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3 Pledge of Allegiance, Salute to the New Mexico Flag	3 Secretary Armijo. Is she here today?
4	4 She's not here.
5	5 COMMISSIONER BURT: She has a funeral to
3 Open Forum - No Speakers 7	6 attend this morning. So I'll do it until she gets
4 Consent Agenda 7	7 here.
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2	And Commissioner Carrillo.	2	THE CHAIR: Vice Chair? Do you mind
3	COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Here.	3	taking roll call?
4	VICE CHAIR BURT: That's a quorum of six.	4	COMMISSIONER BURT: Commissioner Gipson.
5	THE CHAIR: Thank you, Vice Chair.	5	COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Yes.
6	Commissioner Beck, do you mind leading us	6	COMMISSIONER BURT: Commissioner Ingham.
7	into the Pledge of Allegiance, and then, in lieu of	7	COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes.
8	Commissioner Armijo, Commissioner Carrillo, can you	8	COMMISSIONER BURT: Commissioner Beck.
9	lead us into the Salute of the New Mexican Flag?	9	COMMISSIONER BECK: Yes.
10	Thank you.	10	COMMISSIONER BURT: Commissioner Burt,
11	(Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the	11	yes.
12	New Mexico Flag conducted.)	12	Commissioner Carrillo.
13	THE CHAIR: Thank you. Let's move into	13	COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Yes.
14	Item No. 2, Approval of Agenda.	14	COMMISSIONER BURT: And Chair Brauer.
15	COMMISSIONER BURT: Move to approve the	15	THE CHAIR: Yes.
16	agenda.	16	COMMISSIONER BURT: All right. That
17	COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Motion to approve.	17	passes, six-zero.
18	Motion to approve.	18	THE CHAIR: Thank you, Vice Chair.
19	THE CHAIR: Thank you. We have to do a	19	Let's move to Item No. 6, Introduction of
20	roll call, I believe, don't we?	20	New Head Administrators.
21	We have people online.	21	Director Chavez?
22	Vice Chair Burt, can you do a roll call	22	DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Chair Brauer, one
23	real quick?	23	of the head administrators is trying to log on right
24	COMMISSIONER BURT: Sure. Commissioner	24	now.
25	Carrillo.	25	And, Lucy, is the second one in
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1	7 COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Yes.	1	9 attendance?
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1 believe I visited with you during testing time --2. right? -- when I came in to visit? 3 MS. PIPER CURRY: I am sure you probably 4 did, yes. I am the -- I've been the district 5 testing coordinator now during my whole time here. 6 And so I've maybe met a few of you, especially if 7 you've ever been in our school, our site visits the

THE CHAIR: Great.

MS. PIPER CURRY: Thank you, all.

last five years. You've definitely seen my face

THE CHAIR: It was about a month ago when I stopped in with Stan.

MS. PIPER CURRY: Yes, yes, yes. I absolutely remember that. Yes. So thank you. Yeah.

THE CHAIR: And I forgot that you can only see my bald head from the back. You can't see my face.

MS. PIPER CURRY: I was trying to put two and two together, because you do the equity council work. And we were just --

THE CHAIR: Yeah, for sure. Good to see you. Thank you. Thanks for all the work you are doing and all the work you will be doing.

1 Master Montessorians, and then our teachers that are 2 not trained as Master Montessorians are trained by 3 those teachers, and they work closely hand in hand. 4 We use Montessori materials. And so that is how we 5 incorporate that Montessori.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: That's great news. Just -- you know, we've heard lately the Montessori Lite and Montessori-Inspired. And so I'm very happy to hear that you actually, you know, maintain fidelity to the Montessori standards. It's very important, and I want to thank you for that because it's a great addition to the community.

I know you're down in Albuquerque, and I'm hoping that we're going to have a Montessori either magnet or charter up here in Santa Fe relatively soon to give parents and kids choice, you know, and not have to spend \$20,000 a year.

But thank you very much for the work that you do and your service to our kids.

20 MS. PIPER CURRY: Thank you. Thank you so 21 much.

> COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Of course. DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: So thank you for being here, Piper. I look forward to meeting you and going to your school, and we wish Ms. Besante

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Commissioner Carrillo. COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Hi. Thank you for joining us this morning and for the work you do,

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I'm Commissioner Carrillo, and I have District 10, which is basically Santa Fe, except for Estancia, all the way to the Colorado border, and

Taos, Rio Arriba, Colfax, all of that.

9 But I have a question regarding

Montessori. And I just -- did we just lose you on

Zoom? Oh, there you are.

MS. PIPER CURRY: No, I'm here.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: So I would imagine

that yours is -- and I'm going to use the word "actual" -- an actual Montessori School that's

keeping with the Montessori curriculum and

everything -- my computer keeps going whackadoo --

18 as opposed to a Montessori-inspired. Would you say 19

that's accurate?

MS. PIPER CURRY: We are -- we like to consider yourselves kind of a hybrid, just because we still have the State testing requirements. We still meet the State standards, just like every other public school. However, we follow the Montessori pedagogy. And our teachers, we have

all the best as she moves on to what she's doing

Chair Brauer, we're still waiting for

4 Ms. Romero from Alma d'Arte to -- oh, she's in? 5 Okay. So the next head administrator that I'd like 6 to introduce to the Commission is an interim head 7 administrator at Alma d'Arte, Ms. Cecilia Romero. 8 And so, Cecilia, if you could -- I don't see her. 9 But when you are promoted to the panel, if you could 10 turn your camera on and say hello for the

> Commission. MS. MELISSA BROWN: It appears that she's dropped off the meeting.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Okay.

THE CHAIR: Let's pause for a second if she can come back on.

Lucy or Missy, is there anybody coming back on? Okay. I think we can --

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: I don't see her. I don't see her. Chair Brauer.

THE CHAIR: Okay. So sorry we missed you, but welcome to the team, and we look forward to working with you as we -- as we continue to progress this year and years in the future, for sure.

Any other ones, Director Chavez?

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: No. Those are the new head administrators for this meeting.

THE CHAIR: Thank you. Let's move on to Item No. 7, Discussion of Implementation Year for Explore Rio Rancho.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Absolutely. Commissioners, you know that when a charter school is approved, that is just the beginning. They have many things to do and many things to put into place as they get ready to open up their doors.

In this case, Explore Rio Rancho is a society of founders that have opened up other charter schools. And Ms. Brown has been working very closely with them during this implementation year to review the submittals and to ensure that they're on track for opening their doors.

We don't have materials, and this is not the final check-in with the Commission to get an approval, so this is not an action item. This is just a update. And I will turn it over to Ms. Brown.

Please note there are some members of the Explore team in the audience. But this was meant to be just a very quick update from the Charter Schools Division. So I'm turning it over to Missy.

THE CHAIR: Thank you. Any questions from the Commission?

(No response.)

THE CHAIR: All right. Seeing no questions, I don't know if there's any hands raised on the Zoom.

MS. LUCY VALENZUELA: Karen's hand is up. THE CHAIR: Ms. Woerner, good to have you here. Sorry I can't see you on the Zoom right now. But if you have some additional thoughts, feel free to share.

MS. KAREN WOERNER: Yeah. Thank you, Chair Brauer, Commissioners. I wanted to say first thanks to Missy. The calendar is as good as it is because of Missy's work training the governing board. So we do listen and pay attention. I'm very proud of this board.

I also wanted to share that because this item was listed as an agenda item, our board was very concerned about whether they should be here today. I just wanted you-all to know that if we had been communicated that there needed to be a discussion, they would have been here.

We met as a board last night. But having this as a specific item on the agenda for an update

THE CHAIR: Missy -- real quick,

Commissioner Carrillo?

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: I know that -- I can't see all the stuff. But I know that -- excuse me -- Karen is in the audience, and I want her to be promoted to the panel. Thank you.

MS. MISSY BROWN: So I have promoted Karen Woerner to the panel.

My report is that the school is on track with the IY checklist. March was completed. No issues were identified. The May submission has been submitted. And I have scheduled a meeting with the school for next Friday to go over the review.

I have not yet started to review the documents, but the school has been on track with everything, very helpful, and getting anything that we've asked for. But, of course, they're an exemplary applicant, because they've done it before, and so there haven't been any issues.

I do want to call out the fact that they do have the best board calendar submission that I've seen so far since the Commission accepted that change that I had advised on, so I was very pleased to see that.

That's all.

was concerning for me and for the board, and I just wanted to share that, that when a school is listed specifically as an item on the agenda, it's a little nerve-racking when you're on this side of the table.

Thank you for just changing it for just decision. I was the one who advised the board they don't need to attend because, as you know, I normally feel it's very important for us to be there, not only attend, but in person if we can.

I just wanted to share that and thank
Missy for the work that she's done, not only for
implementation year, but for governing board
training as well, and would appreciate if the
Commission would consider not listing schools on
specific agenda items if it's just an update for the
reactions it causes on this side.

That's all. Thank you so much.

THE CHAIR: Thank you, Ms. Woerner.

Let's move, then, to Item No. 8,

Discussion and Possible Action to Start Closure
 Protocol for La Tierra Montessori School for the

Arts and Sciences and Possible Action under the

23 Intervention Ladder.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: If we can move to

Item 9, I will upload the file document. I had to

make two changes to yesterday's document.

THE CHAIR: Okay. So we'll move -- if it's okay with the Commission, based upon our conversations yesterday in our work session, Item 9 and 10 will be continued -- we need continued discussion on those two items.

If you are okay with us moving on to Item No. 11, we can do that.

Great. Thank you.

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Item No. 11, Discussion and Possible Action on PEC Letter of Support for Charter School Program Grant Application.

So I -- first off, thank you, Dr. Russell and Director Chavez, for getting this on the agenda by the -- our timeline.

I received a call from Matt Pahl last week, on Friday, to see if I -- I would be able to write a letter of support on behalf of the PEC to support the new Charter School Program Grant that Public Charter Schools of New Mexico is taking the lead on for the State of New Mexico.

Not sure if you-all -- and I wasn't sure if this is something that has been in discussion with the PEC prior to me coming on. But it sounded like -- and Director Chavez, if you need to add more

has been around for a while and that states and organizations within states are eligible to apply for to support new and expanding charter schools.

We have had a grant that we've done -- two years of no cost extension or three? --

DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: Or one year.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: -- of the no cost extension.

So we're winding that down. We will close it out in September. And we found out very quickly that there was a request for proposals that New Mexico was eligible to apply for.

Public Charter Schools of New Mexico and the Public Education Department did talk about this. We are in support -- in terms of the PED, we are in support of Public Charter Schools of New Mexico applying for the grant. We're collaborating with them in terms of what are some really excellent technical assistance components to the application and how have we, in the past, managed this.

So we look at this grant opportunity and -- as a -- as a partnership and one that will support new and expanding charter schools and one that will bring Public Charter Schools of New Mexico and PED together to support new schools.

clarity and texture, please feel free -- it sounded

like there had been discussions with the PED and the

Public Charter Schools of New Mexico to kind of

figure out who should be the -- the grant lead. And

there were discussions that the Public Charter

Schools should be the grant lead to write this.

So the application, I believe, is due on June 3rd, I believe is when it's due. If I'm wrong, correct me on that. Brigette, if I'm wrong, correct me on that.

It seemed like it was a pretty quick process in terms of making sure that they receive letters of support. But I also wanted to bring this to the Commission to make sure that we had -- that we were able to take an action on this and we feel good about supporting where it is.

So, Corina, Brigette, if there are other parts, I'd love to have you share, and then I'd like to open it up for discussion for the PEC.

DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: Mr. Chair, the date I have is June 5th.

THE CHAIR: All right. I was off by two days.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Commissioners, I'll just share that this is the federal grant that

And I just want to mention that -- I don't know if Wayne has anything that he wants to add to the application. I know Matt Pahl has taken lead in drafting it. But, yeah, we would support PEC supporting Public Charter Schools New Mexico.

THE CHAIR: Mr. Sherwood, do you have any other additional comments?

MR. WAYNE SHERWOOD: Good morning, Commissioner Brauer and Commissioners.

Matt was taking the lead on this, and I don't know that he was aware that it was going to come so quickly on the agenda this morning.

So -- but, yes, the PCSNM is really excited about applying for this grant and working collaboratively with CSD and the PEC on this and supporting the new charter schools and the expansion of existing charter schools.

This is going to be the biggest grant that the PCSNM has ever received. So we're looking forward to that. We're looking forward to wrapping up the workforce to support this grant. We're hoping that with the PCSNM receiving this grant, we will be able to turn around the turnaround time for when a school applies and actually gets the grant. We're hoping that we're going to be able to support

them with financial support very rapidly instead of a lag time of sometimes six months to nine months, what is occurring right now.

So that's the main reason PCSNM, I feel that they would like to be the lead on this grant.

THE CHAIR: Thank you.

Any discussion? Comments? Questions from our Commission? Commissioner Ingham.

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: I am kind of like a doe in the headlights. I don't -- I don't remember, even before I was a Commissioner, listening -- I don't remember any discussion about this. And I would really love to know what kind of support you're talking about.

Is it facility support? Is it program support? What -- can you describe a little bit for me, because I am completely un- -- I'm ignorant.

THE CHAIR: Yeah. So I will let -- thank you, Commissioner Ingham. And I think we can give like the big headline. So today the question is would you -- the action item is to -- yeah -- if you would support me in writing a letter.

And the Charter School Program Grant is a federal grant that New Mexico has received multiple times; right? This is not the first time. We just their enrollment and add new grade levels or new seats to students.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Commissioners, I'll just add that -- so if there are existing charter schools that maybe need facility support, that is not what this grant is. This is for the applications we're going to receive and the schools that are getting ready to open up their doors, such as Explore Rio Rancho, or if there's an existing school that wants -- that is an elementary, and they want to open up a middle, for example, they could seek some of those funds.

The grant is limited in scope in that regard. But there is a portion of the grant that goes to the administrator; so, in this case, it would be PCSNM. I believe it's 7 percent.

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: 3 percent.
DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: 3 percent that they get to retain and use to provide services for all. It wouldn't be enough to help someone open up a facility. It might be enough to do some -- I don't know -- mentoring of business managers, for example.

DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: So the 7 percent is the technical assistance portion. So 90 percent of

finished up one -- one process for it.

And so it -- so the PED administered it in the past. And now -- Brigette, actually, was one of the administrators when I was here with -- in Corina's seat.

And, so, yeah, we want to see, like, if we feel comfortable in giving me the ability to write a letter of support.

But if we could do a quick review of what the CSP Grant is, whoever feels like most equipped for Commissioner Ingham and other Commissioners, that would be wonderful.

DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: Thank you, Chair Brauer and Commissioners. The Charter School Program grant is awarded by the U.S. Department of Education to a state entity, which can be the state education agency, the PED, or it can be another entity. Some states have the state entity that's not a state agency, as PCSNM would be in this case.

The purpose of the grant is to open new, high-quality charter schools and/or expand the enrollment of existing high-quality charter schools. And so funds are awarded to state entities to -- to help new schools open or to help existing schools that meet certain benchmark requirements expand

the award must go to schools. 10 percent of it is admin -- is administrative. 7 percent of that -- 7 percent of the total grant goes to technical assistance, and 3 percent of the grant maximum goes to program administration; so staff positions here at the PED when we had the grant.

You can spend less than 3 percent on administration if you don't need the full 3 percent. But you have to spend at least 90 percent on awards to schools and at least 7 percent on technical assistance.

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Can I ask one -- THE CHAIR: You have the floor.

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: The question I had was you said only new schools. What if you have an existing school that wants to get a new facility?

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: No, that's not what this is for.

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: It's not about facilities, basically.

DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: But if an existing school wants to expand their enrollment or add grades, that's allowable. So if a facility is part of that -- but just increasing the enrollment of existing schools is -- is -- is an allowable

26 1 expenditure. 1 a group out here voluntarily doing their 2 2 implementation year materials and then hiring THE CHAIR: Commissioner Ingham, within 3 the grant application itself -- and maybe we can get 3 someone, and they have to come in, and they haven't 4 4 some of that context offline so you have an been part of that conversation. 5 understanding about what's allowable, what's not. 5 So it makes it a much better starting for 6 There's specifics around not new-builds, but 6 if -- if the applicant is successful, because they 7 7 expanding rooms or adjusting the current interior to have to apply for the grant, not just apply to us to 8 8 make more room. So there's all kinds of very get the school. But then there's also parameters 9 9 specific things that would probably whet your for who qualifies for the grant money; so -- but 10 10 whistle to see what that looks like. that's really what it -- it helps. 11 So maybe that's something we could do 11 THE CHAIR: Commissioner Carrillo. 12 offline so you could gather some more information. 12 COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: So does this mean 13 Commissioner Beck. Then Commissioner 13 that those schools that we may approve this fall for 14 14 Gipson. next -- for the implementation year, will they be 15 COMMISSIONER BECK: Real quickly. We're 15 eligible to apply? 16 16 talking percentages. This is a five-year grant; is (Reply off mic.) 17 that right? 17 COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Okay. That's 18 DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Basically, it's a 18 fantastic. 19 three-year grant. But you can ask for extensions if 19 And -- 'cause I know that that's also what 20 you don't spend all of it. 20 we were trying to do the last year or two with the 21 21 COMMISSIONER BECK: Okay. How is the Legislature is have them set aside money, you know, 22 dollar amount determined? We're talking 22 specifically for start-ups, so they weren't always 23 percentages. How is the dollar amount determined? 23 just struggling. 24 DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: The dollar amount 24 COMMISSIONER GIPSON: I don't think --25 25 is based on membership or the projected enrollment (off mic). 27 29 1 COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: I know it was 1 at the school. 2 2 COMMISSIONER BECK: Do you have any idea something we discussed. That's what this does; 3 3 where we're talking about, dollars for New Mexico? right? 4 4 DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: So I'll let the COMMISSIONER GIPSON: That's what this 5 5 deputy director speak to that. Or, Wayne, if you does. 6 have an amount that you're applying for. 6 COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: That's great. 7 7 MR. WAYNE SHERWOOD: Yes. Thank you. It COMMISSIONER GIPSON: And we have -- at 8 8 could be up to \$45 million. And schools could least since I've been on, we've always put a letter 9 receive -- yeah, it's \$45 million for the three 9 in of support for it. 10 10 years. And schools could receive from \$1 million to THE CHAIR: Okay. Thank you. And our 11 11 \$2 million for this grant. motion would be -- again, we're focusing in on --12 THE CHAIR: Commissioner Gipson. 12 you're going to now provide me -- and there is a 13 COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Yeah. I just want 13 motion within our motion. So if we would like to 14 14 to say that what it really does is for -- especially use it. But, essentially, we're going to vote on 15 for the new schools, it allows the applicant to hire 15 giving me the opportunity to bring a letter in 16 the head administrator during that implementation or 16 support. 17 17 planning year, so that there's really a more COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Well, then, I 18 18 thoughtful time in putting into the planning of it, would move that the PEC issue a letter -- or that we 19 so that someone doesn't have to be doing a full-time 19 support that our chair write a letter for the 20 20 job and, at the same time, everything that you have Charter School Program Grant application. 21 21 to do for the implementation year. COMMISSIONER BURT: Second. 22 22 There's -- they can hire someone, and, THE CHAIR: We have a second. Let's move 23 23 hopefully, then they've got that person in place into discussion of the motion. 24 24 when their school year really starts, and they're --Any further comments or discussion items 25 25 for this motion? they've worked on it all. So you're not just having

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1	(No response.)	1	This document has been sent to the school.
2	THE CHAIR: Seeing none, Vice Chair Burt,	2	We've let them know that it was going to be
3	can you do a roll call, please?	3	discussed. We have staff that are visiting the
4	COMMISSIONER BURT: Chair Brauer.	4	school next week, and we're having a meeting with
5	THE CHAIR: Yes.	5	all people financial related to the school to start
6	COMMISSIONER BURT: Commissioner Carrillo.	6	implementing the steps in this plan.
7	COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Yes.	7	This is uploaded as a PDF right now in
8	COMMISSIONER BURT: Commissioner Gipson.	8	your folder.
9	COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Yes.	9	THE CHAIR: Commissioner Carrillo.
10	COMMISSIONER BURT: Commissioner Ingham.	10	COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Can Missy can
11	COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Absolutely, yes.	11	you share the document on the screen? Because there
12	COMMISSIONER BURT: Commissioner Beck.	12	are people I think that weren't here yesterday that
13	COMMISSIONER BECK: Yes.	13	may want to well, we should see it.
14	COMMISSIONER BURT: And, Commissioner	14	DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: It's entitled 08,
15	Burt, yes.	15	Item 8, LTMS School Closure Protocol. I can share
16	That passes, six-zero.	16	the screen.
17	THE CHAIR: Okay. Thank you, Vice Chair.	17	COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Well, then, also
18	(Commissioner Manis joins meeting.)	18	for people that are I don't know how many people
19	COMMISSIONER MANIS: Commissioner Manis	19	are in the audience or whatever that are watching.
20	also votes yes.	20	I think we should you can make a motion,
21	THE CHAIR: All right. Thank you,	21	certainly. But we should go over it just as matter
22	Commissioner Manis, for joining us.	22	of record after the motion is made. No, I know I
23	Is there let's make the record share	23	can go to participants.
24	that Commissioner Manis was at least with us at	24	THE CHAIR: Commissioner Carrillo, I think
25	9:34.	25	from how I am interpreting what you said, to kind of
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1	Is there anyone else that has joined? Any	1	go through some of the big bullet headlines of this,
2	other Commissioners?	2	but not necessarily go point by point; is that
3	Okay. Sorry.	3	right?
4	MR. WAYNE SHERWOOD: Thank you, everybody,	4	COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Yes, and to the
5	for doing that and supporting that.	5	extent we drill down further should somebody need
6	THE CHAIR: Thank you. And, Commissioner	6	more information.
7	Manis, I apologize. I didn't see you. I don't see	7	DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: I'm happy to walk
8	you on the Zoom from my vantage point.	8	you through this the closure protocol.
9	Let's move Director Chavez, can we move	9	So, Commissioners, you voted to close
10	back up to Item No. 8?	10	La Tierra Montessori School for the Arts and
11	DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Yes.	11	Sciences, and you sent a letter to the school in
12	THE CHAIR: So, Commissioners we're going	12	May.
13	to move back up to Item No. 8.	13	So the school technically has the
14	DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: It's actually	14	opportunity to appeal. But until then, we are
15	Item yeah. Item No. 8.	15	moving forward, because should the school not be in
16	THE CHAIR: Discussion and Possible Action	16	operation next school year that begins July 1, that
17	to Start Closure Protocol for La Tierra?	17	they would end operations.
18	DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Correct. So	18	And so what this plan does is it accounts
19	yesterday, Commissioners, we discussed the closure	19	for the needs of students, staff, in particular, to
20	protocol. During the work session, we made some	20	have a plan that allows them to transition out of
21	edits. The edit that I made was to remove the PED	21	the school and for us to obtain all the documents
22	legal counsel from the transition team, and I also	22	that are part of the school's record; right?
23	inserted the name and corrected the title of the	23	So we keep the documents. And as I
24	person from the PED communications team that would	24	mentioned yesterday, there's several schools that
25	be part of the transition team.	25	have closed, several charter schools that have
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closed in New Mexico, and we often get phone calls from former students or staff that want verification or copies of their transcripts.

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So we need to obtain those documents also, because the school is an existing entity with vendors and -- and a lease and materials that they possess. There has to be a systematic process for helping the school to dispose of any of the assets that they have.

And there's laws that guide the process for that. They cannot just, on the last day of school say, "Okay, whoever wants to take this or that home, go ahead." We have to inventory. We have to make sure that we're following the requirements in the past.

For example, if materials were purchased using the Charter Schools Program Grant -- and this is one of the things that the Charter Schools Program Grant does, is a lot of times it purchases the materials, the instructional materials, and, in the case of a Montessori, all the manipulatives and other Montessori materials. We have to inventory them and then we have to create a very systematic and documented process for gifting them to another school.

Any questions?

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COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: So I would -- for the record, if Julia -- if you wouldn't mind going through some of the dates, because I know yesterday we discussed that on May 5th is when they received the letter. They have 30 days in which to, you know, appeal to the Secretary. Then there's that time, you know, just so that those who weren't here yesterday understand the, to me, horrifically extended timeline that this would take.

MS. BARNES: So they do have 30 days to appeal. I'm going to start with the fact that you -- you revoked that charter, and that action stands until someone stops it. That action also stands and the closure of the school continues unless the Cabinet Secretary or potentially a district court issues a stay of your order.

So it's not automatic. Your -- your decision is what stands until something happens. And that only would happen if the school asked for

The school does have due process rights under the statute. They have an ability to -- to appeal to the Secretary 30 days after our letter.

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And if it's a Charter Schools Program Grant purchased set of materials, there's guidelines from the Feds that tell us exactly how that should occur, who gets preference over that.

So that is what this does.

The protocol specifies the need to have a couple of contractors from the CSD to work closely on a day-to-day basis with the charter schools. They will be looking at the financials in collaboration with PED and CSD and the school.

And the school liaison is the person that's going to physically be at the school, taking inventory and managing that process of disbursing any assets that need to be disbursed.

I'll stand for any questions on this plan; but, really, it just anticipates a preparation for the school to close its doors.

And of immediate concern is that there's communication to staff and students and families that allow them to understand what their options are if they have not already selected other schools to attend. That's one of the first things that we're going to talk to the school about is having a school choice fair on campus so families can get some support and guidance as they register at another

And our letter had to contain all of the findings and conclusions of law that you revoked based on the New Mexico Charter Schools Act, and that's why we needed the transcript so that it could reference that.

That document happened. That 30 days starts from the day that they got that letter.

And then the Secretary, I believe, has 60 days to schedule a hearing. And then there's no timelines for when the Secretary has to take action on it. I think, as people mentioned yesterday, if they do appeal, there will be a hearing. There typically is a hearing officer at that hearing. It's similar to the revocation hearing.

It's three hours long. Each side gets to present arguments, essentially based on the brief that the school would need to provide. And then we have an opportunity to support your decision at that hearing.

Then the Secretary will get a recommendation from the hearing officer, and they can either -- he can either accept it or reject it. It's a proposed document to him.

And then after that ruling, there is a process to appeal to district court.

All of those timings happened from the date of the next action. And I'll just -- and by saying that they have to ask for a stay of this closure protocol.

So CSD, on your behalf, will continue to close the school. Your action stands. So it's perfectly appropriate to be moving forward and taking the action that you're taking today. If they don't appeal, your action stands. The school will be closed.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: So then it's safe to say that if the Secretary -- if they don't appeal to the Secretary -- or if they do appeal to the Secretary, and he decides, in 40 days, that then there's really no hearing for another 30 days, now we could get into August, when school would typically start. But because there would be no stays granted by that time, school is not starting.

MS. BARNES: Correct. He would have to issue something.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: He would have to issue something to --

MS. BARNES: He would have to issue something immediately for the stay to say that the school could open for this next year.

whatever -- to appeal it? Or can they -- they have to have a public meeting. And they have to announce that meeting.

And so as of today, they have not made any efforts to change that public -- but it has to be a public meeting for them to come up with that --

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Commissioner Ingham, that is true. The board -- the board is meeting to decide whether they will appeal or not. They told us they would have a meeting this week that ended up being postponed. So we're tracking very closely when they have their next board meeting.

They've told us that's when they will decide. Although, they technically have until June to make the decision, I think, because it's the end of the fiscal year. Things are really tight.

I also, just real quickly if I may, want to point out that guidance related to how the appeal hearings should occur are in -- Rule 6.80.4.14 discusses appeals to the Secretary. And, actually, in E.1., it says that, "Within 60 days after receipt of a notice of appeal, the Secretary, after a public hearing that may be held in Santa Fe or in the school district in which the proposed charter school

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: May 5th was --MS. BARNES: May 9th. I checked it. So it was June 9th. It said May 5th yesterday, and I went and double-checked the records.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Sounds like we need to make a correction.

MS. BARNES: No. I made the correction yesterday. I went and checked it yesterday. And this document should be right. But the date of the letter is the date that the 30 days started. It's now correct also in this chart.

But if this chart was wrong, then that wouldn't matter. Everything goes by the date that someone receives it. And they would need to provide us with -- with -- the Secretary, with notice of appeal. And that essentially has a brief attached to it that says why they believe your actions were incorrect, that triggering an opportunity for us to provide a brief to the Secretary to support it, and then a hearing similar to the one that you had. But the first action starts with the school.

THE CHAIR: Go ahead, Commissioner Ingham.
COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yeah. So the -would their board have to have a public meeting
to -- to determine that -- to ask for that -- or

has applied for the charter school, shall review the decision of the chartering authority and make written findings."

So I'm not sure if that's also the same process, I would assume, for a revocation, that the 60 days is also in effect. Maybe Ms. Barnes can clarify that for us.

MS. BARNES: I don't have it open, but I'm happy to look. The -- I think it's great to track what the school is doing. But the school has to notify us, too. So just like we sent a very formal letter to the school with extensive documentation and posted all of the documents that we relied on in the revocation folder in the Google Drive, they have a similar requirement.

So, you know, particularly when you move down a path to where something as serious as closing a school, the due process requirements get really tightened. And it's one of the reasons for a rule.

And so that rule that Director Chavez just mentioned has been in place and used many times, and it is being used particularly by the parties. It sets very specific dates. It's like -- it is exactly like the Secretary is the decision-maker, and it's very, very formal.

It's also very formal in that the Secretary, at this -- not that the Secretary would ever do it. But the Secretary, as a decision-maker, is not going to take any action to reach out informally to any party right now about this process. It's very formal.

So we may get some information beforehand, but we're also going to get anything that's very formal. And we would also get any document where they requested that the school be allowed to continue. And, actually, we have an opportunity to respond to that as well.

THE CHAIR: Commissioner Ingham, are you finished?

(Response off mic.)

THE CHAIR: Okay. Commissioner Carrillo?
COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Is there -- does
the Secretary have the opportunity to, in a sense,

pocket veto, except they want to appeal, if he just doesn't respond by the end of the 60 days? Okay.

MS. BARNES: He has to make a decision. And then because they have a right to go to district court, I doubt if Commissioner Gipson has told you, it still shocks my conscience that a court kind of just never took action on a case. we just scroll down just to see if somebody -just -- we're not -- I don't think this is going to require much discussion, but just the different headings?

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Right. So we have the notification for parents, guardians; having a parent meeting, answering questions; providing a letter to staff so that they know, answering questions for them; finding out where the lease is and providing notification to the landlord; making sure that all personnel files are in good condition and providing W-4s, because the staff will need to file taxes that demonstrate -- that shows their employment for this year; conducting the inventory, as I mentioned before, and a very detailed inventory spreadsheet that lists all items; and then having a process to disburse them; if there's a summer program, canceling that; having the school choice fair, so that families know where students can enroll; contacting all of the existing vendors, including that when charter schools start up, they get an IRS status, they have to register with Tax & Rev, et cetera; so informing all of these entities that the school is closing and how can they get in touch with someone moving forward; making sure all

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I do know in the last one that we had, the parties requested that the court take action, finally. I know it took a very long time. But it was coming up on the next year. And we had to take some action. So that the -- the attorneys said to the judge in the First Judicial District, "Please look at this."

So I don't know what happened before. So -- and that was effective. That judge made a decision, you know, pretty soon after that request.

So the Secretary tends to -- the secretaries, in my experience in the past, have tended to do what they needed to do in the time that they needed to do it.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Okay.

MS. BARNES: In part, because I think they're closer to knowing how schools work and all of those urgencies. So -- but you have to make a case for a stay. And part of that is irreparable harm in shutting down your school is pretty good irreparable harm. At the same time, you have to show that you have -- that you have a chance of winning. So that's kind of where that argument comes about with that request.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: I understand. Can

bills are paid and that there's no unleft bills.

If you can scroll down a little bit -including utilities, et cetera. And then giving
staff this transition letter that just is really,
you know, again, communicating expectations and
clarifying how the closure would occur; and the
disposal plan. This is where we would be consulting
with staff at the PED who know the various federal
grant requirements. For example, if they purchased
something using Title I, it might be different from
CSP grants, which is different from maybe SEG.

So we would make sure that we're doing this in coordination with our Capital Outlay Bureau and other entities at the PED so that we are disposing of the assets in the way that the feds would expect us.

Digitizing files. We already are in the process of getting quotes for what that might cost for staff or student records, including any special ed files.

And then getting access to the school's financial management services system so we know how the school is spending its money in this last couple of months of operations.

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that we are obtaining access to that and getting bank signatory authority so that there's someone at the PED that has that.

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We're working closely with their liaison within School Budget. And the director of School Budget is working very closely with us already.

Making sure that people get their final paychecks.

Securing all financial records.

Making sure that documents are in place so that there can be a final audit, financial audit.

And arranging for the transfer -- again, because they will be scanned, this may be a digitization right away at the school site.

And then the final thing you see here is the primary points of contact. And this is -- talks mostly about the CSD staff members that are working on this, as well as our consultant, Ms. Seeley, who is working with us on the financial portion of this.

Scrolling down a little bit, there's some additional points of contact, because it will take a team of folks to be informed, to work closely with this, and to answer any questions that the public might have or the school staff/families might have.

That's what's in this plan. And this

money, have the assets already been either frozen, or do they already need a signatory in order to write checks to do stuff?

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: So, Commissioner Carrillo, as I mentioned before, each charter school has a school business -- not manager -- budget manager that is within the PED that works very closely with the school. And in this case, the school budget director, Ms. Cordova, has been working closely with me and my team to monitor the school's budget.

We have not yet obtained signatory, but that, I believe, will happen next Friday, that we are having a meeting to have that transition.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Thank you. Thank you.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: I just want to add one more thing. One of the steps that -- that's not in there that we're working very closely with the school, its business manager, who is Michael Vigil, Jr., and the school budget person to look at are there any requests for reimbursement that they need to make now.

As we know, sometimes charter schools leave money on the table if they don't submit

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1 requests for reimbursement. So we're trying to

2 ensure that they are requesting for reimbursement

3 any federal monies that they might have access to so 4 that we might retain as much SEG as possible, which

5 could pay for another month's lease or staff members 6

who could stay on staff for an additional month to assist in this closure process.

7 8 THE CHAIR: Commissioner Gipson. Then

9 Commissioner Carrillo. 10

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: I'm going to make a motion; so...

THE CHAIR: Commissioner Carrillo.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: You can make the motion, I'll second, and we'll discuss -- you know, whatever.

THE CHAIR: Just wanted to make sure you don't have one additional comment.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: I have a question, but it can happen after she makes her motion.

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Only if it relates to the motion.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Yeah, it'll relate to the motion. Because the -- there are a lot of dates that were listed and people who are going to do different things.

is -- this is high-level, really succinct, as you

might imagine. You know, the inventory and some of the other work is pretty detailed and may be

lengthy. So we are in the process of contracting to

have that work done.

MS. BARNES: Let me just add real quickly the follow-up on Director Chavez's question, that section she referenced. I just moved that rule into your Google Drive. That same section applies to any appeal to the Secretary. So this one and a non-renewal or any other action.

So it does apply to -- it's the same process for all of them.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Thank you, Ms. Barnes.

And I'll just also mention that the Secretary is currently aware that the PEC has moved to close this school. Our Office of Legal Counsel got removed from this plan because they would be advising the Secretary in any sort of appeal hearing should there be one. So everybody is ready, aware, and the Secretary is very responsive always with these types of appeal hearings.

THE CHAIR: Commissioner Carrillo.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: As regarding

50 1 Is the school, in any way, or their board, 1 to look just to make sure Commissioner Manis is not 2 2 under any obligation to formally agree to this? I'm there. All right. So that passes, six-zero. 3 asking that question. I know the answer, but I'm 3 4 4 asking for the record and for those that weren't THE CHAIR: Thank you, Vice Chair. 5 5 All right. Let me see here. We are on here yesterday. 6 DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: I would say that 6 Item No. 12, Report from the Charter Schools 7 7 we would want to work collaboratively with the Division. 8 school. And the closure process is something that 8 We complet- -- we did No. 9 and 10. We 9 9 would happen -- whether they completely sign off on punted those, Commissioner Carrillo. There's no 10 10 all the steps or not, we're still going to implement actions from our conversations yesterday. We went 11 the closure protocol. 11 down to No. 11. Then we hopped, skipped, and jumped 12 12 COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Okay. Thank you. back up to Item No. 8. 13 13 Vice -- or -- sorry -- Director Chavez. The answer is --14 14 DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Absolutely. MS. BARNES: Also, that was why we added 15 15 the sentence yesterday that if the school doesn't Thank you, Chair Brauer, Commissioners. 16 16 take the action, CSD can take the action. I am going to ask that 12-a. is added to 17 17 COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Right. Thank you. the agenda for next month. I am waiting for the 18 18 THE CHAIR: All right. Commissioner academic data to be certified so I can give you a 19 19 Carrillo. I'm sorry. Commissioner Gipson. full report. 20 20 In terms of update on schools with Apologies. 21 21 financial caps, we are -- those are in progress. We COMMISSIONER GIPSON: I move the Public 22 are working on them. And I would like to just give 22 Education Commission adopt the closure template as 23 a very brief update on CSD staffing. 23 shown in Document 8 for use in the closure of 24 24 I'd like to start out by offering a very La Tierra Montessori School for the Arts and 25 big congratulations to Ms. Lucy Valenzuela, who we 25 Sciences and authorize the Charter School Division 51 53 1 1 to make any non-substantive changes or date have just promoted within the Charter Schools 2 2 modifications that may be needed. Division to serve in the capacity of TA -- wait a 3 COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: I'll second. 3 minute --4 4 THE CHAIR: All right. Now we're in DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: Authorizing 5 5 discussion. Practices Specialist. 6 Commissioners, any additional discussion? 6 DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Thank you. So 7 7 Questions about the motion? Lucy has already been supporting authorizing 8 8 practices. She did a lot of the site visits within (No response.) 9 THE CHAIR: Seeing none, Vice Chair Burt, 9 our -- our annual site visit process and has just 10 10 can you do roll call, please? And it looks like been a wonderful professional. And so we are lucky 11 11 Commissioner Manis is not with us. to have Lucy, and kudos to you, Lucy. 12 12 COMMISSIONER BURT: Commissioner Brauer. A second staff person within the Charter 13 13 THE CHAIR: Yes. Schools Division, Ms. Julianna Montoya, who's not 14 COMMISSIONER BURT: Commissioner Burt, 14 here, has been the homeschool -- homeschool 15 15 administrator. And she has recently applied for and yes. 16 Commissioner Ingham. 16 was given the position of TA and Training 17 17 COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. Specialist. So we will be working very closely with 18 COMMISSIONER BURT: Commissioner Gipson. 18 Missy on all board trainings and all TA and 19 COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Yes. 19 technical assistance work. So that position is 20 20 COMMISSIONER BURT: Commissioner Beck. open, and it's posted. COMMISSIONER BECK: Yes. 21 21 We are in the process of conducting Ed 22 COMMISSIONER BURT: And Commissioner 22 Admin A interviews. This would be to fill the 23 23 Carrillo. position that Ms. Samantha vacated. 24 COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Yes. 24 We also have the Ed Admin B position open. 25 25 COMMISSIONER BURT: All right. I'm going And it is posted right now.

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DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: No. There's two positions currently posted: Lucy's former position and Julianna's former position. And we're doing interviews for Samantha's former position.

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DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: I also just want to let the Commission know that I got a new boss this week. Ms. Amanda DeBell, who came over to the Public Education Department from Albuquerque Public Schools, is now overseeing me and several other folks. Her exact title, I think just recently shifted.

She was unable to make today's meeting. But I would like to invite her to the June meeting to meet you all. I know she said she is very much looking forward to that.

She is in, again, her first week and getting all her ducks in a row ready to serve in this capacity. So just wanted to give you guys that update as well.

And, Chair Brauer, that's the end of my report.

THE CHAIR: Thank you, Director Chavez. Lucy, congratulations on the new role.

Well-deserved. (Applause.)

I'm going to move into Item No. 13, Report

standpoint, I just really appreciate that, and so thank you for that.

On a similar note, Ruby, yesterday, she allowed me to use her cell phone for about an hour and a half when I stepped out for a meeting that I could not move. I couldn't figure out a way to get onto any Internet here in this building. And I couldn't find anyone helping. And she just jumped in. "Just take my phone."

I was, like, "Okay. Thank you so much."

Anyhow, I just really appreciate the Charter School Division's team and doing whatever it takes. And I especially feel it this week personally for different things that have been happening for me.

I only have one school that I wanted to talk a little bit about. And I believe Director Chavez and others are aware of this.

AIMS is a school that I started getting a couple of calls from parents. They're -- and I'm not sure if we always talk about these things. But I felt like this is something, because I had two different parents call me about an incident.

I won't go into major details. But there was difficulty in getting hold of the -- of the

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1 director of the school, as well as the governing

2 council, to go through a due process around a 3

student's -- an action that the school took against a student based on behavior.

And so the parents, over the course of the

last three weeks, have referred out to me on Saturdays to get my feedback. And so I've directed them back to the school, supported their efforts in

getting ahold of the e-mails.

And so, Missy, I know I sent some -- sent one to you, or to Corina, to help them with getting -- getting the right e-mails to use the due process that's at the school.

I was still pretty concerned about the lack of support and understanding about the situation that was happening at the school. And I'm just hopeful that things were resolved. Constituent Services from PED was also involved in trying to figure out how to supports that school.

And so I just hope that these things, as our schools work with our parents, I mean, they're our number one constituent outside of our students, that we should not try to shutter their voice, but we should lift their voice and figure out how we can problem-solve.

from the Chair, possible discussion and questions on my report. I'll keep it pretty short and sweet.

First and foremost, I just wanted to acknowledge Dr. Russell being here in person with us. It's really great to have you here. It warms my heart personally, but I think it warms the PEC's heart collectively for you to be here.

And we just know how much work you've done over the course of the last couple of months from afar, and it's just really great to have your energy and your expertise here in the room with us, along with Director Chavez and the rest of the team.

So wishing you good tidings as you come back. And if there's anything that our Commission can do to support you from our angle, we'd love to do that for sure. So just wanted to acknowledge you for joining us here in person.

DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: Thank you, Chair Brauer.

THE CHAIR: I also wanted to shout out Sharyn as well. Sharyn, I had a couple of things happen to me this week earlier, including my Public Education Commission cell phone being stolen. And Sharyn had one ready for me as soon as I came here on Thursday. And so I just -- from a personal

This seems to be a case of a disinterest in truly trying to find out what was happening and finding a good path forward together between

I think those are the big things I wanted to share within my report.

I'm going to pass the mic to Wayne and the Public Charter Schools of New Mexico.

Commissioner Carrillo?

parents, students, and the school itself.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: You hadn't gotten there yet. I was just going to ask. What's the Charter School Advisory Committee?

THE CHAIR: The Charter School Advisory
Committee, Commissioner Carrillo, was started out
when I came in Corina's seat in early 2019. We felt
like there was a need to make sure -- I should just
say I felt there was a need to have different
charter leaders, governing council members, you
know, executive directors kind of support my actions
as a charter school director and to support some of
the big policies coming in during the transition of
the governorship.

So that has been there. I'm not sure if it's a vestige, or it has been -- has -- I think at this point, it hasn't necessarily been active over

schools conference that we're holding. And Mr. Torres, who's not here today, would be able to name off those leaders who have been showing up regularly to provide input and advice on the conference. We have been working with them in that capacity for sure.

But, yeah, we probably need to hit a reset and be prepared to revitalize this advisory group. I've had some charter leaders that have offered. And I'm looking at Wayne as someone we might engage as part of the advisory. Thank you.

THE CHAIR: Yep. For sure. Thank you. Wayne.

MR. WAYNE SHERWOOD: All right. Thank you, Chair Brauer and Commissioners. Yeah. Our big thing, of course, was the grant that we already talked about earlier. But I did want to go back -- this is something we did briefly talk about yesterday. This was on the LESC, which the acronym is Legislative Educational Study Committee. And Commissioner Gipson talked a little bit about this yesterday.

And there's 19 areas that they are going through and they're studying this year, some of the things that the committee actually took some

the last couple of years. So we likely will take this off.

Or I can work with the CSD to see if this is something that will be valuable for us to continue.

But we had about 15 people who were actively involved in the council.

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Mike Ogas had been coming and doing reports for us. But then he kind of -- I don't know if he's still the lead there. I don't know if they're still meeting. But Mike was coming and doing a report. But it's been -- it's been a while.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: If I may? We need to hit the reset button on this. And I look forward to talking more with you about it, Chair Brauer, and any other Commissioners, for revisioning the advisory. I think that Mr. Ogas definitely was very much a part of this and needed to reshift his focus on renewal. And I understand that charter administrators are some of the busiest and hardest working people on the planet.

So I would love to have an advisory. To be fair, we have been engaging with charter leaders across the state in preparation for the charter recommendations that PCSNM put out.

And one of them was the study of transportation, that transportation formula. So you hit it right on the head. That's something that we had asked them to start studying, because it's very difficult for charter schools to get transportation.

They -- having their own transportation is very difficult. And if you're a new charter school, you don't get any funding for the first year. So it's -- even -- it's just a barrier that they need to figure out and how to -- how to get those monies so -- you know, one of the things when we always go through renewal is how are you getting all of these kids to your school from different areas and you're not segregating any students.

Well, when you don't have funding for transportation, it really is difficult to have students from all areas of your community to come to the school. It basically is in a walking community or those parents who can afford to transport the students to school.

So that's a big thing.

We're really looking forward to what they come up with, what some solutions -- hopefully, they'll come up with some solutions. So next --

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COMMISSIONER GIPSON: (Off mic.) MR. WAYNE SHERWOOD: That's correct. Hopefully not charter-unfriendly.

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I know what usually comes out: "Well, you just need to work with the district and have them support you." And we know that that's not always the case.

And for a charter school to own their own buses and do transportation -- and there are some -you know, we just mentioned Mike Ogas. Mike Ogas was able to do that down in SODA. He was able to buy his own buses, get contractors, and go around and pick up kids.

So utilizing people like Mike Ogas to help out and say, "How did you do this? What did you do to make this happen?"

So -- and there are other charter leaders that have done the same. But Mike has a big area in the Los Lunas area; so...

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: So can I just add? I think -- I think what might be helpful moving forward -- and I look forward to see what that transportation recommendation is. But I think moving forward, I'd like to see legislation that says a school district can't say no if they've --

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: I'm sorry. Did you call on me? I would agree completely. Is this something that would have to be legislated? Are there other such things as directives from the Secretary, like, edicts, where he says, "Look, we need you to do this"? Has that ever happened? I'm just curious.

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Not that I'm -- I mean, I -- in case of an emergency, like public health, there is that guidance that comes out. But I don't think the Cabinet Secretary -- I could be wrong, but I don't think the Cabinet Secretary can call a school district, say, "School districts have to do this."

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Was just curious about that.

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: I don't think so. but I'm not sure.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: That should be -this can be, if somebody's keeping a list for next February for -- or January for a legislative agenda. It's a great idea. And the thing that comes to mind is Gallup-McKinley, how unsupportive they are of the charters in McKinley County.

THE CHAIR: Yeah. I think to your point,

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you know, so that, you know, in the rural areas, in particular, we've got school districts -- we've got charters that, if they were funded, they still wouldn't be able to transport their kids because the school district would say no.

Same thing with food services. In some areas, the local school district is the only option, but the school district simply says, "No, we're not going to contract with you."

And they can. I -- you know, I would like to see if we could get language to say, "No," you know -- because we know it's not -- they're getting paid for it. They're not asking for something for free for the school district to do something that they're not getting compensated for.

But it's just that one little, "We don't like charters, so we're not going to contract with you." And it's a way of trying to starve out, especially in those little areas.

So I think it kind of has to be a two-pronged thing in case it doesn't -- the recommendation doesn't look like we want it to look like.

> MR. WAYNE SHERWOOD: Uh-huh. COMMISSIONER GIPSON: So --

1 Commissioner Carrillo -- and thank you for bringing

this up, Commissioner Gipson -- I think the hardest

3 thing -- and, again, there's always, like, the

4 blessing and curse; right? Like, there's

5 preservation of local control and local

6 decision-making. And also there are things that are

equitable and should be more equal across the board.

And so I think that that's an issue where, you know, when you think about an edict or some type of request coming from a cabinet secretary, there's a lot of -- it -- it rubs raw in many ways and cuts in different ways.

And so that's uniquely not -- that's unlikely to happen. But that's why we need something to really clarify this part, for sure.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: I support local control for districts. But I also support the idea that these are all our kids. And we don't want to leave them hungry and at the curb just because you have a little bug or whatever about charters.

Regarding this year, Wayne, because there's no transportation for first year, does the grant we spoke of earlier, could that be used for transportation?

MR. WAYNE SHERWOOD: Thank you,

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Commissioner. Brigette may be able to answer that. Corina, could you answer the question?

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DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Can you repeat the question, please?

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: I know it was mentioned earlier by Wayne they can't get transportation money for their first year of operation. I was wondering, with a new school, could the CSP be used for that?

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: CSP can be used to support transportation services either in the purchase, I believe, of a bus and for the first-time operations for one year. It cannot be an ongoing thing. But as a start-up, yes.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Oh, thanks. MR. WAYNE SHERWOOD: Great question. Thank you.

Okay. So also the PCSNM has -- you know, we're supporting redesigning the educational data system. As you know, our S.T.A.R.S. -- well, maybe you don't know, and I shouldn't assume that.

But there is a student reporting system that we have that's -- doesn't necessarily always talk with the other entities that are being input into the program.

and I'm saying the State of New Mexico. The State of New Mexico just could look to other states and see what they're doing, and, hopefully, it would be an easy transition.

Some of the other things: PCSNM is doing governing board training. They -- just like the Public Education Department, they have their own trainings. PCSNM has their trainings for governing board members. It is a fee that they -- that they pay. But they are able to do, like, a one-hour course online.

And so it's asynchronous. And, hopefully, the governing board members don't wait until June 29th to do their training. But we do know that that's a lot of times what happens. They all log in the last day, and then that really drives Missy crazy, because they don't have their hours until the very, very last day before they have to do their training.

So we've been working on that. And I got to actually do my first training, which was really bizarre. And I realized this is something I have to work at to get better at.

So I appreciate Missy, what she's done for all these years in that training, because it's not

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so easy to do a Zoom by yourself, and then this is going to go out to all these people that they're going to see a recorded Zoom that you're basically just talking to yourself.

So the PCSNM is now -- we have our trainings up and ready, and PED has supported those and approved those trainings also.

We're also looking forward to next month going to the National Charter Alliance conference in Austin, Texas. And I know several of the Commissioners are also going. It's nice, this year, that it will be much closer to New Mexico. Last year, it was in Washington, D.C., so the travel was a lot more difficult to do.

And, hopefully, we can have more representation from New Mexico over at Austin, Texas. So I'm looking forward to that also.

That's about it.

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Do you know if there's other schools -- have you heard if there's leaders from other schools going?

MR. WAYNE SHERWOOD: Yes, there are. There are quite a few leaders from charter schools going over there and really looking forward to when we have our New Mexico meeting. That was a lot of

So updating that system is something that really needs to be looked at and make it much easier for the school, much easier for you when we do our -- when PEC and CSD do the site visits, getting the information.

And that's what is so critical is the information -- sometimes directors are inputting the same data three or four different times in different places instead of just one place getting that data and going to PED.

And so that's really important. I think that would reduce -- I know the Governor talked about this last semester -- or last year -- about reducing the amount of paperwork on school officials. I would hope that would include the Public Education Department, because I think they're overwhelmed with the amount of paperwork they have to do also.

This would help getting a new system that would be able to consolidate all of that information into one area. So Public Charter Schools supports that, and I hope the LESC comes up with a good solution to that also.

And other states are already doing this, so it's not like we're going out and looking at --

70 fun up in Washington, D.C. And it should be even a 1 2 larger meeting this year. 3 What I mean by that is during the 4 conference, there's time set aside for all the 5 different states to have a meet -- just a 6 get-together for a little meet-and-greet, and, you 7 know, just discuss what they've already seen and 8 heard at the conference. And it's a lot of fun. 9 And I'll stand for questions. 10 THE CHAIR: Thank you, Wayne. 11 Commissioner Ingham. 12 COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Well, my question is 13 kind of generic. But I think I was invited to go to 14 a LESC meeting in Bernalillo? 15 MR. WAYNE SHERWOOD: Yes. COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Is that -- I mean, 16 17 did I miss it already? Or --18 THE CHAIR: I believe you did, yeah. 19 COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Yeah. It was -- it 20 was Monday and Tuesday of this past week at 21 Bernalillo High School. 22 COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Crud. 23 COMMISSIONER GIPSON: It's -- you know --24 COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Can I go to that?

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THE CHAIR: Commissioner Ingham, if you would like to go, Commissioner Gipson is our liaison for the PEC. So just sync up with her, and she'll be able to tell you. And she's very good at this. So she does not -- she will lead you in the right direction, for sure.

MR. WAYNE SHERWOOD: All right. Commissioners, Commissioner Gipson and I were talking about this yesterday, that this year is the first year at these meetings that they are actually inviting directors from charter schools to attend, the local charter schools that are in those areas. They always invite a superintendent to -- you know, whatever superintendents are in that area.

Now they're actually inviting a couple of charter school leaders to attend those meetings also. So that is saying that charter schools are starting to get a seat at the table, which is -hasn't happened in the last 20 years. And here we are now finally starting to get a seat at the table, and they're listening to the charter schools and saying, "What do you guys need for support from us?"

So it's -- it's really moving forward. I'm glad to see that in this new administration,

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COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Okay. Okay.

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Anyone can go to it.

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: The only opportunity for public input is at the very, very beginning of the meeting. Otherwise, there's no -- no comments are allowed by the public.

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: No. But I think sometimes attendance is -- I mean, being on the --

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: I'm sorry. I'm having troubling hearing you.

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Okay. Sometimes just being in attendance makes a difference. And that now being on the AMS committee and the PSCOC committee with several -- I can't remember who's the person is one of the LESC leaders, or -- I would like to attend is what it boils down to. So I --

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Yeah. If you go on the -- if you go on the New Mexico Legislature's site, there's the committee information. And there's the calendar for -- because the first four or five meetings, they meet -- so they're meeting in Taos; they're meeting in Grants; they're meeting in Carlsbad; and then they'll be back in Santa Fe November and December -- October, November, and December. So they meet all around the state during

supporting charter schools.

THE CHAIR: Thank you, Wayne, for coming, yesterday and today.

MR. WAYNE SHERWOOD: Thank you, Commissioners.

THE CHAIR: And if you brought the rain from the south, we really appreciate it.

Let's move in to Item No. 14, Discussion and Possible Action to Provide Input to Liaisons to Speak on Behalf of the PEC.

I'm going to have Vice Chair Burt weigh in real quick, because I think this is something you wanted to have on the agenda.

COMMISSIONER BURT: Yeah. And, actually, I was thinking right after that, we probably could have put that PEC letter of support -- that's the kind of thing that comes up every once in a while that would be probably most -- like, that's what we're looking for in this time.

So if anyone who's a liaison needs to speak on behalf of the PEC, needs a letter of support, needs to know whether to say the PEC, you know, wishes to express, you know, support or discontentment for any of the issues that are coming up in the liaison positions, this just gives an

opportunity every month to be able to be proactive in that -- for the next month.

THE CHAIR: Thank you, Vice Chair. I think this is also a spot where, for instance, for Commissioner Ingham, I had to sign over an agreement to make you the liaison for the PSCOC. So if there's any situation for others who are sitting on boards or other agencies on behalf of the PEC and you need any paperwork for that, just let me know.

But are there any requests for discussion or possible actions based on your liaison work?

Based on yesterday's reports that we did, during the group -- the working group session, I don't think we have any.

Great. Thank you.

And thank you, Vice Chair, for putting this back on the agenda.

All right. Item No. 15, PEC Comments. So this is a time where -- this is not a discussion, and no action is going to be taking place. But these are opportunities also for the PEC Commissioners to have a chance to share anything.

By no means does anyone have to take their turn. But if there's something you feel like you need to share with us all, this is a great Tierra Encantada. So I can't attend those. And I called them and told them congratulations.

But it's just -- if you can go, we have very few opportunities. There's that layer that you -- that -- between us and the schools that isn't -- like on a traditional public school board, where you're always in schools, that it's great to connect with everybody. And they're super duper happy that you're there. So -- and they make no qualms about letting you know that.

COMMISSIONER BECK: I'm attending the eighth-grade graduation tomorrow for the Albuquerque School of Excellence. And they asked me to be the featured speaker.

Unfortunately, I'm having vocal chord issues, and I told them I couldn't speak because I'm having a hard time speaking.

But I'm really looking forward -- I'm really looking forward to going there. So it'll be pretty cool.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: You sound fine to me, a little raspy, but what the heck.

COMMISSIONER BECK: (Inaudible) on the vocal chord. I'm going to the ENT Tuesday to see if it has to be dealt with.

opportunity for you to do it. If there's not anything to share, it's totally okay as well.

Commissioner Beck.

COMMISSIONER BECK: Again, I just want to thank the continuing Commissioners for helping us newbies out. This is a big learning curve, you know. There's a lot of bureaucratic issues that when I had my own business and teaching, I didn't have to deal with.

So especially Commissioner Gipson, next to me, for all the acronyms, what the heck do they mean and everything. Commissioner Carrillo, for sure. And Commissioner Burt, thank you for making the learning curve so much easier.

THE CHAIR: Thank you, Commissioner Beck. Commissioner Carrillo.

Commissioner Carrillo.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Okay. Attended Monte del Sol's graduation a couple of days ago.

And those of you, if you've never been to one of the high school graduations of your charters, they're super duper fun. And I just highly recommend you find out when they are. Unfortunately, in many cases, they're on the same days, same time.

Like, today, there's -- well, yesterday, I know there was MASTERS Program, and today there's COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: I'm going to see Isabelle St. Onge and their school way up north, because they have such an unusual program. I had no intention of speaking at all. They asked me if I would speak, and I said, "I'll keep it to three minutes, I promise."

What's really funny is they said -- they took a vote. Isabelle wanted a keynote. Not me. Long before. And the kids took a vote and said, "No."

They said, "How long would they speak for?"

She said, "I don't know. Like, six, eight, eight minutes."

And they said no. The kids didn't want anybody.

She said, "I'm overriding you."

They're having a -- somebody from Taos, a prominent person in the Taos community, speaking. But -- super fun. That one's in June, like June 2nd or something.

I don't know where this fits here. Maybe it's under New Business, about New Mexico Connections Academy. So I'll maybe wait till the next thing.

Okay. That would be my only thing on comments, just -- it's just that time of year and being at these graduations is very joyful. Kids are inspiring.

THE CHAIR: Thank you, Commissioner Carrillo. Commissioner Ingham.

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: I have to admit to my lack of brain cells. I went to -- I think it's the Rio Grande Academy for Fine Arts.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: RioGAFA.

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Right. I went to their end-of-the-year thing. And I just had a blast and stayed there and bought some artwork from one of the teachers and really -- they do really appreciate you coming to their deals.

And I thoroughly enjoyed it, met lots of people, really made some new friends. So I wanted to say thank you for that.

I did want to mention what didn't happen yesterday. And I apologize for not being here. But it was unavoidable.

But the -- having the NMFA -- Martica -- I can't remember her last name -- from NMFA came. I encouraged her to come. Apparently, I had dropped the ball somehow with trying to get contact

So I would hope we could maybe put them on the agenda for next --

THE CHAIR: That's the next item, Commissioner. And if there's no other action -- or no other comments, we'll move on to the next item.

All right. So Discussion of New Business Topics.

So, Commissioner Ingham, when you do have an item that you would like to have on the -- we do have to follow this process to either talk to me or talk to one of the other Executive Committee members, Vice Chair Burt or Secretary Armijo, so that we know about this.

So we do have to have the person from NMFA to actually be on our agenda so we can have them speak. Unless it was during Public Comment, which is not inspiring, of a three-minute comment. So if that is something that you would like to have, we're taking note of that right now, and maybe you can work with us to see if she can join again in our June meeting.

And we -- oftentimes we need a second. Doesn't necessarily have to be a second right now. But we do need a second. In the past, you know, Commissioner Carrillo had an idea, and I got two

information. I had contacted her specifically to come, and she did come.

In fact, she had to cancel another meeting to go -- to come here. And then we didn't have her on the agenda. I think it's going to be very important that they speak to us, because I think they have a different attitude about charter schools right now.

I have heard rumor that they had not been very excited about working with charter schools in the past. But they do seem to be, and they want to use -- I believe they're making some accommodation with that \$10 million fund to use that in some way to allow for charters to access further funding to do maintenance and -- and new facilities.

I think it's real important to hear from them. So I would request that we get -- if I can talk her into coming again, I would like to put her on the agenda again and try to get that information.

I was hoping to get those two together to work together with us, because I think that they have a collaborative -- they need to be collaborative, and they have had -- PSFA and MFA have had trouble just communicating. And I don't know why that is. But I'm trying to foster that.

seconds through e-mail that allowed us to have it on the agenda.

So if that's something you would like to have, if there is somebody that would like to make a second on that now or if you would like to follow up with us --

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: I would like to second. I thought that request was made last month for both.

COMMISSIONER BURT: I was actually about to -- that's the only reason I had my hand raised is to make sure it does get -- actually, it was -- I don't know how it got dropped off the agenda. When we first started drafting it, I made it clear that it was both. So it was definitely an error on our side, not on Commissioner Ingham's.

THE CHAIR: Great. Commissioner Ingham, I will take full responsibility for that. Thank you for following our protocol. I was unaware that we did that.

So that was on me for doing that. We will do better as an Executive Committee team. If you would like to follow up with her to make sure she will be joining us in June, that would be great.

Okay.

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1 THE CHAIR: Commissioner Carrillo? 2 COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: We're on 16; 3 right? Items for the next agenda and stuff? 4 Yeah. I think we should probably put 5 New Mexico Connections -- Pattie, should that -- or 6 Missy -- relative --7 8 with Julia about that, because it can't be on the 9 next agenda item. It's -- it's in regards to the 10

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COMMISSIONER GIPSON: We have to circle up negotiations. So I think that's something that's -that's spoken of offline about this, not on -- not an agenda item.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Okay. COMMISSIONER GIPSON: That has to be done. COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: First. COMMISSIONER GIPSON: And then --MS. BARNES: The schools for contracts are on the next agenda, and they are one of those --COMMISSIONER GIPSON: (Off mic.) MS. BARNES: Yeah. But that'll happen before. And we're hoping to have everything

finished with their contract so that that contract can be brought to the PEC. COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: At the same time

next month. So we'll have something before them in

have checked out by the time we're doing reports.

So if we want people to be acknowledged for some of the fine work they're doing or awards they've done or grants they've received, I want that to happen. Does anyone else feel similarly?

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: I think a school spotlight, we did it for a while, and then, like, stuff happens, but, yeah.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: A spotlight. COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Anyone could just add in, yeah.

THE CHAIR: We used to do this during the director -- during the Director's Report. And most of time it was at the -- most of the time was close to the top of the agenda. So we could potentially work with the EC and kind of figure out where we want the reports to be done. But it was usually, like, Item No. 4 or 6, depending on how extensive our other items were; so...

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: I don't think it's an EC deal. I think it's kind of a standing thing that we could, even today, there's no vote or anything, yeah, we want to do this, and we want it to be between the -- or after Open Forum and before Consent.

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June or whatever. Okay. Sweet.

So if it's possible, and if others agree, you know, when we do, like, a shout-out for a school, like let's say with Turquoise Trail, they had that thing where it was all kid-directed where they got money from Capital Outlay to do a playground or something, I would like that to come at the beginning of the Friday meeting early, so that maybe even before Consent Agenda, so there's the item there.

And it doesn't have to be -- I wouldn't have it be something that is for discussion. Just for presentation. And so that, you know, if I find out something three days in advance of the meeting they have three kids that are going to Stanford, holy cow, it's something I can do a shout-out for or whatever it might be, but that that be at the beginning of the meeting.

Separate from PEC Comments and New Business, but shout-out -- something -- I don't know what you'd want to call it -- be at the beginning of the meeting before consent. Because if we wait sometimes till the very end -- granted, today it's -- ¡Hijole! -- it's only 10:40, you know. But if it's 3:30 or 4:00, by then most of the people

1 THE CHAIR: That's where we used to have 2 this. That's what I was saying.

> COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Oh, okay. It would be just a standing thing that's on the agenda.

COMMISSIONER GIPSON: (Off mic.) COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Sweet. Yeah.

Super cool. Thank you.

THE CHAIR: Any other -- Vice Chair Burt. COMMISSIONER BURT: I was just going to say if -- I think at any point -- I don't know if it necessarily needs to be a standing one. But if a Commissioner has something like that, they should just tell someone, Corina, the Chair, someone, and then we could put it on at the beginning of the agenda.

I don't know if it necessarily -- like, I think looks bad to have a standing item that doesn't get filled sometimes. If there's ever something cool, I think it's on the Commissioners -- Director Chavez is always looking. I know she's always looking for stuff. If you have something, just say something as well.

COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: No. But then you would have to -- then you'd have to know far enough in advance to be able to tell somebody.

86 1 1 schools are doing. But if it's a standing item, you know, a 2 2 place-setter, essentially, if it's a standing thing So the spirit is there. We'll just figure out the technicalities, and we'll make sure that 3 that says, "Spotlights," "School Spotlight," and 3 4 4 then people have a chance -- because you might spirit is not harmed in any way. 5 5 COMMISSIONER GIPSON: I think the vision not -- our meetings are on Friday. We might not 6 6 find something out till Wednesday that so-and-so -that Commissioner Carrillo has is just a little 7 7 I don't know whatever it might be. So I would different. Because when we -- when we did it 8 8 before, there were schools that were targeted, and disagree with you, Vice Chair Burt, on that. 9 9 THE CHAIR: You don't think we would need there were, like, video presentations and all that. 10 10 to know what the presentation is about? I think what he's just attempting to get 11 COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: No. 11 at is just a quick kudos. You know, I had -- there 12 12 COMMISSIONER BURT: It doesn't have to were five kids that went to the robotics competition 13 13 be -from my district, you know, and things like that, 14 14 COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: No, just not just having a school have to figure out some 15 15 Commissioner Spotlight Schools. And that's all it video presentation. 16 16 needs to say or something like that. Just like for And I appreciate those. But I don't 17 17 public -- just like comments down here. If -- we think -- I think we've got two different views of 18 18 what this is -- the meaning behind these. This is don't know what any comments are going to be, you 19 19 know. But it's just there as a standing item. just a -- you know, "Great" -- yeah, yeah. 20 20 COMMISSIONER BURT: I guess I would just COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: A shout-out. 21 defer to Julia if that qualifies under OMA. 21 COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Yeah. 22 22 THE CHAIR: I would just say, Vice Chair THE CHAIR: And you know what? We can do 23 23 Burt, what we did in the past is we agreed on what both of those. We don't have to split a baby here. 24 24 We can share a vote. So we'll do that. schools we were spotlighting. So it wasn't like any 25 25 Any other comments? Any other new old spotlight. We needed to know at least by the 87 89 1 time we made our agenda what schools. 1 business? We good? 2 2 Oof. What time is it? So we're going to COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: I'm sorry. I 3 3 thought this would be, like, the simplest ever. move to Item No. 17. 4 4 COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Not quite, but -- I There are agendas all over the f-ing world that have 5 5 standing items, the same as we have -- I don't know can't get out of Albuquerque. 6 what my comments are going to be under Item 15, PEC 6 THE CHAIR: Can I get a motion? 7 7 Comments, No Discussion or Action Taken. It can be COMMISSIONER GIPSON: I did. 8 8 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Can I get a simply PEC Spotlight Schools, No Discussion or 9 Action Taken, and it's the opportunity -- this is to 9 second? 10 10 me, like, the no-brainer of no-brainers. COMMISSIONER BECK: Second. 11 11 THE CHAIR: Thank you. Vice Chair Burt, What you want to do with it, there, I've 12 12 said my thing. Don't complicate it, for God's sake. can we do a roll call, please? COMMISSIONER BURT: Chair Brauer. 13 Put it as a standing item in No. 4. 13 14 14 THE CHAIR: Yes. THE CHAIR: We'll get where we need to 15 15 COMMISSIONER BURT: Commissioner Ingham. get. We'll get to the spirit of it, Commissioner. 16 16 COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. Also, let's make sure we use proper decorum. I know 17 you used only an alphabet letter. 17 COMMISSIONER BURT: Commissioner Gipson. 18 18 COMMISSIONER GIPSON: Yes. COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: I get excited. 19 19 I'm sorry. COMMISSIONER BURT: Commissioner Manis is 20 20 not present still. THE CHAIR: Be careful. I think we can 21 21 figure it out. The spirit is there. I loved it Commissioner Beck. 22 when I was in Corina's seat. It was the best thing 22 COMMISSIONER BECK: Yes. 23 23 COMMISSIONER BURT: Commissioner Carrillo. that I did in front of Chair Gipson, like, every 24 24 COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Yes. month in these meetings was, like, to lift up

opportunities to share, like, great things that

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COMMISSIONER BURT: And Commissioner Burt.

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