

Public Education Commission Work Session

August 24, 2023

Open Public Meeting via Zoom Webinar and in person at
the Jerry Apodaca Education Building, 300 Don Gaspar Ave., Santa Fe, NM 87501

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Chair Alan Brauer called the work session to order at 9:02 am

Commissioners in attendance in person:

Commissioner Alan Brauer, Chair, District 2, Albuquerque
Commissioner Rebekka Burt, Vice-chair, District 4, Rio Rancho
Commissioner Timothy Beck, District 3, Albuquerque
Commissioner Sharon Clahchischilliage, District 5, Aztec
Commissioner Stewart Ingham, District 6, Deming
Commissioner Patricia Gipson, District 7, Las Cruces
Commissioner Steven J. Carrillo, District 10, Santa Fe

Commissioners not in attendance:

Commissioner Melissa Armijo, Secretary, District 1, Albuquerque
Commissioner Michael Taylor, District 8, Roswell
Commissioner K.T. Manis, District 9, Hobbs

Also Present:

Julia Barnes, PEC Attorney
Corina Chavez, Charter School Division (CSD) Director
Dr. Brigette Russell, CSD Deputy Director
Sharyn Perrea, PEC Liaison, CSD
Melissa "Missy" Brown, CSD
Lucy Valenzuela, CSD
Bianca Olona-Elwell, CSD
Cheryl Rowe, CSD
Matt Pahl, Public Charter Schools of New Mexico (PCSNM)

Members of the Public in person and on Zoom are listed on the attendance document.

2. Spotlight: Black Education Act (Kimberly York, Black Education Act Liaison)

Kimberly York presented Black Education Act, and introduced two staff Carisma B, Joseph Ulibarri. Joseph and Carisma shared Martinez-Yazzie Lawsuit which includes improving education outcomes for students, statues and support for all students including discrimination of all races. Goals are to focus on key indicators to improve educational outcomes. Discussed Pre-K-12 Discipline policy updates sent out to all schools. Discussed having every LEA implementing an anti racism anti-oppression portal that students can report racially charged instances (only that occur on campus). Shared BEA Top 3 achievements (Professional development, Canvas Course, Internal PED collaborations and School / Community

Collaboration, Conferences). Shared their excitement about collaboration with the Charter School Division.

Commissioners had follow up questions regarding barriers for implementation, appropriate grade level distribution of resources, accountability process for schools to implement updated policies and collaboration with other bureaus. Kimberly has collaborative efforts for approved materials, explained superintendent's accountability and their team providing school support to ensure schools are in compliance, and creating a network of collaboration within PED and with agencies across the state.

3. PEC Self-Evaluation and Values Development Initial Session

Naomi Rubin DeVeaux introduced a self assessment (an anonymous survey) to get a sense of where the commissioners stand. Naomi will review results and data will be shared at September work sessions. Self Evaluation has been implemented to assist in building values and development of mission statement for the Commission. Commissioner Alan Brauer would like to expand the opportunity to leaders at schools, GB members and community organizations. Commissioner consensus to utilize the tool to send out to schools.

4. Discussion of 2024 PEC Meeting Calendar

Director Chavez shared a draft of the 2024 calendar. Discussed meetings during legislative sessions, reviewed renewal calendar to ensure participation of school leaders and community in December. Yom Kippur needs to be added. Commissioners discussed the consistency of the meeting on the third Friday. Dr. Russell made live edits to the calendar for Commissioners review. November (virtual worksession) dates added. December dates to be added for renewal hearing. Revised PEC meeting dates, reviewed contract negotiation meeting dates, and final decision making meetings. Commissioner consensus to review again at the September meeting after adjustments have been made.

5. Discussion and second review of Performance Framework

Commissioner Burt and Commissioner Gipson discussed reasons for updated Performance Framework, Annual Compliance Requirements and Business Rules. Director Chavez discussed a data platform for schools to upload information, due to there being a lot of information to review during site visits. Commissioner Gipson had concerns regarding Compliance in the legislation for the Hispanic Education Act. Director Chavez clarified PED had the obligation to check on schools and ensure they are following guidelines but there are no requirements for policies.

Goal is to work closely with other PED bureaus to ensure schools are in compliance. Mr. Pahl discussed PED departments/ bureaus to assume responsibility with compliance in various areas. Ms. Barnes shared an example of a process for compliance

- a. Performance Framework
Ms. Barnes performed a legal review of the final draft.
- b. Annual Compliance Requirements

Director Chavez reviewed updates including, consistency with communication with Mission statement, enrollment, grade level, waivers and amendments and notifications.

c. Business rules

Dr. Russell reviewed the document. Commissioners made some edits with other necessary edits highlighted to be made by the Performance Framework work group in the coming week, with a final review at the September work session.

6. Discussions of rollout of new Contract and Performance Framework

The Commission decided that the earliest the new framework would go into effect for any school is July 1, 2024. Schools submitting renewal applications in 2023 will have a contract with the new performance framework incorporated into it for their term that begins July 1, 2024. Other schools may amend their contracts to adopt the new framework effective July 1, 2024. CSD will provide support on the transition to the new framework, but will not run data on both frameworks simultaneously.

7. Discussion and Second review of PEC Rules and Procedures changes

Ms. Barnes reviewed an updated draft. The PEC will vote on the document at the September meeting.

8. Discussion of the second review of budget.

Vice Chair Burt updated the Commission on the work of the budget subcommittee reviewing FY23 budget and actuals and creating the FY24 budget, including additional work on Mabry Hall, which will be used for renewal hearings. The PEC will vote on the budget at tomorrow's meeting.

9. Discussion of the current notification process from the PEC on new application letters

Commissioner Carrillo proposed sending letters to renewal applicants but not to new school applicants. Ms. Barnes argued that the letters were a precaution warranted by the possibility of appeal by denied applicants.. Commissioners discussed but no decision was made regarding the process for future years.

10. Discuss of possible legislative agenda and support of legislative agenda of others

Ms. Barnes presented proposed legislation, including legislation proposed in the 2023 session but not enacted, and a proposal to prevent State Equalization Guarantee (SEG) funds from being used to sue the PED or the PEC.

11. Discussion of streamlining data collection specifically for state chartres including researching options, purchase, installation and implementation

Dr. Russell provided an update of where the data system Request for Proposal (RFP) is currently, at the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) for approval. A new system will allow schools to upload information (that is currently uploaded to Google Drive); it will still need other items to be uploaded by PED data collection systems.

12. Discuss of the purchase, installation, and implementation of a centralized lottery system

Commissioner Carrillo shared the idea of having a centralized lottery system. Commissioner Burt suggested a vote to conduct the research. Both Commissioner Burt and Brauer said they would like to learn more about it before supporting it. Director Chavez agreed to find a spotlight speaker next month who has experience with the implementation of universal lottery in their community, district, or state.

13.Subcommittee Updates

- a. Virtual Schools** -remove from next month
- b. Performance Framework Project Team**
- c. Foundations (currently paused)**
- d. Budget**
- e. Contract and Rule**

14. REPORTS FROM PEC LIAISON

- a. Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC)- Commissioner Gipson – *Discussion about extended learning at the last LESC. Wonders how many state charter school students participate after school programs.*
- b. Legislative Finance Committee (LFC)- Commissioner Gipson *Did not attend last week's meeting.*
- c. NM Indian Education Advisory Council - Commissioner Clahchischilliage - *No meeting*
- d. NM Public School Capital Outlay Council(PSCOC- Commissioner Ingham - *Fifteen (15) items on the agenda last week.*
- e. NM Public School Insurance Authority (NMPSIA)- Commissioner Manis -*No meeting until September.*
- f. NM School Boards Association (NMSNA) Commissioner Carrillo
- g. NM State Library Commission- Commissioner Taylor
- h. NM Coalition of Educational Leaders- Commissioner Beck -*No meeting until Sept.*

Chair Brauer adjourned the meeting at 6:19 PM

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

Submitted by Bianca Olona-Elwell, PED Technical Assistance and Training Coordinator