so grateful to have been the chair

the last year. I know the teeniest tiniest bit of

years and so grateful -- when I think about the

amount of work she did every time she was chair,

So I did a lot of learning this year. It

Commissioner Gipson said, I think we're in a great

was a lot of work. I think we've done a -- like

going to ask Chair-Elect Brauer if you can just go

over -- I'll need you to go through this process

Julia, right, your -- you know, your vote for or

Sorry. I guess I've got all the nerves

right now, I guess. Madam Chair, take your

opportunity to share a little bit about your

since now I'm in it. So if you can lead this

I think there are some things that we have left to do, and so I'm happy to continue serving on EC supporting the chair and helping to wrap up those things.

And I am only mildly regretting having had the vice chair lead contract negotiations now, but -- no, I'm happy to do that. It was my idea. So I won't -- I'll take that on happily.

But, no, I'm very happy to, happy to support, really work with, Chair-Elect Brauer. Very happy to.

COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Thank you, Madam Chair. Now you can go ahead, and if you haven't already, send your votes over to Julia.

(Votes received and recorded.)

MS. JULIA BARNES: Madam Chair, by a vote of ten to zero, you are vice chair.

THE CHAIR: The next one will be nominations for secretary. Commissioner Manis.

COMMISSIONER MANIS: I would like to nominate Secretary Armijo for the position of secretary.

COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: I accept, thank you.

you've accepted the nomination. Well, I just think the continuity is just super important. And to have

3 you and Chair Burt continue on the EC, and then also 4 with the experience that Chair-Elect Brauer brings

to the table, I would agree with Pattie that the

5 6 Commission is in a great -- great spot. So thank

you for your willingness to continue in that role.

THE CHAIR: Any other -- Commissioner Brauer?

COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Madam Chair. Commissioners, Commissioner Armijo, I know we've worked a little bit together. But I always just really appreciate your kind energy that you bring into the space and your diligence of the work that you've seen -- I've seen that in all the different interactions I've had. And I've heard such great things through the Commissioners and the CSD team, and so I'm really excited to work with you as a Commissioner, for sure.

THE CHAIR: All right. Yeah. And I'll just say Secretary Armijo has been excellent, always very thoughtful and very involved. And I've been very -- very grateful to have served with her on EC for this last year, and I'm very excited to continue.

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Thank you, Chair Burt.

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1	All right. Time for the vote.	1	THE CHAIR: Yes.
2	(Votes received and recorded.)	2	COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner
3	MS. JULIA BARNES: Commissioner Armijo,	3	Carrillo.
4	you are the continuing secretary on a vote of ten to	4	COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Yes.
5	zero.	5	COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Ingham.
6	(Applause.)	6	COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes.
7	THE CHAIR: All right. And that is it for	7	COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner
8	Item No. 7, and we are on to Item No. 8, the Action	8	Clahchischilliage.
9	on the Annual Open Meeting Act Resolution.	9	COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes.
10	Ms. Barnes.	10	COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Gipson.
11	MS. JULIA BARNES: Thank you. This is	11	COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Yes.
12	Document 8 in your in your materials. This is a	12	COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Manis.
13	required resolution that you need to do every year.	13	COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes.
14	I would like to just call your attention	14	COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Beck.
15	down to paragraph 9. This is a section that we were	15	COMMISSIONER BECK: yes.
16	talking about yesterday regarding the hybrid	16	COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Taylor.
17	meetings.	17	COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.
18	So I have added that intent to hold hybrid	18	COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: And Commissioner
19	meetings. And I've put "consistent with the Open	19	Brauer. Chair-Elect Brauer.
20	Meetings Act and public health guidance."	20	COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes.
21	Do we think that language is going to work	21	COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: That passes, ten to
22	for both?	22	zero.
23	So it just - actually, just tells what you	23	THE CHAIR: I realize sometimes I just
24	have to do in order to participate virtually. And	24	move on to things without wrapping up. I just go
25	we'll see if that public health guidance is removed.	25	straight back into business.
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1	But then the Open Meetings Act will follow that. I	1	I just want to make sure that everyone
2	think we can find ways to continue to do what we've	2	understands, like, I'll continue chairing this
3	been doing.	3	meeting, and so his duties will start the second
4	And the Open Meetings Act is your	4	I we adjourn, Commissioner Brauer will become
5	participation, so we can always do hybrid for the	5	Chair Brauer.
6	public, so without any problem.	6	All right. That will bring us to Item
7	So unless there are other questions on	7	No. 9, which is the Update, Review, Discussion and
8	this, it's a standard document each year, but it is	8	Possible Action on The GREAT Academy as the Result
9	a little but that is a change from last year.	9	of the Special Audit.
10	THE CHAIR: All right. Any questions on	10	Ms. Barnes? Or should I go to Director
11	this item, Commissioners?	11	Chavez?
12	(No response.)	12	MS. JULIA BARNES: I know Director Chavez
13	THE CHAIR: Okay. So I move that the	13	has uploaded the audit. I'm going to go over the
14	Public Education Commission adopt the Open Meeting	14	history, basically, with the school. But I'm happy
15	Resolution set forth as Item 8 in the meeting	15	to have you go first.
16	materials for 2023.	16	DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Thank you. Thank
17	COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Second.	17	you, Chair Burt, Julia.
18	THE CHAIR: Thank you. There's a motion	18	What I'll do is just orient the
19	and a second. Any other discussion?	19	Commissioners to the documents that they have on the
20	(No response.)	20	website, because there are three.
21	THE CHAIR: All right. Seeing none,	21	The first is a very short overview that
22	Secretary Armijo, if you could call roll.	22	Julia will speak to.
23	COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Armijo	23	The second is which is 9.b., is the
24	votes yes.	24	summary that was pulled together from CSD staff.
25	Chair Burt.	25	It's not short because there is a lot of details.

But we basically boiled down to seven and a half pages what came out of the special audit. And you have the actual special audit itself, which is closer to 51 pages. So I hope that that helps.

This has been an ongoing look at -- at the concerns, mostly, that involve The GREAT Academy's foundation. And so with that, I will turn it back over to -- to Attorney Julia Barnes.

THE CHAIR: Thank you. Ms. Barnes.

MS. JULIA BARNES: Thank you. And thanks for all that work on the -- on kind of summarizing the audit.

I'm going to start with my suggestion as to what action might be appropriate, and then I'm going to start with a little bit of the history of the school. And I will note that the -- one of the school members is here, as is their attorney, Sue Fox. So they're here.

So what -- in October of 2021, this Commission sent out a request to four entities to look at the issues you had -- and the concerns that you had.

You -- the -- you now have a response from one of them, which is from the auditor. So you have three outstanding letters. And my -- my

where we just collect -- collect the documents related to a school that are relevant to actions that you've taken. And there is one on The GREAT Academy. So -- and at this point, really, it's many, many documents, and they're in individual folders for the various individual actions that happened.

So, essentially -- and in that folder is kind of a history, and that is the link that you have

So first, The GREAT Academy is a State charter, a school. It's in Albuquerque. In 2020, December of 2020, at a renewal hearing, the PEC voted to non-renew the charter renewal application on a variety of grounds. But as Director Chavez mentioned, a lot of the focus now is on fiscal irregularities, primarily related to funds paid to the foundation.

The Secretary, as we talked yesterday many times, when there's a high-stakes decision taken, it's appealed. This one was appealed as well. The Secretary upheld the appeal, and then that was appealed to District Court. All of that is allowed under the Charter School Act.

February 15th of 2022, the court issued an

understanding is that some of them may have been waiting for this special audit.

So my thought is is that you could -- you can direct the Chair to send out the letters again with the special audit and ask for a response, and that that might provide you with more information.

There are various entities that handle various aspects:

So the Attorney General, for example, handles nonprofits.

The PED, particularly the Licensing Bureau, handles licensing issues and issues with people that work in education.

And there are some -- there are some rules that are relevant here, I think, as well.

And then the FBI has been involved in other schools, and so the letter was sent to them in the event that there was something that they wanted to look at.

So you have not heard back from those three.

So let me start a little bit at the beginning; although I just want to kind of update briefly the new members.

There is, in the Google Drive, a folder

order overruling the Secretary's order. So that's what typically happens; that's the process. You

take action. Then the Secretary upholds or denies.
That then becomes the Secretary's action.

So you get a little bit removed from it. You are not one of the parties to District Court; the Secretary is.

The Secretary -- the court and the Secretary allowed there to be conditions placed in the charter contract. And so we did a new contract with the school. We negotiated with the school with conditions. And several of the conditions addressed issues of concern by this body.

In addition, charter school contracts are for five years. Terms are typically for five years. Actually, there was a request that this one be shorter, and that was not -- the Secretary didn't allow that to happen. But this body asked for that.

So it's a five-year term.

Typically, you don't go back to a previous term. What's past is past, you either renew or not based on that. But in this case, the parties preserved the issues of concern, primarily because those four letters were outstanding.

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But you only have one of four. So my thinking is maybe see if someone else will respond to you.

So the school is open. The school has students now. The -- the Secretary -- I mean, the court's order was not appealed by the Secretary. So -- so The GREAT Academy is one of your schools that you're monitoring right now.

The auditor found a couple of things. And -- but -- and so for the new members, the foundation was set up for the building at the school and for other things.

The concern of the PEC is that there were these prepayments of rent, like -- you know. And it ended up being a million dollars. All of that, in the PEC's view, removed the public sector oversight of those funds and turned it into funds that were no longer within the purview of the public sector, and that we -- that your letters had concerns about that.

And the Auditor has a first page of kind of their initial findings. But also the State Auditor also found that there is insufficient law about what happened in the past. But those feel like the key things to me where we are right now.

If you request that others look at the letter that you sent, I would suggest you attach the entire documentation from not only the special audit, but also the -- there's -- there was a press release and some other things from the Auditor that further explains what the Auditor was thinking. So all of the information that came out in that packet, I would suggest you send forward.

The last thing I will say is there -- the letters that you sent out had a lot of information, in fact, a whole Google Drive, and that they would have reference to that as well.

THE CHAIR: All right.

So questions? Discussion, Commissioners? Commissioner Taylor.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: So you indicated that -- I mean, essentially, to date, there's nothing that is outstanding as far as The GREAT Academy hasn't done anything that is against the law at this point, according to reports and so forth, the audit report. They didn't do anything incorrectly, according to the -- the audit. Am I

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regarding foundations to protect against this.

So the other opportunity to look at this school, in addition to those letters that are outstanding, is through the annual report process. And the PEC had asked CSD not to finalize annual reports until all of the information has been released.

So you had a presentation yesterday about the academic information. Schools have preliminary information, but it hasn't been finalized. So CSD is waiting on that.

However, CSD, when they finalize the annual report for the school, will bring that forward to you, and that is an opportunity to look at what is happening at the school now and potentially to see what you wanted to -- what action you might -- or information or action that you might want to take regarding the school on these past

So in -- as soon as CSD can, you will have an opportunity, and the school will come forward to talk about what's happening now.

There's a lot that's happened with this school. And we could -- I think Director Chavez and Dr. Russell and I and others could talk a lot more

MS. JULIA BARNES: I'm going to say a lawyer sentence here, which is the Auditor's report stands for itself. So you're kind of asking me to interpret that.

And I -- the -- and I think one thing to look at right now is -- is the -- at the very first of the audit -- is their overview.

Our letter -- I'll just say it this way: Our letters that went out indicated a lot of laws we thought were violated. So I'm going to tell you I thought laws were violated. And that's actually information that's gone out a long time ago, so there's really nothing surprising about that sentence.

I -- so, certainly, the audit found a lot of irregularities and supported that.

They also went to the Legislature and said there wasn't a lot of laws.

I still stand by the legal parts of that letter that you sent out, that I think that there were laws that were violated.

I want to reiterate, however, that in the contracting process allowed by the court and the Secretary, many things right now have been -- my word -- cleaned up. A lot of the things that you

were very concerned about are not happening anymore.

For example, there is documentation that they will not do prepayments of rent anymore. So to the extent that that was something that you all have indicated there was a lot of alarm about -- and I support you strongly in that -- that is not happening today.

So the last thing to say is that the State Auditor looked at what the State Auditor looks at.

The Attorney General -- there are laws that the Attorney General can look at.

There are certainly laws and rules that the PED can look at.

And the FBI has federal things that they can look at.

I would like them to tell you. So I think it's incomplete. I think that -- and I think that the Auditor found that there's insufficient laws out there. And then I think that they found things that were, at minimum, highly irregular.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: So, yeah. I wanted to acknowledge that there were certainly things that were highly irregular. But according to just the audit that we received, there was nothing that was really necessarily actionable at this point,

THE CHAIR: Commissioner Gipson.

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: And I agree. I think at this point in time, we've got new individuals in office. So we don't -- you know, we can always hope that a response one way or the other will come. So I think resubmitting those Letters of Concern are worth it, you know. I think there is value in that.

I agree at this point in time that many of the concerns that existed in terms of the foundation appear not to exist any longer. But I think if we had information and action taken by one of those other entities, that would either take care of the issue through action that they took or would give us additional information, so that we -- if we felt necessary, we could stand by additional action.

THE CHAIR: Any other questions or discussions?

And I do also want to say Dr. Russell has studied this at length. So if there's any, like, details that you have questions about, Dr. Russell can help with that as well.

Commissioner Carrillo.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Thank you, Chair Burt.

according to them.

I do think that we need to continue to receive reports from the -- from the other entities that we sent letters to. And I think that's really, really important for us to get that information back.

MS. JULIA BARNES: So, Commissioner, I'm just going to -- because I think your question is going to be one of many, 1.c. is the audit itself. And the page that I was referencing is the summarized results on Page 5. And I would agree with you that I'm not sure they found actual violations, but they found many irregularities.

 $\label{eq:commissioner} COMMISSIONER\ TAYLOR:\ Right.\ And\ I\ read$ that.

MS. JULIA BARNES: Thank you. I'm sure you did.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I'm aware of that. But I just -- The GREAT Academy, in my mind, has been this ongoing issue that we've -- that we've been troubled with, you know? And I would like us to -- to be able to be in a position to either say, like you said, "Let's -- we move on," or "Let's -- let's put us in a position where we -- where we can really be constructive and take action if we can."

So it sounds like -- it sounds like there's not enough to revoke your charter today. Which is actually something that I would want to do. I do not have the confidence in this school, the people running the school, or the foundation in terms of their ability to do so.

Over these last two years, my impression is that the school and different people involved in the school are enriching themselves at taxpayer expense. The students are the ones that are getting ripped off in this, and that can also be seen in terms of the performance of the school.

The -- this is -- this is so frustrating, because I just feel like everyone's -- it's a gray -- bless you -- and people are just kind of soft-stepping around this whole thing.

And nobody wants to revoke a school, ever, or a charter, ever. And it's the absolute positive last thing that we want to do.

But I think over these last -- certainly the two years that I've been on the Commission -and also I remember the renewal process in December before I came on the Commission, because I listened very intently, as well as I listened very intently to the court's decision, which came, like, months

and months and months it took them to act.

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And, basically, I believe that the school got off on a technicality. And -- and it's just -- it's -- I don't know. Is it DeSean Jackson, the football player, who was hired by Cleveland and did all these things?

You keep -- it boggles the mind that the behavior of the school and its administrators can be such that it almost seems like never held to account; right?

We're worried about whether laws have been broken. Where do ethics come into this; right?

You look at the -- just the list of bullet points from the audit about -- I mean, all these things, whether it's only \$300 because you included all the alcohol, or whether or not you included different family members on travel, or different things that happened, or -- you know, it -- it -- you know, yeah, a law hasn't been broken, maybe.

But -- and now -- but, ethically, this school should not be allowed to exist, I believe. And it is the poster child for the way not to do things. And it's a poster child for us as whether or not we're a body that can hold anybody

THE CHAIR: All right. I'll just say I'm going to support resending -- like, renewing those letters and getting more information so we could keep moving down and get done what we need to get done on this.

Commissioner Manis?

COMMISSIONER MANIS: This is more of a rhetorical question, not a specific one. But how long are we going to kick the can down the road with this school?

THE CHAIR: Commissioner Carrillo.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: I'm only, again, saying this because you used that phrase, "getting more information."

To people that are from Northern

New Mexico and the County of Santa Fe, there was someone who used to be on the -- the Planning

Commission. And instead of taking a stand, this person always said, "You know something? I just think I need more information."

And that was always -- and sometimes there were others that said, "Oh, yeah, we need more information."

And then all of a sudden, you know, something that was so clear to everybody was now put

accountable, ever, you know, because eventually everyone just wants to sue us.

Pockets are deep. They think they can win. Then the appeal process is really long. Then another year goes by where I believe an ineffective school continues to operate.

It's not just The GREAT Academy; there are others within the 57 charter schools that we have. And it's, like, when will anybody ever be held to account?

That's my real challenge here. And now we're thinking, like, oh, we've got to wait for these other two or three letters and see what they think.

No, we don't, you know. And I would -- you know -- there's a phrase that I always use that I can't use here. But I would bet that if we did, say, take actions today to revoke, you know, at the next meeting or however we would do it, man, you just know that we're going to be served with a -- whatever notice from District Court. I mean, it's like a certainty.

And it's really unfortunate that a body such as ours is, I believe, becoming impotent. There you have it, for now.

off for another 30 to 60 days.

When are we going to have enough information? To me, you look at the Auditor's report and the bullet points, and, I mean, I would use -- I would use the phrase "systemic fraud against taxpayers" and against, also, the parents in the way this school has operated over these years.

But we'll get more information. That's cool.

THE CHAIR: I'll just say the reason I say this is because we're not the holders of being able to take that legal action. So I would like the people who are responsible for that to do that.

I don't have -- I don't -- I cannot do that. We cannot do that action. So, like -- you know, I think there's -- we've had this conversation. There are processes and there's differentiation of responsibilities and roles. And while it can be frustrating that we can't supersede our authority and do what we want to do, how we want to do it, I'm a firm believer in following the process.

So that's what I mean is I want the people who can take action to take action. So that's what I mean by, "We need more information from those

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Commissioner Taylor. Then Commissioner Manis.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: And, yeah, I think that was -- I think that was my point as well. I mean, I think -- I feel strongly that there's some egregious things that have occurred in this school, and I'm -- I'm really concerned about them.

But I also feel like if we take -- if we make a decision, I sure want to be able to back it up, and I sure want to be able to stand on something that's going to hold, rather than, again, putting us into a situation where, you know, there's more -there's more stuff going on that delays the process.

So I -- I feel like we get the information that we can from the other entities, like I said earlier, and, hopefully, that will give us the positions and the stand to make a firm decision that we can stand on. So ...

THE CHAIR: Commissioner Manis.

COMMISSIONER MANIS: My question is maybe directed to Julia. But it's related to where can we find the current contract between the PEC and The GREAT Academy on --

(Off-mic response from unidentified

THE CHAIR: Yeah. I mean, I know Commissioner Gipson has had this experience many of her years on the Commission of trying to get someone else to do something so that the Commission can then do something.

But the answer is no, we cannot force anything. However, this is something that is being looked at more publicly now, and by the Legislature as well. So I think there could be some impetus to maybe have those folks take a look at it more.

But, I mean, no, it could -- this is something we could send out, and two years down the road, they still haven't responded. Three years -they never respond. I think Commissioner Gipson said sometimes they've never responded.

So -- but we are still -- there's other mechanisms moving forward when we get to -- we're going to do everything we can in the interim, under the umbrella of what we can do, in order to continue the action without having to solely wait on other people to do their things.

Commissioner Manis and Commissioner Gipson.

COMMISSIONER MANIS: Commissioner Gipson has her hand up.

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speaker.)

COMMISSIONER MANIS: Okay. I didn't know if it was in the GREAT Academy folder in the Google Drive. So that's what I was --

THE CHAIR: Yeah. You probably can find it in the Google Drive. But I know all of them are posted on the PEC website, every contract for every school.

COMMISSIONER MANIS: Got you. I was curious the easy way to find it.

THE CHAIR: Easy access. So, publicly, PEC website. But you should have one inside your Google Drive as well.

Commissioner Ingham.

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yeah. I'm ignorant to this process. But is there any -- so we have two other entities that we're expecting a response from. And do they have any impetus for responding? Or is there any effort that we can use to get them to respond in a timely manner?

Because it just seems like with other governmental agencies, unless they have a motivation, they don't respond, and they certainly have a negative motivation to kick the can down the road, as we say.

THE CHAIR: Yeah. Commissioner Gipson.

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: I'm going to say we haven't gotten a response from the letter that's, what, two years old at this point in time. So there is -- and that's not without phone calls saying, you know, "We sent this," you know. And there is no -you know, there is -- there is no requirement that we get a response, you know, plain and simple.

So it's -- it's very frustrating. And I understand the notion of, you know, how long are we going to wait? But at this moment in time, for us to take any additional action, we don't have any teeth to -- to stand by it. We don't. It is incredibly frustrating at this point in time.

But I do believe in the Auditor's report they've slightly disagreed with our assessment that public monies are still public monies when it goes to the foundation. And they disagreed with that. So that was disappointing. That was the only piece where, if they had said yes, we had teeth.

They took our teeth out of being able to do anything, because I do agree there was egregious actions using public monies at this point in time.

But it's on the foundation. And right now, statutorily, we do not have any -- we don't

have any powers over foundations. And that's -and, you know, maybe that will change with the Legislative Session. I don't know.

THE CHAIR: Commissioner Manis.

COMMISSIONER MANIS: This question is directed to Julia about -- and I guess it relates to Commissioner Gipson's point that we don't have any teeth. There's nothing in the Auditor's report that goes against -- or violates any portion of their contract.

MS. JULIA BARNES: That's a similar question to what Commissioner Taylor asked. I guess I agree with Commissioner Carrillo that I think it would be difficult to move forward right now, so -- in large part because I really want to hear what those other three entities say.

I have concerns already listed in the letter on licensure. And I have concerns already listed about the AG who governs foundations.

So I think you haven't gotten all the information that you need, and that's where I stand right now.

COMMISSIONER MANIS: Well, the reason why I ask is because I know that whenever we've talked about, like, a breach of contract, we point to

So under the current contract, as soon as all annual reports come out, you're going to look at them for all of the schools and see that all of the schools are on track. That isn't held up -- well, that's held up for different reasons, but, hopefully, that will be coming forward to you soon.

Anyway, my suggestion is to try to get more information on the past issues, in large -- I guess in large part because of the current contract, which has closed so many of your areas of concern that it -- for a while it was a present urgency for this Commission. This is now more of a past issue of concern.

COMMISSIONER MANIS: Thank you for answering my questions.

THE CHAIR: Commissioner Brauer?

COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Chairwoman Burt,
Commissioners, I agree that we need more
information. And I know it's -- Commissioner
Carrillo, I understand and appreciate your
frustration and what you shared, and I'm in spirit
with you on a lot of what you mentioned, where we
should be able to take action and -- but I think
this is not going to be satisfying for you to hear.
But it takes a lot of time, and we've got to make

specific things in the contract. So I didn't know if there is anything specifically based on the current findings or current information that you've -- you see -- because I know it's a 120-page document, that -- anything in there that so far is -- can be matched up with that.

MS. JULIA BARNES: You know, this part goes backwards. And it goes to the -- a previous history and lots of which have -- has been negotiated to change.

So to go back on some old information, I'd like to know what all the other entities say.

You know, the -- and I mentioned this.

The annual report is going to come forward, and the school is going to have an ability, and CSD is going to have an ability, to tell you where they are right now.

We haven't seen that. And I'm hopeful that things are going great at the school. And if they're not, then you have all of the powers in the contract available to you.

This is so odd. I can see Commissioner Manis better when he's on the screen. He's right -he has a big box in front of his face, so -- anyway, trying to sit tall. sure that we're using our own funds in ways that are not taking away from students as we get into the different -- different battles.

I also just want to share -- I would be remiss not to say this, too -- that, you know, this -- these kinds of issues are the things that put -- that cast a wide shadow over all charters in our state. And this -- no matter -- I've spent at least the last ten years taking up for charters and saying that they are the same as district schools, they're doing -- they have to follow the same financial processes and protocols, they're entrusted with the funds that we've -- that we as taxpayers provide them and our families, their taxpayers provide them to take care of their children.

And this is just really unfortunate that this impacts all charters. Because the charters that are doing all the things and following the protocols in ways that are not necessarily raising questions are never seen as, like, you know, the shining examples of goodness. It's only these examples that when there are questions about what's happening, it impacts all of our charters.

And so I see that there is - the discussion about The GREAT Academy, but also this

- 1 impacts all -- all the hundred schools in our state 2 that are charter schools and how, when we do get
- 3 into these conversations, we definitely need the
- 4 information so that we have a really good grounding,

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- 10 legislators, and also not -- also giving a lot of
- 11 fuel to fires that already are burning widely
- 12 towards charters that -- that are mostly
- 13 misconceptions about how business as usual is done.

And so I think those are the things that I think about, where it becomes difficult to wait. But also I think being -- I just think being just thoughtful about how this all, like, connects to everything that we do is something that I've just been thinking a lot about with this one.

So I agree. We need more information. And, hopefully, we'll be able to get that. It's great to hear that a lot of things that are in the contract now, there has been marked improvement or things that have been righted. So that's encouraging for me to hear as well.

1 link to a folder that codifies months and months of 2 work that we have had with the -- with the school. 3 And so really we're talking about back over a year 4 ago when we placed the school on a financial 5 Corrective Action Plan and were able to note 6 improvements.

> And I can walk through the specific document with you. I know there's a lot in that folder. But, historically, that's how it went down.

COMMISSIONER MANIS: Which folder is it? I'm on the main folder now. Just so that I can search and (inaudible).

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: I will come around and click on it for you. There's a lot of documents in there.

THE CHAIR: In the Google Drive, if you're on the meeting folder, if you look at 9.a. -- okay, so you're in the whole thing. Yeah, yeah. Okay, got it.

All right. All right. So I'm going to move that the Chair of the Public Education Commission send letters to the Attorney General, Public Education Department Licensure Bureau, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation requesting a response to the PEC letter of October 20th, 2021,

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1 Thank you.

THE CHAIR: Commissioner Armijo?

COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Yeah. And I would add to that that, you know, we have a responsibility to support CSD in their support of the school and their students, because now there are students there that we really need to make sure that they are getting the education that they need, the support that they need, and -- I mean, because they're --

they've been -- they see themselves in the news. They see that there's things happening at the

levels, you know, that affect them, too.

But it's -- you know, they still need to focus on school and their education. So, you know, as much as we can, we just, you know, help to support CSD in their oversight of the school itself.

THE CHAIR: Commissioner Manis.

COMMISSIONER MANIS: I don't know if Director Chavez might be able to point me in the direction of where I might find their improvements or how they've improved or what they've improved upon.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Commissioner Manis, earlier, and in a link off of the document that is the smallest document in your Webpage, is a

1 regarding The GREAT Academy, considering the special

2 audit and documentation received from the State

3 Auditor for that school.

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Second.

THE CHAIR: Thank you. There's a motion and a second.

Any debate from Commissioners on that motion?

Commissioner Carrillo.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: I'm supporting the motion reluctantly, because I have really kind of no choice.

THE CHAIR: All right. Seeing no other hands, Secretary Armijo, if you could call roll.

COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Ingham.

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner 18 Clahchischilliage.

COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: I support, yes.

21 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Gipson.

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23 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Manis.

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COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Beck.

74 1 COMMISSIONER BECK: Yes. 1 submitted in response to Chair Burt's letter to the 2 2 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Taylor. school, the Notice of Breach. 3 And then 10.b. is the La Tierra Montessori COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. 3 4 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Brauer. 4 site visit report. 5 COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. 5 The Charter Schools Division collaborated 6 6 with the Special Ed Division at the PED to conduct a COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Secretary Armijo 7 7 votes yes. site visit to the school. And so this is a 8 8 description of the site visit. And Chair Burt. 9 9 THE CHAIR: Yes. And there's a third document that I need 10 10 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: And Commissioner to upload. But while I am preparing to upload that 11 Carrillo. 11 third document, which is an analysis of the 12 12 COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Yes. Corrective Action Plan, I just want to walk through 13 13 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: That passes, ten to the site visit a little bit, and then we can talk 14 14 about the Corrective Action Plan. 15 15 So the CSD, in the site visit report, THE CHAIR: Thank you. 16 16 first and foremost wants to recognize some of the As we go on to Item No. 10, I'm thinking 17 17 that we might need to get people into the Zoom positive and innovative things that are going on at 18 18 the school. And so we talk about that, first and rooms, is that right, for La Tierra? So I'm going 19 foremost, what students are doing, such as 19 to do -- yeah, I'm going to do a ten-minute break 20 20 participating in the New Mexico Electric Car and allow for folks to transition to Item No. 10. 21 21 (Recess taken, 10:33 a.m. to 10:44 a.m.) Challenge sponsored by Sandia, Los Alamos, and other 22 22 THE CHAIR: Thank you, everybody. 23 Okay. All right. Welcome, President 23 And we feel like the agricultural program 24 as well, there are things to celebrate at the 24 Casados. Thank you for joining us. 25 school. 25 Is there anybody else -- I know because 75 1 you have your camera on, I can see you. I don't 1 We also looked at the educational program, 2 2 know if there's other people on the panel that just 3 3 don't have their camera on. talked about staffing and how that is being 4 4 So -- okay. Hello, Ms. Herrera. Nice to 5 5 administrator in place who is also the special ed 6 Is there anybody else that's online that 6 director or coordinator; and staff training, which 7 7 just doesn't have their camera on? 8 MR. ISAAC CASADOS: I believe that would 8 for teachers at the school to get Montessori 9 be Brenda Atencio. 9 10 10 THE CHAIR: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Atencio, health and safety at the school. 11 11 for joining as well. And we are acknowledging that La Tierra

12 Okay. We are on Item No. 10, which is an 13 Update and Possible Action on La Tierra Montessori 14 School of the Arts and Sciences, Including 15 Corrective Action Plan. 16 And we'll go ahead and start with Director 17 Chavez, and then I will give it over to you, 18 President Casados, to present as well. 19 Director Chavez. 20 DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Thank you, 21 Chair Burt, Commissioners, and La Tierra Montessori 22 for being here today. 23 So, first of all, I just want to orient 24 Commissioners -- this is Item No. 10. And so 10.a.

is the actual Corrective Action Plan that the school

the school mission and Mission-Specific Goals. We implemented at the school with a shorter FTE head has not yet occurred, although plans are being made training. And then we spend some time talking about

Montessori is putting into place some health and safety -- that they have health and safety issues. Although the school was able to provide policies, I believe the Public Education Commission asked us about what policies existed.

So we reviewed those, and we found them codified in an employee handbook and student and family handbook. But, overall, we found that the policies lack some specificity, and they were unavailable on the school's website.

So the school provided us with a binder, and we comment on several areas related to school health and security in our report.

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meals from McCurdy Charter School. And, overall, we found that there were some gaps in communication around the menu, that sort of a thing.

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And student supervision was one of our largest concerns. This is an area that parents have brought to the PEC as well about students being dropped off early and were there sufficient adult oversight of students while they're there, and we noted that there was a little bit of gap in that.

We saw students arrived as early as 7:45 and that there were -- most staff arrived at 8:20. We feel that there is a need for increased adult supervision of students.

In terms of the security of the building entrances, the site visit team observed a lack of consistent security around building entrances, especially at the start of the day. The school doorbell doesn't fully operate. And so student arrival, again, is something that is of concern when it's unclear if the doors have been locked and if anybody has potentially entered the building. That was a concern.

We did not experience a clear and consistent visitor screening system when staff arrived at the school, and there was no one up front it's in a format that is a little challenging. And because we got it so late, we have a preliminary analysis that I am uploading into the PEC's website. Give me a second to rename it 10.c.

The school has not seen this. And so I am going to ask a staff member on my team to also e-mail this to the school.

So the school's Corrective Action Plan was submitted January 11th in relation to the Notice of Breach that Chair Burt sent to the school, as I mentioned before.

And point by point, we go through what was in the Notice of Breach and what the school did in response.

So to address the first portion of the Notice of Breach, the school includes the Corrective Action Plan and an explanation of intent to propose amendments to the mission statement, Mission-Specific Goals, and the other contract language since that was a confusion on the part of the board whether the mission statement and the goals were fully adopted. So they are also wanting to change the name of the school and anticipate submitting that to the PEC in the February 2023 meeting.

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to sort of greet staff and make sure that visitors are screened.

So the Special Ed Division was with the Charter Schools Division staff when we went to the school. And they were able to assess, via classroom observations and review of special ed files and related documentations, as well as interviews with staff, how the school is progressing relative to the special ed services.

And what we observed is that there is a need to review all the special ed records. And with the school, there were some issues that were found, such as irregular delivery of specialized instruction and special ed services, some incomplete delivery of related services. There was a need for increasing the supports for students in special ed.

So that is the site visit report.

In terms of the -- the Corrective Action Plan -- so there were two that were submitted by the chair of the board, Casados, and so what you have is the one that the -- the second that was shared with us.

It just -- it was -- it had a few corrections made to it. So that's the one that you have. It's several pages long, and, quite frankly,

In terms of Section 4 of the Notice of Breach, the school states, in the Corrective Action Plan, that no changes have been made to the Montessori program during the contract term. The explanation does not detail how the school has instituted the Montessori program. And, to date, there has not been Montessori training to teaching staff. But they establish a goal to provide training to teachers with three or more years of service at the school and to provide an update to the PEC April 2023.

In terms of governance, the school explains that it hired Patricia Herrera as the head administrator. And we are aware that she is on a .19 FTE contract as the head administrator and a .5 FTE as the special ed coordinator.

It is unclear from the Corrective Action Plan how the board plans to ensure appropriate oversight of the school overall, as well as have a robust and up-to-date special ed program with one employee who is overseeing both roles at the school.

So we feel like there is a need to better address this concern.

In the Corrective Action Plan, the school explains that it fully complied with the governing

board training requirements to date, and it plans to complete all the required board trainings by March 2023.

We acknowledge that -- that this goal related to the portion of the Corrective Action Plan does sufficiently address the concern in the Notice of Breach.

Section 4.6 was about complying with all federal and state laws related to the education of children with disabilities, laws around safety, et cetera.

To address this portion of the Notice of Breach, the school explains, in the Corrective Action Plan, that it provides sufficient overhead of the head administrator to ensure that the educational program is being implemented and that school staff is trained to implement the mission and educational philosophy of the school.

The school restates its plan to provide enhanced training to teachers and explains that it has retained a Montessori-trained teacher.

CSD determines that this is sufficiently addressed in this area of concern.

In response to the Notice of Breach around federal and state laws requiring children with

THE CHAIR: Thank you, Director Chavez.

President Casados, I'm going to go ahead and go to you so that you can talk about the process that you went through over the last month, and if you want to present your Corrective Action Plan to the PEC at this time.

MR. ISAAC CASADOS: Thank you so much, Chair Burt. And I do appreciate you, honorable Commissioners. Thank you so much.

I do have Ms. Patricia Herrera, our head learner, who has joined us this morning, and Ms. Brenda Atencio, who is our vice-president.

First and foremost, thank you for allowing us to come before you again. As always -- and as we have alluded -- whenever there is a specific issue or challenge at the school, we try to address it head-on.

We did have about two weeks to kind of put a plan together to ensure that there was some sort of process moving forward. After we were done, we did have a town hall meeting to kind of talk about some of these key issues and ensure that there was some sort of communication with parents and our stakeholders through this process.

We tried to eliminate a lot of the

disabilities, the Corrective Action Plan describes steps it has taken to remedy issues found with the special ed program. And the school set several goals related to the administration of the program, as well as documentation and delivery of related services.

It is un- -- we are unable to determine from the CAP if the school -- if the school's plans and abilities to fully deliver on that will be sufficient. So we feel like there is a need for more work in the area of special ed services.

And we also feel like there is a need for increased school safety protocols to be put in place.

The CAP also puts details around the administration of the short cycle assessments, NWEA MAPs, for midyear and end of the year, and ACCESS testing, and a plan to provide ongoing updates to CSD. And so we feel like that was sufficiently addressed.

Table 1 in this document is a summary of the proposed goals as well as the implementation date, or PEC reporting deadlines, that the school has proposed.

Thank you.

challenges, I think, that have been ongoing by kind of a smaller group of parents and kind of threw the net out there to a wider range of other parents who were looking at the key areas.

And one of the key areas that they really focused in on was agriculture and areas of increased special education needs, which I think are incredibly important.

I think what Director Chavez also maybe did not point to is our fifth- and sixth-grade teacher is now special education certified as well. So that is really important to us to ensure that we have, specifically from the community that we represent, individuals who understand the challenges and the issues that our children are facing, and that the IEP process is -- is ongoing and in depth.

We were asked to also provide potential changes at this meeting. The unfortunate thing is both Brenda and I, as Native Americans, have had traditional challenges that we had to adhere to. Chair Burt and I did have a conversation immediately after this first meeting asking for a couple of more days, because of our -- our obligations to tribal considerations. And so that was allowed, a couple of extra days, and we were able to provide that

document back to PEC and to the CSD.

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So we do appreciate that opportunity to be able to look at that process.

The second part of this is we -- I know it's a little bit different than normal other correction plans. Typically, I see a correction plan, it's an Excel sheet, kind of says, "Okay, we're going to do X, Y, and Z."

But I think we needed to elaborate further on every single segment. It's a little longer than normal. But I think it demonstrates how much we understand this process, but also gives -- gives an acceptance to the challenges that I think the PEC has brought up.

I think it would be unbecoming of us to just kind of skip over one issue or assume that, hey, we're only going to focus on this key issue or this challenge. I think we really wanted to ensure that we gave an in-depth focus on every specific area, provide as much documentation as possible, and then ensure that not only our head learner, but also our -- our staff had the ability to be able to provide that documentation to CSD and to those other figureheads that were there.

So with that, I am open to trying to

different aspects. I've read probably three or four different books, and I've seen some varying ideologies as to how that process plays out.

But I think the clarity that the Indigenous Montessori School gives, being that the mission-specific goal that was spelled out by the former administration and the former board in our amended contract only called for training of teachers that have been there for more than three years, I mean, we're eliminating that process.

I think we want all of our staff, we want all of our individuals to really fully comprehend what that process is, and every staffed member is going to receive that training because it's important to us that there's adherence to that process.

We've even talked about taking the board through that process so that there's a clear clarity of what that process might be.

In one of the conversations I had with Chair Burt, I think that one of the other issues that we also face is, on the PEC, I think the only individual who understands Montessori well enough is Missy Brown. And so that is really a learning curve, not only for us as a board and our head

figure out on how best we can solve these challenges.

And we have set some pretty clear expectations in the areas of ensuring that the special education -- which is very, very important to us -- the adherence to Montessori -- and I think we've heard this over and over and over, that we're trying to modify, change or rip it out of the -- the challenge.

You know, my whole thing is is at the end of the day, it is a center part of what we do at La Tierra. It's not La Tierra Charter School. It's La Tierra Montessori School of the Arts and Sciences.

And we have given an opportunity to the three areas, Montessori, arts, and sciences to ensure that there is adherence to the charter contract long term. And that is really why we've reached out to the Indigenous Montessori Learning Center so that, because we are on a tribal reservation, we have that connective opportunity with another entity that services children and marginalized community on another tribe that can help us with some of these key areas.

Montessori is very different in many

learner; it's why -- the reason why Angela Feathers is still on salary and on staff there, because she is a certified Montessorian, but it allows us that opportunity to be able to learn.

And I think as individuals who are tasked with looking at our children's success and our future, we also have to learn as well and be open to learning new techniques and new opportunities that provide, also ensuring that we are a public school. And this ideology of, "Well, that's just Montessori," "We don't do that," "That's Montessori," we don't adhere and subscribe to that idea.

We have specific standards that we have to uphold to that PED and the State have asked us as -- as individuals who are -- are tied to public fund and as individuals who are tasked with ensuring that those funds are spent correctly, we need to ensure that there is some sort of accountability in that process. And so we've been able to create those policies and those procedures and those directives to ensure that that process plays out.

So with that, I will defer to our head learner, Ms. Patricia Herrera, to kind of fill in these other areas. We worked extensively on this

CAP to ensure that her voice was heard in this process, because she and her staff are going to be the ones tasked with helping to carry this process out, specifically in special education and other areas.

And we are incredibly -- incredibly grateful for the profound work that she has done. She mans a lot of different fires and a lot of different challenges, and without her, we would -- we would definitely not be as successful as we are today. So, Ms. Herrera, if you would go ahead and continue on.

MS. PATRICIA HERRERA: Good morning, all, Chairperson Burke (verbatim).

Yes, it's truly been challenging. And I was very happy to meet with the team that came in. I was very frank about things that are occurring and the fact that I do need some assistance.

And when you -- I'm not placing blame on anybody. It's always hard when you change generals, especially midstream. And there has been some resistance, and, yes, there have been some unhappy parents.

But yesterday -- I just need to throw this out there -- I had one parent brought me this

So I've had to take some administrative measures, and they're getting here earlier.

I spoke with them about the need for the short cycle assessments and the fact that we're being monitored on that, and they wanted to kniow why, and I said, "Apparently it wasn't done last year, or it wasn't done completely. But I received some mail, and we're going to be monitored."

Our eighth graders, our upper students, our adolescents, are going to NMSA next Wednesday as part of my move -- my need for them to be oriented with other spaces.

Some of them want to go to EVHS. Some want to go to McCurdy. Some are not sure, and some are hopefully NMSA-bound.

My office hours are from 8:00 to 4:00, but, usually, we're here a little longer. Teachers are supposed to be here at 7:45. I don't know why that was set like that, but I try to be here before, anyway.

Special education: I -- in our staff meeting last week, other than this morning, because I'm here with you, I told them I'm going to be pulling out kids, getting into classrooms, and checking in with students and teachers. So I have

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wonderful bag of carne seca. He said, "My little boy, he loves you, and thank you for everything you're doing here."

I had another parent who at first was part of that group of parents, and he told me, "I just have to thank you so much what you're doing for the girls and with the school." He said, "I just want all of this infighting" -- he said. "And I know you're just -- you were put in a tough position.

And it's hard to go somewhere midstream, jump in and try to keep paddling when you're still trying to figure out where the boat needed to go."

So I was very happy about that.

So we did discuss -- we had a staff meeting last Friday. We discussed the need for more staff protocols here. I was very firm about the fact that no matter what I've done -- I've docked them in pay. "Well, I can't get from Santa Fe to Española on time."

Well, you know what? I have a friend who lives in Las Vegas by Storrie Lake, and he gets to the middle school every day on time, in fact, sometimes before other people. I worked up at Mesa Vista. I was there on time. There's no excuse for it.

office hours set for the afternoon when things just seem to be a little more hectic around the school and I'm not needed in classrooms (verbatim).

All the ancillary, which includes the speech therapist who is now coming in in person, our OT, who meets with them on Wednesday afternoons virtually, and the social worker who comes in every Thursday and meets in person, they are all meeting with students.

And what else was there? This is a lot. It's a lot.

And I did talk to teachers -- I said -- I asked them, I said, "Did you guys get accommodations and modifications at the beginning of the year, because when I spoke with another person, prior to that person not being here, I was told that you guys received accommodations and modifications. I don't have signature pages for that, so I'm going to reissue them to you."

They said, "Yeah, we got those."

I said, "Well, I guess somebody was told that you had not received those."

"Oh, yeah, we got those. Steven Lang gave them to us." $\,$

I said, "Okay."

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So I'm going to redo it, and I'm going to do it the way it should have been done with signature pages. Because when I first came, they told me, "Everybody knows who has the IEPs, they know what's in the IEP."

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all this great stuff.

And, you know, hindsight is always 20/20. And in looking at that, I should have ensured that this faculty and staff knew exactly who these children were and what their needs are.

So next year, this kind of goes along with that. Because Tyler, SIS Tyler, the system that I just totally don't like, we're going to have to get rid of it. The State sent us a letter saying that Tyler is not going to be used anymore. I want to move to Synergy. That system contains everything from attendance, grades, things that I can get in and readily see, and it includes the IEP which goes to the teacher.

So as soon as they pull up attendance, they can click. There's a down -- a drop menu. There's the IEP. But they also will get hard copies. But we're going to move to that next year, and everything will be together.

This C system (verbatim), I had to self-teach myself. I called for assistance, and I

We started with the PTA. I asked parents. You know, they want to volunteer. They want to be here. That's great. But they need to go through the background checking. So some of them have already elected to do that. And they -- they're wanting to help here in and around the school.

Early on, I asked about some of these tables that are out here. There's some other things that, you know, need to be cleaned up and fixed. They were placed there by the -- they were placed there not by me. So we're working on things like that.

I'm not happy about having businesses on the property, especially when sometimes the traffic goes here in front of my school. That was here way before me. So I'm looking into that as well.

I can't think of anything else. If you have any questions for me, please ask.

MR. ISAAC CASADOS: Thank you so much, Ms. Herrera. Madam Chair, if I may move to Ms. Brenda Atencio, our vice president. Thank you.

MS. BRENDA ATENCIO: Good morning everyone, Commission. (Native American language spoken.)

My name is Brenda Atencio. I am the

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got some. But I finally learned how to print and do

So I'm not making excuses. It's the things I have to deal with with parents who come in and yell at me, demanding things, having to go through compulsory attendance with parents and explain to them that if your child is not here for a certain amount of time, your child will probably be -- you know, be disenrolled.

"You can't just voluntarily say I'm not sending my kid there because of this and that." "Well, I'm not."

"Okay. Well, then, your child is not in school, and I will have to follow up with that in whatever other measures need to be taken."

So with that, I also talked to the staff about the rocks in the doors. That is a big no-no. And there's been times that I've had to go around, and there's the rock in the door again.

I can't get rid of rocks in Northern New Mexico. I don't have cameras here to see who is doing it. So part of what I am wanting, as we move funding around to see if we can put in security cameras, and possibly hire, if not a full-time, but a part-time security guard.

vice president for the LTMAS board. I just have a few comments this morning that I wanted to make in regards to the site visit that was completed, as well as the ongoing work that we as a board continue to do.

I know that Ms. Herrera has continued to inform the teachers on numerous times regarding to reporting to work on time. But they still continue to arrive late. And she did say, you know, that they're doing better on that.

She also addressed the fact that students were being left unsupervised throughout the schoolday during classroom time. And this was seen by many staff, many teachers, as a Montessori method, which is self-directed learning habits which encourages independence.

Supervision has been addressed by the head learner to require teachers to remain in the classroom during independent work so that they aren't left unsupervised.

We are working with the Indigenous Montessori School to provide training to staff as well as hopefully providing, you know, additional staff to us as a board as well.

The Montessori program continues to remain

in place. Nothing truly, you know, has changed, even though it's been brought up several times. As a board, we did look into the types of trainings that were provided to staff under the former head learner.

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And so we learned that training was provided to five teachers, one CPO, and one head learner in various topics. And of all those topics, the CPO was the only staff member that was provided any type of Montessori introduction.

The other five teachers were provided with training in areas such as sexual harassment, staff to staff, staff to student, diversity, equity, inclusion, blood-borne pathogens, FERPA, HIPAA, recognizing child abuse, food handlers, IXL, New Mexico EDGE. Those were the type of trainings that were provided to our teachers.

And so we did see that there were some Montessori instruction that was provided on professional development days, but no agenda or topics covered during those professional development days was found on file. So we're not truly sure what was provided on those days.

The governing council continues to work with the head learner to review and update policies

back for -- to a great place, a great place for our students as well as our parents and staff.

So thank you, Commission, for allowing me to speak this morning.

THE CHAIR: Thank you. Before we go to questions and discussion from Commissioners, I'm going to need a little bit of a break to discuss something with the -- about this item.

So I'm going to ask that we come back about 11:30. And -- yeah, 11:30. We're going to do a break. Thank you.

(Recess taken, 11:20 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.)

THE CHAIR: Okay. Thank you. I appreciate it. Thank you for your patience. Thank you for your patience on that.

There was an error I noticed today in which we did have -- we do have the Corrective Action Plan that La Tierra provided. And -- but there was -- there are evidence pieces, about 60 pages of evidence that were not uploaded into the Google Drive or into the website until just now.

And so because of the incomplete information that the Commissioners have at this time, we're feeling it's not appropriate to have a discussion about this CAP right now until the

and procedures for the school. We're truly nowhere near done, but we have several in draft form and we continue to work diligently to update a lot of our policies.

I know Isaac covered that a new fifth- and sixth-grade teacher has been brought on who is also special ed certified, as well as the agricultural teacher has returned to LTMAS.

We hope to update our website as well. I know that the website is outdated, and the application that's currently being used isn't really easily navigable. So we're having issues updating it and placing a lot of items on the website, but that will be hopefully taken care of soon.

Just want to reiterate to the Commission, you know, that this board is -- we're truly dedicated to getting LTMAS back on track, you know, working with each other, the head learner, staff, and parents and community, you know. We're truly working to get LTMAS at a good place.

And I think a lot of the props goes to, you know, Ms. Herrera, because she deals with quite a bit on a day-to-day basis. And, you know, we -- I know that I am truly thankful to have her on and continue to work with us and help us get the school

Commissioners have the ability to review all of the documentation that were provided by the school.

So we're going to ask -- the Executive Committee talked about it, and more information will be coming. But we're thinking that it's going to be the best idea to, instead of discussing this item today, taking any action today on an incomplete record that you have, to hold a Special Meeting in the very near future regarding this item in particular, so we still can move forward on this, but allow for the time for Commission to have the complete record, additionally, for CSD to be able to take a look at this, create the CAP into the kind of format that we are more familiar with, and work with the school to give us that complete record at that time.

So that'll be Chair Elect Brauer's first item to do, and he has agreed to be able to move forward on that.

And, likely, that -- you know, to be determined, for sure. But this Special Meeting will likely be a Zoom meeting. So you won't need to come up and rearrange your schedule completely to do it.

But we also are aware, and we heard from the -- we know from the site visit report, that

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1	there may be some health and safety issues for the	1	not be able to participate because of that. And
2	school the students that are an urgent matter	2	that is something that she has to do with
3	that we cannot continue you know, we cannot wait	3	Ohkay Owinge; so
4	until the Special Meeting to address.	4	THE CHAIR: Okay. I think I'm going to
5	So I would like to direct the Charter	5	ask I don't know if I'll be able to give you an
6	Schools Division to work with PED and the Safe and	6	exact answer today. But I'm going to ask that maybe
7	Healthy Schools Division to visit the school, review	7	the Executive Committee meet on Monday at some point
8	these drop-off practices and the supervision of the	8	and be able to get that information out as quickly
9	students immediately on Monday.	9	as possible.
10	And then we're going to table this item	10	So I know that's not a right answer. But
11	and move forward on a Special Meeting on this item	11	we also weren't preparing for this. But thank you
12	instead.	12	for letting us know about at least that piece.
13	So, President Casados, Ms. Herrera,	13	Okay. All right. Any other questions
14	Ms. Atencio, thank you so much for being here today,	14	from Commissioners that might need Ms. Barnes to
15	for providing the information, and thank you for	15	respond at this time? Any legal questions?
16	your I'm asking thank you in advance for your	16	(No response.)
17	understanding on, you know, allowing the	17	THE CHAIR: Okay. All right.
18	Commissioners time to review all of that	18	So I will move to Table Item 10 oh, do
19	documentation that was provided.	19	the other motion first? Okay. Sorry. Take that
20	Commissioner Carrillo.	20	back.
21	COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Doesn't there need	21	I will move to direct the Charter Schools
22	to be a vote to table and a second? It can't be	22	Division to work with the Safe and Healthy Schools
23	done unilaterally.	23	Bureau and PED to review, visit, and establish
24	COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Yeah.	24	proper health and safety protocols at the school and
25	THE CHAIR: Yeah. Yes, we will. But I'm	25	ensure that they're being followed immediately on
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(The record was read as requested.)

THE CHAIR: All right. Thank you. So I'll probably need to revise that. Yeah.

Okay. So I'm going to withdraw that motion and revise. And give me a second because I'm going to try to, like, do this more succinctly.

Okay. I move that the Public Education Commission directs the Charter Schools Division to work with the PED and Safe and Healthy Schools Bureau to visit, look at policies, and ensure the health and safety of students at the school as soon as possible, and report back to the PEC findings and action on the health and safety of the students and supervision of the students at the Special Meeting of La Tierra Montessori School.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Second. THE CHAIR: There's a motion and a second. Commissioner Gipson.

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: I just have a question about that. And I'm sorry. But I'm not sure, because I think what I heard was you're asking

1 So, Cindy, if you could reread that motion one more 2. time to ensure that that is what's coming across. 3 That's 100 percent the intention is not to just to 4 review policy. That's not what I want. That's not 5 what we want; that's not what I want to be voted on.

But I did try so say "ensure their supervision," so I'm hoping -- Cindy, if you can reread that motion. I'm having Julia write -- I'm not going to do this again off the fly.

10 So, Cindy, if you can reread that last motion and see if I need to do it one more time.

12 (The record was read as requested.)

13 THE CHAIR: Okay. Thank you. I -- that 14 actually sounded a lot better than I think it even 15 came out, honestly. I feel like I --16

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: I got lost. THE CHAIR: That actually sounded great.

I am actually very proud of my motion right now.

Okay. All right.

20 So we do have a motion and a second by 21 Commissioner Taylor.

22 Any other discussion on that motion? 23

(No response.)

24 THE CHAIR: Okay. Great. If we can take roll.

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the Safe and -- Safe and -- whatever, the bureau -to look at the policies.

I don't -- you know, the policies are important. But I want them to look at and I want assurances that they're safe at the school and that caring -- you can have all the policies in the world. If you're not following them, I don't care -- you know, I don't want to say publicly, but I'm going to say publicly.

I could care less what the policy says. It's important that they have policies in place. But it's also important that those policies are being followed. And I believe they probably do have the policies. They're just not following them.

So I want the assurance that those kids are safe and the environment is safe that they're in so that they are being monitored, that the doorbell is working appropriately, that, you know, there's not the possibility of strangers being able to gain access to the building.

That's -- I want to make sure that it's actually happening, not that it can happen through a policy. So that's -- that's my only concern with the motion.

THE CHAIR: Yeah. That's the intention.

COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: We can.

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COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes. COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Clahchischilliage.

5 Thank you.

Commissioner Gipson.

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Manis.

9 COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Beck.

COMMISSIONER BECK: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Taylor.

13 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Brauer.

COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Secretary Armijo

17 votes yes.

18 Chair Burt.

19 THE CHAIR: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner

21 Carrillo.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Ingham.

24 COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: That passes, ten to

110 1 1 zero. question, maybe for clarification for most, is that 2 2 THE CHAIR: Thank you. And now I'll move the analysis didn't include references or didn't to Table Item 10 until the Special Meeting. 3 3 include that information, so that the analysis from 4 4 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Second. CSD, is that incomplete? Because Commissioner Manis 5 THE CHAIR: Thank you. There's a motion 5 mentioned that that was sufficient enough because 6 6 and a second. we've got the CSD analysis. 7 7 Any discussion on tabling the motion or Does the CSD analysis include those 8 8 tabling that -- Commissioner Manis? missing pages so that that -- you know, to me, that 9 9 COMMISSIONER MANIS: The only thing that would be clarifying to know if they got to look at 10 10 I'd like to say is Director Chavez and CSD, they did it and that it -- so are we anticipating a revised 11 their analysis, and they presented to us their 11 analysis? Or is that analysis going to stand 12 analysis. And I think that's sufficient information 12 because it included all of that information already? 13 to make a decision. Thank you. 13 THE CHAIR: So I cannot call on CSD at 14 14 THE CHAIR: Commissioner Carrillo. this time, but I can tell you that CSD did have all 15 COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: I would agree with 15 of the appendices at the time the original --16 16 COMMISSIONER GIPSON: They did have it. Commissioner Manis. And it sounds like we're just 17 trying to keep ourselves out of hot water in terms 17 THE CHAIR: Yes. All of the information 18 18 of whatever decision we end up making. We don't was -- yes, CSD did have all of the information. 19 want somebody to come back and say, "You didn't have 19 Commissioner Carrillo. 20 this." 20 COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Then wouldn't it 21 21 Would that be correct? Okay. stand to reason that their analysis and everything 22 THE CHAIR: I think we are limited in our 22 would not change because they already had all of 23 options, based off of the letter that we sent that 23 this information that we're now going to wait a week 24 24 said the next action could be taken based off of for? So given that, wouldn't we be able to make a 25 25 insufficient CAP presentation. That is what the decision today if we decided to take some sort of 111 113 1 1 letter said we could take further action on. action? 2 2 We didn't have all the CAP information. THE CHAIR: From my -- from my opinion on 3 3 So it -- we do feel limited today in -- in taking this and understanding, that would be that you are 4 4 further action. So I think we're limited today. not doing any looking into it on your own. You are 5 5 And we're trying to prevent being limited in only depending on one source, then, and the 6 6 interpretation of that and analysis of that on one options. 7 7 Commissioner Ingham, and then Commissioner 8 8 Gipson. And I think it's germane for Commissioners 9 9 COMMISSIONER INGHAM: I was a little taken to be able to take a look at it themselves and be 10 10 aback by what's happened. able to use the analysis as a tool and as a source, 11 11 Can you tell me? Is part of what's but also be able to look at it yourselves and be 12 12 missing the appendices that were referenced in this? able to determine your own thoughts and ideas. And 13 13 Because I kept looking for the place where they were you have not yet had the opportunity to do that. 14 14 at, and I couldn't find them. Commissioner Gipson. 15 THE CHAIR: Yes. 15 COMMISSIONER GIPSON: So, I mean, 16 COMMISSIONER INGHAM: And there is 16 obviously, I haven't had a chance to look at it yet, 17 17 material that is in those appendices that's going to so I don't know what exactly is in it. But why 18 be germane -- I mean, not just germane -- that are 18 can't we take a break and read it and come back? 19 going to be important issues that we have to have 19 THE CHAIR: So it is about 60 pages. 20 20 access to? Do we have it now? COMMISSIONER GIPSON: I did Evelyn Wood's, 21 THE CHAIR: Yes. You have it now in the 21 so -- but, you know, I think -- I think we're all --Google Drive. 22 22 we're all, you know, big boys and girls. We've --23 COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Okay. Thank you. 23 you know, we can read, and I think we've all got --24 24 THE CHAIR: Commissioner Gipson. gained the skills of reading the content for the --25 25 COMMISSIONER GIPSON: So I guess my for the important pieces, you know.

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I'm just saying -- and it's up to, you know, the will of everyone else. But I think -- I know I'm pretty capable of doing it. But I'm more comfortable with that. But it's just me. So...

THE CHAIR: I mean, we are about at lunchtime. We could take a lunch break. I would also say, though, that that analysis from CSD has not -- the school had not seen that yet as well. So this would also provide an opportunity for the school to review the analysis as well.

I think it's just for -- for me, for us to take further action, I feel limited right now because of the information that we -- because of the timeliness. And so I feel very limited in being able to make a decision that stays.

All right. Seeing no other conversation, we're going to vote on tabling this item until a Special Meeting. So if you vote yes, that means you are going to table -- you're voting to table. If you vote no, it would be that we continue hearing the item today.

Commissioner Ingham?

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Whoops. Okay. Can we take that lunch break and have a -- before we do this motion to table, because I feel like I could

If we vote not to table it, then it stays on the agenda. We can take the break, read it, and then have the discussion after everyone's read it.

That's the process that would -- would be the cleanest to happen, you know.

So you have to make a decision on whether -- to me, move forward. And if you want to move forward on this item, then you don't table it. You read it. You come back, and we have a discussion about it.

And if people are comfortable with, after they've read it, making a decision on doing something with the school, then that's what the Commission can do.

But, you know, if you vote to table it, you're voting to just, you know, see it in a couple of -- in a week or so.

THE CHAIR: Commissioner Carrillo. Then Commissioner Beck.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: The first thing relative to OMA is just -- is for Commissioner Ingham's edification, is as long as we didn't have a quorum -- so, like, if we were all sitting there eating our sandwiches, and there was only three of us, yeah, we could talk about it, because if you had

support either side. But with -- I would love to have some interaction that we understood part of this.

THE CHAIR: So you cannot -- so during lunch, you would only be able to -- you cannot talk about an item with other Commissioners --

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Oh.

THE CHAIR: -- that we're voting on. So you would have to have that discussion now in public. So if -- but if it's that you want to just review the materials that were uploaded today on your own --

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: So we could do that and -- before we take the vote to table, we could have -- we could have that -- a few minutes to review these documents?

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Yeah. But --COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: I want to eat. I don't want to read.

THE CHAIR: Commissioner Gipson. Then Commissioner Carrillo.

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: So, you know, I think, for me, if we table it, then, you know, everyone goes off and reads and comes back for the

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a quorum, then it's got to be in front of everybody.
And a quorum for us is five or more. Or more than
five.

And you know what? You know, I didn't read -- I didn't take Evelyn Wood, even though some kids in my neighborhood did, and they were all just whizzes, and I just wasn't.

I'm not comfortable having to read 60 pages really quickly because then I'm going to want to read it again and really form an opinion while I'm scarfing down my lunch.

And I think that waiting a week or, you know, eight or nine days for the Special Meeting, I'm -- you know, I'm sorry that we're in this position, because, actually, now if we even wanted to come back, we just released all the people from -- they're still on? Oh.

I don't think it's fair. I think we -reluctantly table, because we're in the position that we're in. So I would support the motion.

THE CHAIR: Commissioner Beck?
COMMISSIONER BECK: Just as a point -thank you, Chairwoman Burt. I looked at it pretty
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1 implement. There's no real actionable thing in 2. these 61 pages. It just goes policy after policy 3 after policy. 4 So I don't know if that's going to have 5 any real impact in terms of what has been done from 6 the audit and the outcomes of the audit. There 7 won't be anything in there that affects what we've 8 seen and the issues that have been put forth. It's 9 just a listing of -- I don't even know -- 60, 10 70 policies, something like that. That's what the 11 content is. 12 THE CHAIR: Any other discussion? 13 (No response.) 14 THE CHAIR: All right. Seeing none, I 15 just want to make sure everyone knows. If you vote 16 yes, it is to table this item until the Special 17 Meeting. No would be to continue the item today. 18 If you could call roll, Secretary Armijo. 19 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Yes. 20 Commissioner Armijo votes yes. 21 Chair Burt. 22 THE CHAIR: Yes. 23 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner 24 Carrillo.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Yes.

open for pushing through. You know, like, it could be another hour or hour and a half, two hours, maybe. You never know. I don't think we have that much left. But, once again, I'm open to doing lunch, or I'm open -- I'm always willing to push through. So that's why I'll open this up for you all.

Commissioner Carrillo.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: I don't want to push through, because it's just in my notes here, I believe that on several items, there's going to be a lot of discussion, and then on different things that I'm going to bring up in Sections 16 and 17, those will take time as well.

So I'm feeling we should just have lunch, come back, and not -- you know, have our -- yeah, there you go.

THE CHAIR: I'm open for consensus.

Commissioner Gipson.

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Well, I've already gotten the snow alert. So, you know, for those that are traveling, I'm concerned about staying here too late and not being able to get down the hill tonight.

So that is a real concern that I have. So

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           COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: (Inaudible.)
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           THE CHAIR: I'm open to hearing you all
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out. Hopefully, this is my last time. I'm always

2 pushing through so that we can get home safely. 3 THE CHAIR: Okay. Commissioner Carrillo. 4 COMMISSIONER GIPSON: I've lost -- the PEC 5 disappeared, the PEC drive, the folder, disappeared. 6 And I don't know how that happened. 7 THE CHAIR: We'll help you out. 8 Commissioner Carrillo. 9 COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: If that were the 10 case, and we were just to stay and work, I would 11 like to ask for me for eight to ten minutes to go in 12 there and prepare my lunch, and -- because I have 13 to --14 THE CHAIR: Let's do a ten-minute break. 15 Okay. We'll do a ten-minute break real quick. I 16 have some snacks in my bag if anyone didn't bring 17 anything. 18 COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: What about these

in this particular case, I'm more interested in

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: What about these other guys?

THE CHAIR: That's what I'm proposing.

Ten-minute break? Does that sound good? I'm seeing consensus. Okay. Ten-minute break. We'll be back at 12:10, and we'll keep going.

(A recess was taken at 11:58 a.m., and reconvened at 12:13 p.m., as follows:)

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THE CHAIR: All right. We're going to go ahead and get started again. We are on Item 11, which is Report from Charter Schools Division. Director Chavez.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Thank you, Chair Burt, Commissioners. I want to start out by giving celebrations. And I saw some of you at an event that I just want to uplift and really celebrate for the Albuquerque Sign Language Academy had an unveiling of the land that they were able to obtain through a partnership with Bernalillo County.

They're going to start building on that land. And it's beautiful. It's in the -- on the bosque. They've started to implement programming that takes kids outside and uses the outdoors as a learning venue for students.

And so this is the kind of innovations that we celebrate in charter schools. High five to Albuquerque Sign Language Academy.

Also wanted to recognize Horizon Academy West. I know this is a little wonky, but we do look at policies. And we noticed that Horizon Academy West has a really wonderful Complaint, Concerns, and Inquiry Policy in place so that when there's someone in the school community that has an issue, it's very

So we are in the process of building this project, but we imagine that before the end of the month, we will have the agreement in place with Public Charter Schools New Mexico and start to pair the mentors with the mentees so that they -- the head administrators can get the sort of support that they need.

We recognize that being a head administrator at a charter school is more than being a principal at a regular public school. It's like being a principal and being a superintendent all in one.

So we're really excited about this project. We've talked about it for a long time. And we're calling it a pilot project because we think we're going to learn a lot about what a good mentorship program looks like. High five to Barb on our team who has been heading this up.

The other pilot program that we're engaged in, I mentioned yesterday when we were talking about the Performance Framework and the Academic Performance Framework in particular, which gives charter schools choice on which assessments will be considered as part of their Accountability Plan.

And so we have contracted with a

clear the steps that they take to resolve the issue internally. And so we don't get complaints about that school, because they have clarified for families and folks in their community how they address it themselves. So high five to Horizon West.

We also want to recognize that there are two charter schools' boards who have both completed all of their annual board training.

So congratulations to J. Paul Taylor Academy in Las Cruces and Middle College High School in Gallup for having their boards complete all of the training.

I just wanted to give an update on a couple of projects that the Charter Schools Division is working on. We have two pilot projects going and are about ready to launch one in collaboration with Public Charter Schools of New Mexico. We are working on a new head administrator mentorship program.

So we have polled the new head administrators, and at least six of the State-authorized head administrators and three local have shown interest in the pilot program. And we've identified nine mentors.

statistician, Dr. Jody Ernst from Colorado who has been working with charter schools for as long as I've worked with charter schools, which is more than one decade.

And she has worked with me to help create the A Game Initiative, which looks at alternate assessments and means of assessing schools that might not do so well on statewide assessments.

So she has a lot of experience working with other authorizers and with schools themselves. She's working with us and some charter schools who have volunteered their data and their time to look at how their school might fare on the proposed Academic Performance Framework indicator that chooses an alternate assessment.

So that is an ongoing short-term project that we're working on.

I just want to recognize that the Governor has proclaimed January 22nd through January 28th as New Mexico School Choice Week. And because charter schools are public schools of choice, we will be celebrating charter schools.

In terms of CSD staffing, this is the first time since I've been in this division that we are fully staffed in the division.

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For those of you at the orientation, you got a copy of the org chart. If you weren't at the orientation and you want a copy of it, we most certainly will send that to you. But our website lists all the names and the staff positions that we have.

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We've done several new creates, so our team is larger and has more capacity than ever. That is really something to celebrate.

And I think the biggest celebration for the PEC in this regard is that we now have a full-time PEC Liaison who comes to the table with years and decades of experience at the PED.

So Sharyn Perea is that person. She was introduced this week to you all. And she has a few words to say on -- and so I'm going to turn it over to her for just a few minutes before coming back.

MS. SHARYN PEREA: Thank you. So I just want to let you all know this afternoon at 12:30, Marla Lovato will be here to assist anybody with reimbursements. But if you don't have time to go away from this very important business, I will be here to collect receipts.

And you all should have access to the Board/Commission Reimbursement Claim Form. do that; that includes the other bureaucracies within PED that has to touch it before you get reimbursed. And if we don't honor that timeline, there has to be a special letter that's written. So we're really encouraging folks to get your travel in as soon as possible.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Yes. So question for Sharyn: One, first, I'm sorry that I don't have my stuff in DocuSign from the meetings we did at CNM. I'll do it today as soon as we're done. I promise.

And the other thing is, on the new cards, I didn't even think of this until now. I noticed it was my personal address; whereas, in the older card, I used 300 Don Gaspar as my address as a Commissioner. Do -- is there any requirement that we -- it seems that -- I don't want somebody showing up at my house.

MS. SHARYN PEREA: There's absolutely no requirement. It's up to you as to what you want on there. Let me know and we can --

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: (Inaudible due to simultaneous speaking.)

24 COMMISSIONER GIPSON: (Inaudible due to 25 off-mic.)

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And for the new -- the new Commissioners, you were set up in DocuSign yesterday. It may be in your other e-mail-type thing, not necessarily junk, but in another folder. So if you need help accessing that, please reach out to me or Marla and we can help you with that.

And I think I was supposed to say something else, but I may have forgotten. Please, before the end of the meeting -- I did hand somebody a sample template of a business card and also the PEC directory. If you could give me back any edits before the end of today's meeting, I will make those edits and get them on the website and on the Google Drive.

And I think that may have been it. And if you have any questions, I'm here to help in any way that I can. Thank you.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Thanks, Sharyn. The one other thing that some of the Commissioners who weren't here on Wednesday might not have heard is that we are on a pretty tight timeline for reimbursements and ask that within two days of attending a meeting, that you get your travel going. PED has two weeks to process it.

But it's not just our division that has to

1 COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: I don't know. 2 Thank you.

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: (Inaudible due to off-mic.)

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Thank you. That's a great idea.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: All right. So I wanted to provide an update to the Commission on the 2023 Notices of Intent.

This is the first step in someone obtaining a charter school, and that is by letting us know that they intend to submit an application. Those Notices of Intent are due the second Tuesday in January.

And we received ten. But one was incomplete, so there are nine Notices of Intent up for consideration.

At least one is a resubmittal, and the others include -- altogether in the nine, comprise two from Albuquerque, two from Santa Fe, one from Rio Rancho, and then some communities that don't have charter schools: Sunland Park, Grants, Truth or Consequences, and Edgewood.

So you can find the complete Notices of Intent as a link off of your, maybe, web page. The

PEC web page, to the right, has a -- has a hot link called "Submitted Applications Archive." And when you go there, you'll see the 2023 Notices of Intent.

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Additionally, within the PEC Google Drive, there's a folder that is created that is going to be called "New" -- let's see. Let me double-check on the name of it.

But the document itself includes a summary of the Notices of Intent. So it says the name of the school, the name of the founder, the name of excuse me -- the intended location, the grades served, and the student cap.

Give me one second. I'll tell you exactly which folder that is.

Okay. So it says "New Charter School Application."

I'm going to rename it so that it's not just 2022. I put all the 2022 items in a specific folder. And you'll see that spreadsheet of "2023 Notices of Intent Summary." And that's Folder 10 in the PEC web page -- or Google Drive.

So the final -- two more items I wanted to discuss:

One is an update, where I wanted to report on, actually -- I don't believe this is a

Chair Burt sent -- excuse me -- I sent a letter letting the school know that that was the PEC vote on the amendment and that the school should return to in-person learning.

I had not heard back from the school. So I followed up with the school leader and the board chair, and I got an e-mail back with this response. I'm just going to read it exactly as it was written.

"Cesar Chavez Community School is currently in dialogue with the Public Education Commission regarding a disagreement over the interpretation of our charter contract. We respectfully request that no further actions be taken against the school as we continue to walk through a process to resolve this matter. We appreciate the opportunity to continue dialoguing with the PEC. We're committed to trying to come to a resolution with the Commission."

That came from the head administrator of Cesar Chavez.

And one of the things that I did not mention was that the PEC and the school did engage in a mediated process that concluded they should submit an amendment. So that happened before the amendment came in. So that is actually not the

discussion -- I wanted to provide an update on Cesar Chavez.

So at the -- so for the new Commissioners, just so you know, this is a school that has remained online, mostly online for its instruction since the pandemic. And we have been in communication with the school about our concern that they remain an online school despite the fact that all schools were asked to come back to in-person as much as policy -- as far as possible, with a policy that, you know, if they have an outbreak of COVID, they can move temporarily into online instruction, but to be in person, and especially if that is what their -- their charter indicates, right, that we do have two online schools where that's the mode of instruction and that's how they operate.

But for other schools that don't have something in the educational plan that says that they are an online school, the expectation is that they are in person.

So this has been an ongoing issue that the PEC has been addressing over several months. At the December PEC meeting, the PEC considered an amendment to the charter educational program to be online, and it was voted down. So, as a result,

current status.

And so I responded back to the school saying that the school is no longer in dialogue about the amendment request to be online, and that since the PEC's December meeting when the decision to deny the request was made, there have been no further discussions between the PEC and the school, nor between the school and the Charter Schools Division, or, I don't believe, the attorneys.

So I re-sent the memo that I had originally sent on January 10th that stated the expectation that Cesar Chavez go back to in-person instruction. So I re-sent to both the board chair and to the head administrator and asked them to let us know when the school would be back in person. This was yesterday that I sent that second e-mail. And I let them know I would be updating the PEC today.

I have not yet heard back from the school. And I know that this is not a discussion nor an action item of the PEC. This is just to inform you of the current status.

And the final thing I want to share with the Public Education Commission is that on Tuesday the 17th, we went to the school. One of the staff members of the Charter Schools Division actually went to the school and noticed that the school is

not holding instruction in person.

There were signs on the door. The parking lot was relatively easy -- empty. And so I believe that the school is still operating as an online school.

THE CHAIR: So we're not -- this isn't -- we did not list this as a discussion item.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Yeah. I know, much to my chagrin. However, for the Commissioners, Item 11 is the letter that Director Chavez sent. It's on -- that we were sent.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: It's on the Google Drive.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Even though you were polite, she uses the word "back to school immediately." I'll bring this up again in the Comments section.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: A final part of my report is to -- is new and different. I think that I've heard loud and clear from the Public Education Commission that you all would like more information and more timely information about how schools are doing. Huerta should not be on this list.

Final thing I want to say about the list of schools, this is not a comprehensive list of charter schools that have a Corrective Action Plan for the '21-'22 school year based on Special Ed Division monitoring. It's a partial list.

So as we get updated lists of schools, we will bring that information to the PEC, not because there is an expectation of an action, but to alert you that they are on a Corrective Action Plan, that Charter Schools Division is aware of it, we're monitoring the implementation in communication with Special Ed Division, who actually does the detailed special ed monitoring, to ensure that the Corrective Action Plan is being implemented and resolved.

And so, again, just for the record, La Academia Dolores Huerta should not be on the list. They do not have a special ed Corrective Action Plan.

Thank you.

THE CHAIR: Thank you, Director Chavez. All right. The next item is Item No. 12,

which is Discussion and Possible Action on Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

Ms. Barnes.

And I note there's been a lack of data over the last couple of years in terms of academic performance. But there is ongoing monitoring that occurs at the PED with all schools, and, in particular, with charter schools. And we continue to build bridges between the other divisions within the PED to get information about schools.

So we recently had a meeting with the Special Ed Division, and we asked about the Corrective Action Plans that they place charter schools on. And so they gave us a list of -- of the schools.

And it's listed in the agenda. There are four schools that are listed in the agenda. And I -- La Academia Dolores Huerta in Las Cruces, McCurdy Charter School, MAS, and Walatowa High Charter School.

So we heard back from the head administrator at La Tierra -- excuse me -- at La Academia Dolores Huerta because they had not heard that they were placed on a Corrective Action Plan. So over the past couple of days, I have sought clarification from the Special Ed Division and want to share with you that, actually, that was an error. The school is not on a CAP. So La Academia Dolores

MS. JULIA BARNES: Thank you. Actually, Chair, could I have you update -- do you want me to introduce it and have you update -- THE CHAIR: That's what I was thinking.

MS. JULIA BARNES: Me first? You second? Thank you. I'll go first.

Yesterday, in the documents, I presented an overview -- it's driving me nuts. Commissioner Manis, you are a white box in my view; so -- I'm probably, like, the reverse. You have brown hair in a white box, and I have white hair --

THE CHAIR: Don't move over, because then you'll be on my -- if you go that way, so...

MS. JULIA BARNES: It's just so funny.

(Off-mic statement.)
MS. JULIA BARNES: And we won't have a box

MS. JULIA BARNES: And we won't have a box in a couple of years. I'm sorry. That was a distraction.

Yesterday, I gave you an overview -- and these documents have been presented previously -- that there are three documents looking to be finished in March so that we can use them in contract negotiations.

Spent a lot of time on the Performance Framework.

The other two are a contract, which the Performance Framework is an attachment to. And then an amendment of the -- a proposed amendment to the Charter School Rule.

The -- the way that I'm looking at it right now is that the contract would basically hold the specific information about a school, and the Performance Framework would be attached.

The amended Rule, if it gets through, would be how you would take essentially high-stakes decisions. The process with any school at any time in any way would those -- would be in Rule.

Rule requires a process, a statewide process under the State Rules Act.

And the first step of that process is to issue a Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules. So you're -- it's on the Sunshine Portal. There's a whole process. It's very specific. Actually, there's people at the State Rules that do do -- State Rules that help you with that, that help me with that.

So I would like to launch that process. It is the start, not the finish, and it is -- it is posting up there that we are intending to look at the Rule.

doing a possible -- which this is kind of also going into my report. So remember that I'm telling you this when it comes to my report, because it's kind of the same.

All right. Looking at a cleanup bill in the Legislature, in which we can do this part, but also there's a couple of other pieces of the Public Education Commission legislation that could be cleaned up, too, because it's just not what's happening in practice. So that is something that can still be happening.

Outside of that, knowing that, you know, we don't get to -- the Secretary can't control if legislation gets passed or not. We don't get to control whether legislation gets passed or not.

But the Secretary does acknowledge that this is really important for us and for the charters to be able to do this. He's very supportive of us going ahead and doing the rule process collaboratively.

I did -- you know, he -- I talked to him last night for a while, and he is in agreement that the PED shouldn't be doing it for us alone, that it would be a step-in-step process where it's both of us together. We would initiate it. The PED is

Then the -- the Rule and any -- any -- if we do Version 2, Version 3, Version 4, it would all be posted. So it's a "sunshine" thing in law to do it this way. This launches that process.

We would do it collaboratively with the Public Education Department.

And I'm just going to pause right here.

THE CHAIR: All right. Yeah. So, I mean, this is for new Commissioners. I'm so glad that this is going to be new for you, because this idea of a rule has been something that Commissioner Gipson, when she was chair, had started the process. It came over to me, and in the last year, it's just been a thing.

So -- but we were able to have a really great conversation. We -- with Secretary Steinhaus, we did meet -- so there's kind of two -- two processes we're following.

One is we're -- we are -- we decided, as the Public Education Commission, to look -- to have a legislative clarification that allows for the rule process to be able to just be clarified legislatively so we can move forward.

The Secretary has been very, very collaborative and very helpful for us in looking at

going to support us through the process. And then we are working -- we both have calls in with PED attorneys on exactly what that could look like.

So that process is still open for what that could end up looking like.

But this -- the way that we're starting it allows for whatever that looks like, like, we're kind of building the plane as we're flying it a little bit. And we're open to what exactly the process looks like in collaboration with them.

And so I feel like we're in a really good space. And I let the Secretary know we really wanted this rule by March so we can do contracts with the rule in place. And he is extremely supportive of us doing that.

So that was excellent -- really exciting. So now he just said -- the last thing he told me was, "You guys just work with our attorney and get the thumbs-up, and I'm going to support you guys through it," which I know that is also what he told Commissioner Gipson as well.

So I feel like we're actually in a really good spot on it, and we're going to be able to go ahead and go through with this, which allows us, then, to look at content more than process.

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And that's what's really more important. Like, we can figure out the process stuff. I'll work very collaboratively with Chair-Elect Brauer to continue this process and make sure we get it through the finish line on the process part. And that allows us some space as a Commission to look at the content in the next coming months.

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But very encouraging and really exciting to be able to, like, go through, do this, and get it in place.

And then I want to also say thank you to Matt Pahl for coming and helping with the advocacy part on it and just really helping with the understanding of how important this is for the charters to not be able to have the swings back and

You know, many of our charter leaders, they've been at their schools since their inception. They've been there for 10, 15, 20 years, so they've seen plenty of Commissioners come and go. They've seen plenty of Secretaries come and go. Still there.

So we really want to ensure that level -we want to ensure a level of continuity for them that they haven't had previously. I think this is

Public Education Commission that are all of the processes that you all have been working on in the last year and some that have never been developed, like a revocation process, for example.

That revocation process follows in this proposed rule the way the Secretary has done appeals of revocation provisions. So -- so it talks about the forms and policy process that the PEC has put in place in the last year, how you would do that, and then it sets out all of the high-stakes division processes in the rule.

We'll go over that in great detail, but that's effectively what it does. What that allows us to do is remove that from every contract, because every -- like, any time, I don't care what school, there would be an appeal to the Secretary, I'm going to go to the rule and look at that same process. The next time it happens, I go back to the same rule. So it doesn't change from one school to the next. It's the same.

This would be consistent with that. So I'm happy to tell you more. But the request now is the launching.

24 THE CHAIR: Any questions from 25 Commissioners?

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the best way we can do it.

So once again, this initiating this is not dictating the process. The processing is getting worked on as we're doing it. We're happy to do it collaboratively with the PED and utilizing the PED's process, which is something that we didn't do initially, that first thing. So we're going to make sure that we follow all of PED's -- as an administratively-attached commission, we need to follow all of their guidelines.

So that's also part of them helping support us, as well as making sure we're doing it appropriately through their processes as well.

But very encouraging. So now we just have to kind of tighten up some of the loose ends. But I feel good that we're going to be able to follow this and get it done.

MS. JULIA BARNES: So the request and the agenda item is on the notice. I'll just give you a short overview of kind of how the proposed rule looks. And I talked about it a little bit yesterday.

There's an existing rule. We're not changing it.

We are adding specific sections for the

(No response.)

2 THE CHAIR: All right. So let me get to 3 it -- yeah, do you have it up? Great.

Commissioner Gipson.

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Yeah. I have it up. Thank you.

So I move that the Chair of the Public Education Commission issue a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to amend Title 6 Chapter 80 Part 4, and work collaboratively with the Public Education Department on the notice and the amendment effort.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Second.

THE CHAIR: Thank you. There is a motion and a second.

Any debate from Commissioners?

16 (No response.) 17 THE CHAIR: All right. Seeing none,

Secretary Armijo, if you could call roll.

19 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Chair Burt. 20 THE CHAIR: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner 22 Carrillo.

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146 1 COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes. 1 items that we wanted cleaned up as well -- and we 2 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Gipson. 2. consider them cleanups as well -- which is, once again, just allowing that rule process to where the 3 COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Yes. 3 4 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Manis. 4 PEC can collaboratively do a rule with the PED to be 5 COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes. 5 clarified in the statute. And then the 2 percent, 6 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Beck. 6 like, allowing up to 2 percent, which gives us 7 7 COMMISSIONER BECK: Yes. flexibility to really work with the PED on what that 8 8 could look like in future years as well. COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Taylor. 9 9 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. So we did put out -- we do have a draft 10 10 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Brauer. bill that we gave to PED -- Mr. Pahl also has it --11 COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. 11 that we can try to put out there and try to get 12 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: And Chair Arm---12 someone to sponsor it, maybe take a look at it this 13 13 Secretary Armijo -- votes yes. year. 14 14 COMMISSIONER GIPSON: (Off-mic.) Realistically, we're not sure if it's 15 15 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: That passes, ten to going to get through the Session this year, but just 16 16 to have it start being looked at and have it to zero. 17 start being discussed is something that could be 17 THE CHAIR: All right. Thank you. 18 18 very worthwhile, and still being -- could very much All right. That'll move us to Item 13, 19 19 which is Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on be pursued still. 20 20 The other -- there were a couple -- there Legislative Items. 21 COMMISSIONER GIPSON: There's I think --21 are a couple of other bills. There's one that did 22 actually get prefiled that I'll bring up at this 22 COMMISSIONER INGHAM: You never asked for 23 23 time. And then I'll give you my personal opinion on my vote. Yes. 24 whether we should even discuss it or not. 24 THE CHAIR: Thank you, Commissioner 25 25 But there was a prefiled bill that would Ingham. 147 149 1 1 COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: I apologize. I've change the PEC to the State Board of Education 2 2 again, a resolution that would change the PEC back done that in the past. It wasn't intentional. It 3 3 to the State Board of Education. wasn't the first time. 4 4 THE CHAIR: All right. Thank you. From my understanding, it's -- doesn't 5 5 So we do have -- I kind of -- like I said, really have much traction. Bills like this have 6 I kind of started to tell you about the Legislative 6 been filed in the past and really haven't gotten 7 7 Update. We did meet with a big group of people much traction. I would say it might be good for us 8 8 not to get involved in that and not to have regarding a proposed Legislative -- and what we 9 ended up calling it is a "cleanup bill" for the PEC 9 anything -- not to get involved in that area, 10 10 in which we talked about looking at doing -- you especially when we're in a situation where we're 11 11 know, there's just some things that are in statute working collaboratively with the Secretary on things 12 that aren't part of practice. 12 that we do care about that we want to see that 13 One of those things for us is the CTE; 13 benefit the charter schools. 14 right? It's in the MOU, but, still, the legislation 14 So open to what you-all think, if that's 15 says we oversee CTE. 15 something that we should discuss and talk about, and 16 So there's also, in legislation, saying 16 if you want to take a stance on it as a Commission 17 17 that the Secretary has to come to the PEC before or if you want to leave it up to individual 18 18 they can take action to suspend a school board, a Commissioners. But there is a prefiled bill in 19 district school board, which, once again, in 19 there. 20 20 practice isn't really practical. Commissioner Carrillo and then 2.1 21 So we talked about the things that the PED Commissioner Gipson. 22 22 might be able to benefit, like, for them to be able COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: I don't want to 23 23 take a stand on that. I'm just curious. Why? What to do their job better and get that cleaned up in 24 24 is the reasoning behind that? the statute. 25 25 THE CHAIR: So I did not reach out to the But, for us, we really had a couple of

legislator that filed it. COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Who filed it? THE CHAIR: I know in my head. Neville. COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Interesting. THE CHAIR: Commissioner Gipson. COMMISSIONER GIPSON: So this time it was a Republican that prefiled. It's been prefiled by -- Senator Soules did it one year. Senator Padilla did it another year. So it's floated around And it's really -- it's all about, you

And it's really -- it's all about, you know, who's got the power to make the decisions. And it -- you know, the unfortunate part is in that resolution, it doesn't say anything about who's going to be the charter authorizer. So it completely leaves out the charter authorizing component of, you know, what is -- what is our biggest aspect.

You know, some people think it -- years ago it was all about, "We don't like who was the cabinet secretary, so we're going to now change it back."

And I had discussions with folks. And it's, like, you don't get rid of the position just because you don't like the person that's sitting in

So, you know -- and I agree. I don't know if it's going to get any traction or not. But if it does, it does, you know.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Is it going to pay six figures?

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: No. You're still a volunteer, at least --

THE CHAIR: Yeah, I didn't see anything in the bill that said that.

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: The last time it was a volunteer school board.

THE CHAIR: Yeah. I didn't see anything in the bill that said it would change to a paid position.

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: It's just, you know, for a lot of people, it certainly -- when I first came on, we actually had a member who had been on the State School Board, and she rolled into the PEC. She had actually -- just as an FYI, she had started on the State School Board the year I started teaching.

So -- so it's, like, oh, you know. But it's a power thing. It's purely a power thing. THE CHAIR: All right. I feel like it

25 might be helpful -- I don't know. I know I have

it. Create parameters for who gets to fill that slot.

So I don't know if it has any traction. I think if PED does, in fact, take a stand, I think to work collaboratively, I think it -- you know, for individual Commissioners to support -- because I'm guessing PED is going to say no, you know.

So I think that, you know, I don't want to get in a political snit with them. But
Commissioners need to know that if -- especially if it did pass, you know, the ramifications for your upcoming elections dramatically changes, because it's going to be a highly sought-after position, because the resolution does say those sitting in the position would automatically roll into the State Board until your term was up.

So for those folks that are up in two years, you know, that's -- that's you folks.

So you're talking about -- start fundraising now, because it's -- I mean, some people like to couch it as we're depoliticizing the position, because it's no longer going to be a Governor's appointment. But you're going to be elected politically. So it doesn't depoliticize this.

Wayne and Matt, I know I have you guys later for an update. But I know you also have legislative items, and I'm sure that might be the bulk of what your updates might be.

Would you-all come -- because if we don't take action on it now, and then we hear you later, we can't, like, vote to support something or not support something. So if you wouldn't mind.

MR. MATT PAHL: Thanks, Madam Chair, members of the Commission. So would you just like the items related to the policy right now?

THE CHAIR: Yeah, the -- like, the legislative specific for this item.

MR. MATT PAHL: Yes. Sure.

So for the -- for the session, we are looking at the 2 percent transparency bill, meaning that our schools get to see the budget of what that 2 percent goes to. There is no, like, clawback language or anything like that. We just want it to be standard that it's transparent that we know where that money goes.

That money is SEG. That's something that we're supposed to use that to serve kids. So there should be additional accountability on that.

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There's that first-year transportation. I don't know the mechanisms behind it, but we have to get this paid for. That's another thing that we're using SEG stuff for classrooms to, like, save up \$100,000 just to run a bus for one year, and then we can get publicly funded -- or, sorry -- funded from the State for that.

And so we're working with Representative Garratt on both of those issues right now. She helped us out on our charter facility bill last year, and I think she's eager to talk through that.

So we're still in drafting. I think some of the mechanisms at play are important here. And we'll certainly be in touch with your legislative liaison as that bill kind of gets crafted and is looking like it's how we want it to look.

Our other issue will be a bill from Christine Trujillo. And that's on allowing students who enrolled in any public school, but particularly our charter schools that serve dropout reengagement -- students that are reengaging in the school after dropping out -- is if they enroll

really pushing on right now.

And then we, of course, have a number of items regarding kind of the topics du jour this session on Extended School Year, on at-risk funding, things of that nature.

And I think all of you are on our legislative updates, so just stay tuned on those. You'll see kind of what we're doing on those issues, those, like, broader public ed issues.

And I will just share that we -- if you all are paying attention to the graduation requirements discussion, that is one that I was even surprised. We had a call with about 45, 50 charter leaders on there. They were very supportive of graduation requirements. I don't know that they even could nitpick a whole lot.

So while that's not an official position for our organization just yet, that may evolve. And I think just generally reducing the amount of credits the State is asking for and providing more flexibility, you know, we love flexibility. And I guess -- unless we're talking about the Performance Framework, but we'll figure that out soon.

So thank you. That's what I have, Madam Chair.

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before that age cap deadline of age 22, but they continue their schooling, then the school can continue to get funding for them. So it kind of grandfathers them in across that threshold.

The hook is they have to continuously enroll. They have to keep -- if they disenroll at any point in time, then it's over. They are capped out of that.

That bill will have another kind of proposal of how we run this kind of adult ed system. So just know it's with that.

We are most interested in that -- that ability for a student that, when they reengage with going to public school, that they can continue on, that it doesn't just end all of a sudden.

And just so you all know, it's not that it actually ends when a school -- when a school brings on a student that's pretty close to that 22 years of age. They'll continue to serve them. But it's a real burden. They have a -- you know, a 150 enrollment cap, and it counts against the cap, but they don't get funding for that student. And, you know, five kids starts making a difference as far as the money that you have to work with as a school.

So those would be the three that we're

THE CHAIR: Great. Thank you.

Commissioner Carrillo, then Commissioner Gipson.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Okay. On legislative updates, when you send us those, even if it's like some flash thing, where, "Hey, we need you at 9:00, this room, this time, this day, because this is being, you know, addressed, and we'd love to hear from you," that would be really helpful.

MR. MATT PAHL: That would be the mechanism. When we do that, you'll get them in that legislative updates format. Then you'll probably get a call from me or a text or something. When it's time to really get mobilized, we do everything.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: I'm only ten minutes away, so I can be here. When I was with SFPS, if it changed times or stuff like that, it's not an inconvenience for me.

The second thing was are there any threats in terms of what's been proposed that we need to be aware of?

MR. MATT PAHL: Madam Chair, Commissioner Carrillo, I think the bill regarding charter school foundations and leases, you know, we have gotten word -- that was in yesterday's update -- I've gotten on good authority that this is going to be

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something that looks like a 2013 bill that actually passed, but then was pocket vetoed by the governor at the time.

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A few things that that does, it makes -- I think it's saying the authorizers need to review all the conflict of interest that -- you know, disclosures that happen at a charter school.

You know, I don't know what we'll do with that. I think more concerning are the things they want to do on the lease portion of this. So they're asking PSFA to ensure that charter schools pay a, you know, market-competitive lease rate. It asks them to create a standard lease for everyone to use.

And the concerns there are that, you know, you get something that works at the speed of government working with a school that needs to work at the speed of real estate that they're working -it can only muddy the waters here.

I do think that there's -- I mean, the days of some of these -- these contracts or these leases being really messy are kind of over. Like, I think there's just some collective, like, education that's happened.

And the PSFA in the past has said, "We don't feel comfortable doing a market rate analysis was before my time, so I'm not that familiar with that. I'm going to have to go back.

But it was my understanding that there -that PSFA -- because not that many years ago, they hired their lawyer, and that they were doing a review of the leases, and that was one of their obligations.

So I thought they were already checking to make sure that it was, you know, not outrageous. Because I know a couple of times we've gotten reports back saying, you know, "This is a little bit higher than what the average rate is, you know, in the area," and things like that. So I thought that review was already -- had already taken place.

And I remember at Spring Budget a couple of years ago when it was -- so it was -- you know, when it was still alive, that was another presentation that PSFA made, that they were going to create more of a boilerplate kind of lease, not -so that it would standardize it so I guess it would make it easier for them to review. You know, I guess I'm questioning whether that actually does happen. But I thought some of that was already happening.

MR. MATT PAHL: Madam Chair and

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on school property."

I mean, the entire universe of school real estate is essentially charter schools. So, you know, whereas, like a school district building a school, they don't lease property for that, you know. And so, like, figuring out what the market rate is would be kind of difficult.

So we'll see what they say this time. That was ten years ago when that conversation was had. And we're waiting for the real version to drop before we really spend a lot of time on it.

But I do understand that they'll be close to those provisions.

And I would say at this point in time, that's the threat that's on our radar is just provisions that really gunk up a pretty complicated system already, this idea of charter schools getting leases for their facilities.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Well, then, I would say getting fair lease reimbursement in a timely fashion.

MR. MATT PAHL: Uh-huh.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Yeah. Thank you.

THE CHAIR: Commissioner Gipson.

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: So, yeah, the 2013

Commissioner Gipson, I think the -- I do remember that review. And I think the fact that it was quiet afterwards, meaning they didn't find anything too wild in those leases. Because I remember that part.

I don't think there's any issue with PSFA saying, "Hey, this is what some decent standardized language should look like."

But the second you say, "Okay, charter school, you must use this template," when it's leasing from any number of entities under the sun, I think you're going to create some problems.

So that's like an education thing and a resource that could be useful.

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Right. I agree, if it's available. So it might help. Because, you know, some of the -- some of the management companies aren't used to, you know, leasing to a public school, so that it could help them in guiding what should be in the lease, yeah.

And I don't know -- honestly, I don't know if that review really takes place. I don't. And I'm not saying that they -- you know, some of me says they should. But because -- you know, but some of me says, "Oh, you know, we're digging into the root of a lot of stuff."

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2	that I thought some of it was actually already	2	go to our traditional public schools that just
3	happening. So I don't know why it would be	3	happened to choose this.
4	populated back into legislation	4	And so I think collectively, you all are a
5	MR. MATT PAHL: Yeah.	5	part of this as well. Our organization, our
6	COMMISSIONER GIPSON: you know. And it	6	schools, you, the whole charter community has
7	might just be an education piece on the legislators'	7	really, really made it so it's less vitriolic
8	part, because, as you know, they're not real	8	regarding charter schools compared to what it used
9	familiar with what goes on with the charter sector.	9	to be.
10	They're just assuming that nothing's happening. So	10	COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Also
11	we have to put this all in the legislation so	11	explain to me what you meant by charter schools
12	that to make sure and it's well, it's	12	by the Legislature, their feeling is that we're
13	already happening.	13	educational real estate. That's I didn't quite
14	MR. MATT PAHL: Right. And, Madam Chair	14	understand that.
15	and Commissioner Gipson, I mean, some of this, too,	15	MR. MATT PAHL: I may Madam Chair and
16	I mean, maybe that may have changed after that bill	16	Commissioner Clahchischilliage, I may have just
17	was proposed.	17	misspoken there, because I'm not sure what I said
18	And so it's this idea of I think we kind	18	when I said that.
19	of know what's coming. But until a bill is	19	COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Did I
20	dropped until words are on paper, we don't really	20	hear it wrong?
21	know it's something. And so some of those	21	COMMISSIONER GIPSON: The educational real
22	provisions might be taken out that are kind of	22	estate came in in the lease conversation.
23	current practice.	23	MR. MATT PAHL: Yes, sorry.
24	COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Okay. All right.	24	MR. WAYNE SHERWOOD: Because districts
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COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Okay. Thank you.

THE CHAIR: Secretary -- I don't know why I'm -- Commissioner Ingham and then Commissioner Brauer.

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COMMISSIONER INGHAM: I just had one question. It brought to my mind, is there a -- does PSFA review potential leases?

Because I ran into a charter school that was leasing, in my early part of my career, that was a totally inappropriate space, and that they didn't have the -- because I'm sure schools have a specific code that they have to be accountable to. And they were leasing space that did not -- did not use -- so I was just wondering, who -- who reviews -- does somebody review a potential lease before the school engages with a management company?

MR. MATT PAHL: Madam Chair and Commissioner Ingham, it is not done prior to the lease being executed. For lease assistance, it needs to be a lease that meets the requirements. And so you can go ahead and sign a lease and not get any funding for it if you sign a bad lease.

So I know you're familiar with traditional public school facilities. They have to meet PSFA's think they've done that in the past when things are just really backed up.

3 So I think by Monday or Tuesday will --4 something like that that's been talked about at the interim should be prefiled at the front end. If it's moving, we should see it soon as a bill.

7 COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Great. Thank you. 8 THE CHAIR: Commissioner Carrillo.

9 COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: A question for 10 both, maybe Commissioner Brauer and for Mr. Pahl.

Tribal authorization bill? Is that a bill that would allow tribes then to be authorizers of their own charters? Is that what it is?

Got it. Thank you.

THE CHAIR: Commissioner 15

16 Clahchischilliage. 17

COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Explain that to me, authorizers of their own charter schools.

20 COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Madam Chair and 21 Commissioners. So they're -- I think it was Kevin 22 Shendo and Benny Shendo, Senator Shendo, they were 23 kind of taking the lead over the summer sessions to 24 consider -- and this has been in the works for

25 several years -- and former Deputy Secretary Bobroff

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facilities standards, adequacy standards. Charter schools do not. They just need to have E-Occupancy.

So we have a lot of variance from what you might know from traditional public schools. But the county must certify that, yes, they have all the things they need to host -- be an educational institution, essentially. And so that would be done before anybody -- or there would at least be a path towards getting E-Occupancy prior to any lease being signed.

THE CHAIR: Commissioner Brauer. COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Thank you, Madam Chair, Commissioners.

Matt, thank you so much for the updates. I had a question about the tribal authorization bill I know that was being worked on during the intersessions. Is that still having any legs? Or where do you think that's going to be going? I hadn't heard anything in a bit, since the summer.

MR. MATT PAHL: Madam Chair and Commissioner Brauer, I don't know. And they are so backed up with drafting right now that I think -- I mean, I think -- little speculation. I think not doing anything today was kind of just to help them catch up a little bit. Nobody told me that, but I

and I were even talking about that when we were both up here at the PED -- to figure out a pathway for our tribes, nations, and pueblos, to have authority to approve, authorize, and, you know, do everything that we do with charter schools on their tribal lands.

And so it's been in the works. I think that there was a little bit more energy, I felt, over the summer. There seemed to be some work sessions that were happening.

I know that the Navajo Nation was a little bit more interested. Dr. Monty Roessel from Diné College was a part of that. I know they wanted to see some things start to really move to ensure that, you know, the Navajo Nation would be able to open up charter schools and be the authorizers on there.

I think there was some -- to get into some of the main details, I think, or, I guess, obstacles is thinking through how does funding go to tribes from State coffers. I think that's something that I've heard that needs to be clarified or figured out.

I know that there are mechanisms that do that right now. I don't think that that happens through Public Education outside of the Indian Ed --

170 1 an Indian Ed Act funding at this stage. 1 And I guess I'm wanting to know about it, 2 2 So it's something that definitely, talk because a lot of times when we go into this, this with your colleagues and relatives, for sure, 3 3 type of arrangement, organization, it becomes more 4 4 Commissioner, to learn more about where that is. of a barrier to providing quality education, better 5 And it might be good to connect with 5 education. And as a result, it really isn't a 6 6 Senator Shendo, if you have a relationship with him, route, a lot of times, to take. 7 7 to see where that might be. But that's the gist, to And so that's why it grabbed me right 8 ensure that tribes, nations, and pueblos have the 8 away, because I think I was -- oh, my gosh. We went 9 9 authority to open -- open schools in their local for years trying to get public education. We 10 10 community context. finally have it. And BIE, Bureau of Indian 11 COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: So who 11 Affairs -- Education, right now what we're trying to 12 would oversee that activity with them? You know, 12 do is define a difference. And what is the 13 13 like with us, it's with PED and the legislative difference between that education and the public 14 14 body. So who would it be for them? education and then private education? That's the COMMISSIONER BRAUER: So at the tribal 15 15 discussion that's also going on. 16 16 So then to add charter schools to it, I'm level, we would -- are you familiar with 628 or 17 17 Tribal -just wondering how does that mix? What is the -- is 18 18 that the garlic in the recipe? I mean, what exactly COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: 638, yes. 19 19 COMMISSIONER BRAUER: It would be very is it? 20 20 similar to that process. It's one of the So I'm just real curious as to what the 21 21 thought is in all of this, because I feel like in a discussions. So, like, in BIE, Bureau of Indian 22 22 lot of ways, the education for a lot of our Natives Education schools that are tribally controlled --23 23 they're sometimes called 638 schools, as they go has been watered down so much because of the federal 24 24 bureaucracy, and then the -- the state bureaucracy through that process -- typically, either the tribal 25 25 and then the tribe. So you're dealing with three council, or the tribal council appoints a board to 171 173 1 oversee, like, that school. 1 entities. Then you're in the counties, and that 2 2 And so similar mechanisms have been adds even more layers to the process. 3 3 discussed on how that would look. So that would be, So that's why I was asking. So I'm --4 4 like, the governing body, potentially. So that thank you for letting me know because I intend to 5 5 follow it. process would sort of be similar to what we see here 6 in the way that we interact with the PED and 6 COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Thank you, 7 7 governing councils. Commissioner. 8 8 I think the question that you asked, like, And I would say, like, three school 9 how does this look like with a sovereign body 9 examples -- or maybe four school examples -- I would 10 10 between the PED and the sovereign tribal -- tribal think about. Dream Diné Charter School in Shiprock. 11 11 nation, that's the thing that I think has been a DEAP Charter School in Navajo, New Mexico. They're 12 little bit of a hitch in figuring that piece out. 12 both on the Navajo Nation. And I know both of them 13 But it does happen in other states. There 13 would be interested and thinking about what would it 14 14 are states -- Oklahoma has a charter legislation look like to have a third option of authorizing, 15 that has a direct pathway for tribal nations in 15 not -- you know, the local school district is not an 16 Oklahoma to be the charter authorizer. Washington 16 option for either one of them, really, even though 17 17 State does as well. There might be some other one of them right now is authorized by CCSD. 18 states now that are able to do that, too. But those 18 But I know that, you know, the idea of 19 19 are the two that I'm certain are able to do this and having a school that's on tribal lands completely, 20 20 have charters. being -- you know, being authorized by, you know, 21 COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: I guess 21 the tribe itself is something that is of interest to 22 22 I'm listening to what you're saying and looking at many -- many schools and school leaders. 23 23 who you've identified, Oklahoma and Washington And then the other examples would be, in 24 24 State. Their tribal organization is completely Jemez, Walatowa, which is another one of our schools 25 25 different from the pueblos and the tribes. here, as well as San Diego Riverside is another

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1	school that was kind of sort of almost and,	1	have one more meeting in February during the Session
2	Corina, correct me if I'm wrong it was a mission	2	that we can discuss any bills that haven't yet been
3	school, and it kind of transitioned the building	3	adopted. So we could bring that up again. Or if
4	itself transitioned into a charter school a couple	4	you want to try to see if the Commission will take a
5	of decades ago. And so those are other schools	5	stance on it today, we can do that now.
6	COMMISSIONER GIPSON: They're a BIE	6	COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: No, I
7	school.	7	think we need to wait. There's too much that needs
8	COMMISSIONER BRAUER: No, they're a local	8	to be done yet. Don't you agree?
9	authorized school.	9	THE CHAIR: All right. So I'm going to
10	COMMISSIONER GIPSON: I thought they	10	ask that we keep moving past that topic.
11	transitioned to a BIE school.	11	Commissioner Gipson.
12	COMMISSIONER BRAUER: That's where it	12	COMMISSIONER GIPSON: The only thing I was
13	comes from. From Senator Shendo and his brother	13	going to say was the LESC did have a deep
14	Kevin, when they went through that process with	14	conversation and presentation. So I would check
15	Walatowa and San Diego Riverside, like having the	15	with a local legislator that serves on the LESC,
16	pueblo being an authorizer was something of high	16	because they did hear. They also made a report out
17	interest. So yeah, I think that's where it comes	17	on the financial concerns primarily on how that
18	from is having the local authorization and tribal	18	funding flow would be.
19	authorization.	19	So that's why I think it may not hit any
20	COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: I guess	20	traction this session, because of that.
21	I'm looking at if Benny Shendo is the one pushing a	21	I also attended the
22	lot of this, I'm wondering if maybe the recipe is	22	government-to-government meeting. And there was a
23	for pueblos. So the rest of us have to fit into	23	presentation there as well.
24	that.	24	So, you know, if you can catch the ear of
25	And that's kind of what we have we run	25	the Cabinet Secretary, he's had a lot of those
23	And that 5 kind of what we have we full	25	the Cabillet Secretary, he's had a lot of those
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1	into all the time. So I'm really interested in	1	conversations with them. But LESC did have a full
2	finding out more about it, because	2	presentation, and, like I said, they made a report
3	THE CHAIR: I'm going to ask, if this is a	3	out on it.
4	proposal that is an individual matter or if you want	4	COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Uh-huh.
5	the whole Commission to consider. Because if we	5	Okay. Thank you for that information.
6	want to keep it on individual, then I think we need	6	THE CHAIR: Mr. Pahl, and then
7	to start moving forward on a different conversation.	7	Commissioner Carrillo.
8	But if you want the Commission to take a stance on a	8	MR. MATT PAHL: Madam Chair and members of
9	possible bill, I think we need to have that be	9	the Commission, I'm actually supposed to be meeting
10	discussed at this time.	10	with LESC on Extended School Year right now. And so
11	COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Okay. I	11	I just want do you feel like you got the
12	guess I'm bringing it up because this is something I	12	information you need here?
13	know if we if this actually occurred and it	13	Okay. Wayne is going to be taking care of
14	becomes alive and well and moving around us, among	14	our report afterwards, and he can answer anything
15	us, then it's something we're going to have to be	15	right now to the extent he's aware of what's going
16	looking at as well. Thank you.	16	
17	THE CHAIR: So I guess I want to make	17	on. And just wanted to say welcome, new
18	just, like, the next couple time to be	18	Commissioners, and congratulations to those who are
19	succinct.	19	on Executive, because I don't think I'll see you
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20	So would you like to propose that the PEC		after this.
	supports a bill if a bill like that were to come,	21	So thank you.
21	then the DEC would grow at 10 On 1-	1 22	
22	then the PEC would support it? Or do you want to	22	THE CHAIR: Thank you, Mr. Pahl. Have a
22 23	hold off because we need to start making	23	good weekend.
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1	I'm going to propose that the PEC support those	1	take us to Item 14, which is Report from PEC
2	three bills. And that way, possibly when Chair	2	Liaisons.
3	Brauer, if he goes to the Legislature to represent,	3	The first one, LESC and LFC, there are
4	or he could appoint someone else to do that, they	4	several items that both both of the committees
5	can speak on behalf of the Commission and say that	5	supported that are likely going to impact all
6	we in the Commission would support the transparency	6	schools, but so charters as well.
7	on the 2 percent bill, the first-year funding for	7	There was an increase of the at-risk
8	transportation for charter schools, and the keeping	8	funding that was asked for both. That was not on
9	funding for enrollment for students who enroll	9	the Governor's on her platform. But both both
10	before they're 22.	10	of the committees did ask for increase to at-risk
11	Those three bills, I would I move that	11	funding.
12	we support those three bills.	12	Also, this one I think, is real
13	COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: I'll second if	13	impactful for many charters is an increase in
14	that's a motion.	14	instructional hours. So going from 990 for middle
15	COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I second.	15	school/high school and 1,080 for elementary, to
16	THE CHAIR: A motion and a second to	16	1,140 for all for all levels.
17	support the three bills, the priority bills from	17	This has been that has been
18	PCSNM.	18	seemingly it seems to be a rural/urban divide on
19	Any discussion on those items?	19	support. I also think, for charters, they like to
20	(No response.)	20	have more flexibility and less mandates. And so it
21	THE CHAIR: All right. Seeing none, we	21	seems to be something that could be very contentious
22	can add those to our thing after roll call.	22	moving forward. But that is something that both
23	COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Ingham.	23	LESC and LFC did support.
24	COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes.	24	Also extended day extended day
25	COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner	25	incentives, so providing additional financial
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1	Clahchischilliage.	1	incentives for schools that choose to do extended
2	COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes.	2	days. And I think we've even talked with some
3	COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Gipson.	3	schools that are doing a lot of these in the charter
4	COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Yes.	4	sector, which are really pioneers of extended days,
5	COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Manis.	5	extended years, and are not getting the funding for
6	COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes.	6	it. So this could be something that actually could
7	COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Beck.	7	benefit charters who are already doing it. And it's
8	COMMISSIONER BECK: Yes.	8	an incentive, not a mandate.
9	COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Taylor.	9	The other thing is staff increases.
10	COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.	10	They're kind of they're a little bit all over the
11	COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner Brauer.	11	board as to how much staff increases are, how much
12	COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes.	12	to budget for staff increases. And it's kind of a
13	COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Secretary Armijo	13	wide gap right now between LESC, LFC's, and the
14	votes yes.	14	Governor's recommendation on that.
15	Chair Burt.	15	So it does look like, with the additional
16	THE CHAIR: Yes.	16	money that is in the budget, staff school staff
17	COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Commissioner	17	will be receiving raises this year. How much and
18	Carrillo.	18	how they're funded seems to be the issue that would
19	COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Yes.	19	be determined.
20	COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: That passes, ten to	20	COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: On that?
21	zero.	21	THE CHAIR: Commissioner Carrillo.
22	THE CHAIR: All right. Any other items	22	COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: So on that, raises
23	that need to be discussed on the Legislative Agenda?	23	across the board, it's a recurring expense. So what
24	(No response.)	24	happened? Everyone is just all jubilant and there's
25	THE CHAIR: All right. Great. That'll	25	balloons over in the Roundhouse with all this money.

But what happens when the well runs a little bit dry? We and districts still have to cough up these raises.

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So -- and this could be something that maybe we think for the next Legislative Session, and that is holding Public Education harmless, because when we keep giving increases, and then the coffers run a little dry, we're on the hook, and then we have to cut programming. And that's districts and charter schools.

So they don't think about what's recurring in the long -- the ten years from now that's -- how it's going to affect everybody.

And so I would just suggest that we always bring up the whole recurring expense and holding education harmless when we do the raise thing.

Also, for me, personally, never been a fan of across-the-board raises. I'm a fan more of giving whatever that dollar amount is to a district, because they know where these raises need to be given.

In some cases, secretaries -- secretaries and aides, maybe -- that's usually where it really needs to be increased. But, usually, if you're a Level III or you're principals or some other

school and what that impact was, because it wasn't a fully funded raise. So the SEG did go up, but it didn't go up enough. So schools had to cut programming to, you know, to meet that.

So if we're going to put the money in, which I think it should, it needs to be funded. And, absolutely, you know, funded not just for a year or two years, and then that, you know, funding disappears.

So, you know, I think that's really the -you know, the critical piece that people need to look at. Teachers do need to be paid adequately. I don't think they ever will.

And I think that - it goes to the insurance issue as well, because when aides and auxiliary staff get pay increases, it -- it increases their level of contribution to the health insurance. So sometimes they get a raise, and it's, like, "Thanks a lot, but now I've moved up to that tier, so now I have to contribute more for my health insurance."

So where's the raise? And I know there's legislation to hopefully mitigate that. But, you know, I -- and I fully support that many of those areas need that additional funding, so for a

teachers, they're already at what would be considered kind of the market norm, if you will.

There's just always something to think about when we're thinking about doling out money.

THE CHAIR: Commissioner Gipson?

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: I'm going to absolutely agree with you on that last part, because we've all experienced -- and I did contract negotiations, you know, when first three years, teachers got this influx of money, and then it became this, you know, "I'm making as much money as somebody who's been here ten years," because the money wasn't -- districts couldn't fund comparable types of raises.

And now we're at a point where, in many schools, the top-of-the-tier teachers are making almost as much as the principal. So why do I want to take on the responsibilities of a principal when -- you know, I'm not just saying I'm just doing the duties of a teacher. But the additional responsibilities of a principal, why take that on when I'm making -- you know. And I'm -- certainly, any raises, I support 1,000 percent.

But I think it was actually Wayne who was one of the ones the last round talked about his district to determine, you know, where they can best spend that money, or at least with some guidelines on where that money should go. But the insurance issue has to be addressed as well.

THE CHAIR: Commissioner Carrillo.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: And that goes -- and that goes to the recurring expense thing as well. I mean at SFPS, we just made sure that no matter what, we were committed to this (inaudible). I brought it up in 2012 that no matter what, we would cover any increase in health insurance so nobody fell behind. Because you're right. Especially for those lower paid, it sucks up everything.

I'm remembering the meetings -- I think it was in April last year after the Legislative Session where we found out -- like, I visited one of my schools way up north. And it was, like, "Wait a minute here. I'm now making less than my third-tier teacher."

This is the head administrator. And that was not uncommon. And then other people saying, "We're having to cut programming." All the while, the gall of them, they're saying out in public, "No, we gave you every penny. We don't know where the

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But the schools were adamant that -- well, we saw it. They had to make cuts. So, yeah, to that end.

THE CHAIR: All right. Next one is New Mexico Indian Education Advisory Council. Secretary Armijo.

COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Thank you. So I wasn't able to attend yesterday's monthly TED call with Secretary Steinhaus.

But what they did discuss was the tribal priorities that are needed on the tribe. So I was -- they did send out their -- their reports. I'm just going to quickly go over it because it's very short.

What they've asked for from the PED is multi-year funding, increased instruction time, work-based learning opportunities, special education and mental health supports, respect, and government-to-government work together to revitalize and preserve language and culture, a shared responsibility and increased tribal education sovereignty, community-based education created by and centered within tribal communities, a balanced culturally and linguistically relevant education

Thank you. 2 THE CHAIR: Thank you. The next one is PSCOC. And Commissioner Ingham. 3

> COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Well, I hope you guys will excuse me from having a great report. I think there was a couple of things from PSCOC that warrant your attention.

> One of them is the lease acceptance. And I'm sure that really affects charter schools, and that will -- that application cycle will occur from mid-July through mid-August, and then awards will be made in November.

I don't know that they made any accommodation of when the awards will actually be paid. And it seems to me that's one of the issues that I don't understand very well, but I would like to get to the bottom of.

And the other issue was the broadband -new broadband system that they're proposing. They did pass the funding for that. And it is in kind of a -- they're doing the programming of it. And my feeling is that by the time they get it programmed, it'll be obsolete. But we'll see how that goes.

But they are working on a new broadband system that will take quite a while to get

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1 that sustains the strengths of children and their 2 communities.

> The goal is to move the needle on student achievement and close the gaps among student groups.

And under that is school leadership. Increase the number of Native American teachers and principals. And time for learning and cultural activities.

And then I'm going to quickly go over their FY24 request funding type.

So the Indian Education Act. They're asking for \$25.23 million.

Under the Tribal and Rural Community-Based Extended Learning Programs, they're asking for \$13.31 million.

Under the Salary Parity Native American Language and Cultures Staff, they're asking for \$3.25 million.

And under Tribal Liberties Capital, they're asking for \$20 million, for a total of \$61.799 million.

Like I said, I wasn't able to attend the meeting, but I did get this, and I will share it with everybody so you can have it in front of you as well, because I think it's really good information.

implemented.

Thank you.

THE CHAIR: Thank you. NMPSIA with Commissioner Manis.

COMMISSIONER MANIS: Thank you. We do not have January meetings. So I did not have a chance to meet with the other board members in January. However, we do have a meeting on February 2nd. As long as I'm still in the liaison role, then I will be attending both the subcommittee meeting and the board meeting.

Thank you.

THE CHAIR: NMSBA. Commissioner Carrillo. COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: So I did not

15 attend their December convention. And they're 16 having -- unfortunately, it's too late for us. They 17 have the big thing of the first Friday-Saturday of

18 December, and then their next big deal is generally,

19 like, the second week in February of the

20 Legislature. And they all walk over, and Legislator 21 for a Day and all that stuff.

> So the thing that I'm thinking -- and we want to get ahead of the game, because I know, having spoken with Joe Guillen, that they would be up for the proposal -- I certainly hope people would

attend -- for us to do a couple of sessions at the NMSBA, their really big meeting. It's, you know, in December. It's usually at the Embassy Suites.

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Because I'm thinking. It's just like today, the -- the Letter of Intent for Montessori in Santa Fe. Man, I've been wanting a Montessori, a public Montessori in Santa Fe since I started on their board.

And now it's like, for God's sakes, man, this is your opportunity to make it a magnet and have it be one of your schools. You complain about losing kids, right? Get on the dime, you know. The board needs to act.

So -- and things like that. It's like teaching them -- not teaching them -- modeling for them, right, how they can be innovative, keep their kids, and not -- because I know that if they close certain schools as they're thinking of doing at SFPS, man, there's going to be a bolt to the privates in Santa Fe.

It's just a bad move. So do it yourselves.

So I think of things like, for seminars, Charter Innovation for Districts. Adopting Our Performance Plan and contract Model for District what works. So I'd love us to be able to do that.

Other than that, I have no new information on NMSBA.

I have a question for Wayne when it comes to Comments.

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: He just left.

7 COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Oh, rats. Oh, his 8 stuff is there. Okay.

9 THE CHAIR: Okay. Well, for Comments, we 10 do not allow discussion.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: No discussion. I have a question just for him.

13 THE CHAIR: I don't know if that -- I think that's discussion.

15 COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: It could be, like, 16 Jeopardy. I could form my question as a comment as 17 an answer.

18 THE CHAIR: I think you're toeing a line 19 that I do not like.

Okay. We'll figure it out.

21 COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: All right.

22 THE CHAIR: And last is the New Mexico

23 State Library commission.

24 Commissioner Taylor.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: All right. Meeting

School Improvement.

Because imagine -- like, even at APS or something, if they do it, imagine if they had a performance plan that they would put all their administrators and principals on. "This is what you have to meet every year," and have it be some sort of a contract that they do. "And if you don't -- and if you don't for three years in a row, we'll find someone who can."

Because our kids are the only ones that suffer. And I think we serve -- our charters serve as such a great example for what's possible, so long as you're willing to think outside of the desk, as it was for Aldo -- I can't remember the last name of that school.

We would want to decide on that probably in April, so we can start getting all the information together, show them what they're doing. They take it to their board in July, and that way we know it's going to happen in December.

And we can decide whether we want to do any of these sessions ourselves, who might want to do it, or then maybe there's somebody from NACSA that we might want to bring in.

But, just, you know, we are a model for

coming up on -- the end of this month, January 27th, and so I have no report until after that meeting.

THE CHAIR: All right. Thank you.

And so just for -- just so everyone's on the same page as far as 2023, PEC liaison roles. so once again, as soon as we're done with this meeting, Chair Brauer will then be able to -- and I'm going to assume it's going to be Sharyn, since it was Bev before -- work with Sharyn to ask for your interest in a liaison position. And we'll need to e-mail that to Sharyn.

Sharyn can then provide that to Chair Brauer. Then he'll create the list of who's going to be on what liaison position. He'll send that back to Sharyn. Sharyn will send that out to all of us. That can happen as soon as Chair Brauer is ready for it, after today.

So that's how the process works. So you'll get an interest form -- like, an interest from Sharyn to let her know what you would like to do or continue doing. And then it -- ultimately, Chair Brauer will appoint the liaisons.

Commissioner Carrillo.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Another question.

Is the Chair automatically the person for LESC and

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1	LFC?	1	questions?
2	THE CHAIR: It does not have to be, no.	2	(No response.)
3	COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: (Inaudible due to	3	THE CHAIR: All right. You got an easy
4	off-mic.)	4	one. A whole slow pitch today. We'll see you.
5	THE CHAIR: All right. Great. So	5	We'll try to make it more complicated.
6	actually, Report from Chair, I have nothing for	6	MR. WAYNE SHERWOOD: Everybody's, like,
7	Item A, which brings us to Public Charter Schools of	7	"Okay, let's get done." And I'm with you, so
8	New Mexico. So I will have you come up.	8	THE CHAIR: Thank you. We look forward to
9	And this may be a better time okay.	9	future reports from you in upcoming months.
10	Great.	10	MR. WAYNE SHERWOOD: Okay, thank you.
11	Welcome.	11	THE CHAIR: All right. So last not
12	MR. WAYNE SHERWOOD: Well, thank you,	12	last item. Next one is Public Education Commission
13	Madam Chair, and Commissioners. I first wanted to	13	Comments.
14	say, well, thank you guys for volunteering and doing	14	So for new Commissioners, just so you know
15	this. As being a charter school leader and having a	15	how we do it, this is an opportunity for you to be
16	governing council that I had to report to and how	16	able to basically say anything you would like to
17	much work they did, you're just even on that way	17	say.
18	next level of the amount of work that you have to do	18	If there's something that wasn't addressed
19	and all of the responsibility that comes with your	19	that you would like to comment on, you're more than
20	positions also. So thank you.	20	welcome.
21	You heard from Matt already. There's not	21	We did change the procedure since you
22	a whole lot more information.	22	definitely since you've been here. But last year,
23	Yesterday we did have a training. We had	23	we if you would like to comment, you can raise
24	one of our first in-person trainings in Albuquerque.	24	your hand. You do not have to comment.
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here in person this time. I enjoyed the camaraderie and the -- and the work that we were able to -- to go through.

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I would like to just acknowledge the -the work that Chair Burt has done over the -- over
the last year. I feel like things -- our meetings
ran well. I feel like she kept control of
situations in the meeting. Things progressed very
well.

I know the Executive Council works a ton behind the scenes and when they're not here. So, again, I -- I appreciate all of the efforts and the work that you guys have put in.

Always, Corina is, and her staff are -- I feel like -- are -- are non-stop work. So I'm glad that you're fully staffed now, and I really do appreciate, you know, the work that you guys -- that you guys do for this -- for this Commission.

Also look forward to our new Executive Council and the new members. I have been here for two years, and I have a lot to learn. So -- and I just appreciate the fact that you all are here, and I'm looking forward to our time together. So...

THE CHAIR: Commissioner Clahchischilliage.

(Response off-mic.)

COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Okay. Well, new to me. Okay.

It's just nice to see new faces, and it's nice to -- I just feel safe knowing Julia is here, because I know her work and I know who she's worked for and what she's done. So that's very nice.

And all of the new people that we've met, I mean just being very attentive to us, I mean, I am -- being at this meeting and, it just makes me want to sit up straighter, stand up straighter, and just become more knowledgeable and become more resourceful.

And I'm definitely going to be working to learn more about my charter schools. And I've already gotten a call from Gallup. And they are very concerned about, I guess, the condition and where they are going with their school. So I'm anxious to learn about them. And, hopefully, we can get them on board and show them and help them with whatever their needs are.

So I just want to extend that. I want to tell everyone I'm real happy to be here. And we have a long ways to go. We're into, what, four years? Yeah. We're into four years, yes.

COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: I want to ditto what Tim mentioned earlier. I'm just very impressed. You are such a professional group. And you all know what you're doing. You know what you're talking about.

And I'm just -- I've thoroughly enjoyed this session, because I'm sitting there going, "Huh. Wow. huh. She must have..." -- meaning you, Pat -- listening to you talk, I was, like, I wonder -- this is before I knew. I wonder if she's been following this committee, or how long has she been here to be --

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Too long.

COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: -- to be asking the questions and therefore showing how knowledgeable you are, and then layered with passion. I really enjoyed listening to that.

And my buddy here to my left, I love the way he manipulates everything, you know, question to answer, answer to question, and then content.

And I love this. I love it, because he's got it -- we've got a creative mind here that I really appreciate.

And I just -- you know, Corina and our -- I guess new attorney; right? Or have you been here?

So I hope to be as knowledgeable and as good as you, Pat. Thank you very much.

THE CHAIR: Commissioner Ingham.

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: I really want to second that. I am very honored to be here. I know that my skill set may be limited in this. But I am thrilled to have these great mentors to be learning from. And I'm really excited about this opportunity. So I want to second what you said. This is just a real honor to be here. So thank you.

THE CHAIR: Commissioner Brauer?
COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Thank you,
Madam Chair.

I want to thank the CSD team for all the work that you put into this. I know that there is just hours and hours of time and effort that you put into each of these documents.

I don't know if there's any other board -I have never been on another board like this, that's
anything like this. But I just know how much paper
and stuff we have to read. And it's really a
working -- it's -- we're a working Commission. We
do a lot of work, not just today, but the work that
has to happen before.

And it really takes all of us in this

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room, with the Charter School Division, Corina's staff. I'm just always -- it's been about two and a half years since I've been in this room for at least three days. And I just think about how much it does take. And for us to be on, we have to be on the entire time we're in here.

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And I just appreciate everyone's efforts in that. I'm very humbled to be part of this group and I'm really excited to continue to learn from you

I'm also -- I wanted to just share I think it's beautiful thing that politically we're pretty much split 50/50. And I think that that's something that's really beautiful. And it's something that we're going to have maybe some disagreements, because we always disagree. But there's strength, there's strength that comes out of that.

And I'm really excited about that part. For the next two years, at least, we have -- we have that opportunity to show that we can work across lines of politics to do things good for kids. And that's something that I am like so passionate about that and that we can affirm that and we can bridge and we can show off that we know what we're doing beyond a D or an R.

Columbo moment.

THE CHAIR: All right. Commissioner Carrillo.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Just echoing what everyone said, because I know you work full-time and you have a family. And that you're able to do what you've done over the last year, just -- you know, you've got big shoes to fill, Commissioner Brauer.

Just really grateful. You always return my calls. You're just accessible and smart, and you just love our kids. So, you know, thank you for your work.

In terms of what Commissioner Brauer said maybe even Congress could learn from us, huh? A little working-across-the-aisle action? How would that be?

And then in terms on my right, let's go to Hózhó. I've been wanting to go visit Hózhó now since I met them. And you can come down from the north, and I'll come down, and we can meet there. Because they would love to have us. And I really want to go to that school. Yeah, it's a cool school.

THE CHAIR: Awesome. Well, I can definitely say, you know, I think Future Chair

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Also want to just share my deep appreciation for Chair Burt and all the work that she's put into these meetings. Commissioner Armijo, Secretary Armijo, as well. Commissioner Voigt before, as well as Julia as well.

So it's just really an honor to be here and to see all the work that we're doing already.

And I'm also just -- this slightly gets into No. 17, but I'm really excited to do team-building and really getting to know one another. I think that in any new team, there's moments where we storm, we norm, and then we start to perform, and we start to do really good things together.

And my aim is to, like, help us get through the storming and norming phase so we can really start to perform so we can do our best and bring each others' best out in that process. That starts with really understanding who we are and what we're bringing to the table and really listening to each other, and then being able to act on that in ways that are going to be beautiful.

And so I'm excited to start to do that in February with you all. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: There's always a

Brauer is definitely going to have some strengths

2 that he has that I don't have, because I don't think 3 I ever would have considered team-building, ever.

So looking forward to new ideas and going forward in

a very different way than I've done. And I appreciate that. I like it.

All right. Number 17, Discussion of New Business Topics for the Next Agenda.

So just as a reminder for current -- for the new Commissioners, at this time, you're able to present -- you have multiple opportunities to have items be put on the agenda.

One way is you can submit a form to the Executive Committee, have it be considered. You can have a second on that form. And then it would actually get put on.

Or this is your opportunity every month to just say what you would like to have on the agenda next month. And all you need is a second today.

So you can ask for an item, and then someone needs to second you, and it will be on the agenda. You do not have to discuss the item unless you're trying to convince someone to second you.

All right. Commissioner Carrillo.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: So the first is --

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1	we discussed this in terms of like how to do this.	1	fully agree on that. I don't want another 30 days
2	One of the challenges that I've had and	2	to go by.
3	I want to try to move us in a much more swift	3	So my question is if we could, in fact, if
4	fashion in the next two years is when we have to	4	we just put "Discussion and Possible Action,"
5	take action beyond a Letter of Concern, when it's	5	revocation could be voted on on that date? Or do we
6	going to be a breach or a revocation, just how can	6	have to notice notice it as revocation? Because
7	we address all of these things I know we can	7	if we have to notice it as revocation, then I would
8	before the renewal.	8	go along with that language.
9	But, you know getting the report, putting	9	COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: You wouldn't go
10	it on, all these timelines so that it's not always	10	along with it. Or
11	like 60, 90 days before we do something.	11	COMMISSIONER GIPSON: I do. I would go
12	So as a discussion item for the next	12	along with it.
13	agenda, just having us discuss that. Maybe	13	COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: I think for the
14	brainstorm a few ideas on how we can be more	14	sake of the school, knowing that the hammer is
15	efficient with that. That would be as an agenda	15	coming down, I think revocation is being part of
16	item, discussion. No action for the next meeting.	16	that line item.
17	THE CHAIR: I'll second.	17	COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Revocation is in
18	COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Thank you.	18	the yes. Because I I guess there's a piece of
19	THE CHAIR: And if I could clarify. What	19	me that thinks if it's just revocation, are we
20	I'm thinking is would it be a review of the	20	narrowing our the discussion so I don't know.
21	intervention ladder and high-stakes any	21	COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: You can say up to
22	high-stakes decision?	22	and including.
23	COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Any high-stakes	23	COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Yeah. I want it to
24	decisions and being able to possibly work more	24	be broad enough so that it opens but I certainly
25	efficiently within, expediting things.	25	agree that I don't want it to delay the possibility
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5	Sorry. Yes.	5	
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9	Carrillo.	10	certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true
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12	district?	13	State of New Mexico, in the matter therein stated.
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14	I do whatever I want.	15	hand on January 30, 2023.
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18	COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes.	19	New Mexico Certified Reporter #219
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21	COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes.		Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102
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23	COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Yes.	23	
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