

Public Education Commission Work Session

September 21, 2023

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

[Meeting Recording](#)

[Agenda](#)

Chair Alan Brauer called the work session to order at 9:03 a.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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 Michael Taylor, District 8, Roswell
Commissioner K.T. Manis, District 9, Hobbs
Commissioner Steven J. Carrillo, District 10, Santa Fe

Commissioners in attendance by Zoom: none

Commissioners not in attendance:

Commissioner Melissa Armijo, Secretary District 1, Albuquerque

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
Cheryl Rowe, CSD

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

2. PEC Self-Evaluation and Values Development Second Session (9:00 - 10:30)

Naomi DeVeaux, National Charter Schools Institute

- PEC Self-assessment facilitated by Naomi (presentation slides to be provided)
- Discussed "why" of being on Commission: choice, accountability, equity, learning, student voice, civil rights, quality free public education, innovation, positive sense of community, making a difference, help students who don't do well in traditional environment, service to community, advocate, positive leadership, responsive to

community's needs, improve CS, respect CS autonomy to allow them to excel, reduce administrative burdens, improve education in NM

- Values-based authorizing: shared mission, vision, defined values (mission that endures beyond current commission)
- Discussed PEC self-assessment:
 - PEC agrees on high level of focus on student outcomes; predicts improvement with better data and new PF.
 - PEC and CSD making an effort to have positive, supportive relationships with Charter Schools and avoid the "gotcha" approach. Honest conversations with schools about both positive performance and areas of growth.
 - Unreliable data– makes school performance conversations/analysis difficult.
 - Relationship challenges between PEC, CSD, PED, CS's; attitudes about CS's (some PED bureaus); discussions about the Rule, PF; PEC feels like "a thorn in the side" of PED.
 - Appreciation of detailed info from CSD, rich discussions between PEC, "mature commission" and evolving.

3. PED presentation and discussion of options for completion of the annual report process that uses data obtained directly from other sources other than PED or that uses data prior to certification by the PED that could inform a PEC policy to provide schools with annual report information by September of each year. (10:30 - 11:30)

Paola Peacock-Villada, PED, Director of Research, Evaluation, and Accountability (REA)

- a. Process for certification
- b. Other states and options for other assessment data
- c. Embargoed data: Nov. 2023 more data released, schools can exit risk status
- d. Can PEC get student level data outside of PED certified data, if delayed?

NMVistas.org

- [Link](#) to presentation slides
- Timeline: NM School Accountability-> COVID-> Change to Vistas-> Catching up
- Indicators in Vistas are federally required, apply to all public schools
- All data released to LEAs by Aug. 22 (Goal: REA to release data sooner)
- Graduation rates account for student mobility
- Targeted interventions & school improvement coaches available for MRI, CSI
- Issue raised by PEC: timeliness of receiving data, data is old, hard to base decisions on it, how to get latest data, preferably in July before school starts
- 10 or fewer masked per FERPA; number is 20 for subgroups on Vistas; however, TSI/ATSI means a masked group is underperforming
- Schools have test scores by June or July; embargoed until school approves.
- PEC would need MOU for a Data-Sharing Agreement with REA to view unmasked data
- Dr. Russell pointed out that some data appears not to match rules
- Commissioners asked why are results taking so long?
- High discrepancy rates discussed

4. Discussion of the purchase, installation, and implementation of a centralized lottery system and information on how centralized lottery systems have operated in other states/districts

Rachel Stofocik, Contractor

“Centralized Student Placement Systems”

- [Centralized Lottery Systems](#) document
- Response to growing demand and availability of school choice; one stop website
- Families can discover schools they didn't know about
- Schools can collect data, gain broader exposure
- Potential for more clarity & equity in school lottery system
- Outreach to communities is important, esp. marginalized groups
- Providers: Avela, SchoolMint, Salesforce, Lotterease (specific regional examples available on document linked above)
- Director Chavez pointed out that it would be helpful to talk to families about their experiences with universal lottery systems; would need buy-in from all schools in region
- Public Charter Schools of New Mexico (PCSNM) opposed to centralized lottery system, removes some charter school autonomy, not of interest in rural areas
- More clarity needed on lottery rule

Lunch Break: return at 2:20

5. Discussion of purchase, installation, and implementation of a system to streamline data collection specifically for state charters

- a. CSD report on options for procurement
- b. CSD report on the progress towards contracting for charter authorizer software

6. Discussion of the 2023 Renewal Site Visit Protocol

- Similar to last year's, Julia made some changes, Corina sent to schools
- Discussion about renewal application Part A (CSD data report) vs. Annual Reports
- Explained that 4-year snapshot of indicator ratings are included on Part A (minus 1b for 2022-23).
- Part A will be posted on website once Part B has been received on Oct. 2, to avoid problems/mistakes if reports need further revision.
- PEC raised concern about not having annual reports and not being able to send timely “notice of concern” for renewal schools (notices on renewal timeline for Aug. and Nov.)

7. Discussion of the 2024 New School Application

- 2023 New application process is over. Any changes next year?
- Should we add language about evaluating the success of established schools that want to replicate in other cities (like Explore)? Perhaps add a separate portion/appendix for schools that fall in that category. (Add to later work session: Oct.-Nov.)
- Referred to the Rule, can New App be changed in time for 2024 applicants? 6.2.9.8 (?)
- Discussion of letter PEC sends out after community input hearing

8. Discussion and second review of Performance Framework

- a. Performance Framework: still making small changes, received input from PCSNM, invited input (PEC, CSD, schools), will tie PF overall evaluation to tiered system for renewal track (expedited, on track, with conditions, or not on track for renewal)
- b. Business rules

9. Discussion and second review of PEC Rules of Procedures changes

- Ms. Barnes: OMA hybrid meetings: Attorney General still following covid hybrid protocol, in-person attendance is preferred
- No changes in rules of procedure, only moved some things
- Exec committee creates agenda; Chair makes final changes to agenda
- In-person attendance preferred, follow Attorney General guidelines for hybrid
- Chronically absent members: not in the Rule, but discussed possibility of chair contacting chronically absent members

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

- On tomorrow's agenda– will revisit
- [Legislative Memo](#) prepared by Ms. Barnes
- 2% & lease assistance likely to be considered

11. Subcommittee Updates

- a. Performance Framework Project Team: inviting members; Commissioner Beck joining
- b. Foundations (currently paused)
- c. Budget
- d. Contract and Rule: no updates

12. REPORTS FROM PEC LIAISONS

- a. Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) – Commissioner Gipson: LESC meeting now, no updates
- b. Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) – Commissioner Gipson
- c. NM Indian Education Advisory Council – Commissioner Clahchischilliage: no recent meetings
- d. NM Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC) – Commissioner Ingham: new meetings planned next week or two
- e. NM Public School Insurance Authority (NMPSIA) – Commissioner Manis
- f. NM School Boards Association (NMSBA) – Commissioner Carrillo: meeting coming up
- g. NM State Library Commission – Commissioner Taylor: did not meet
- h. NM Coalition of Educational Leaders – Commissioner Beck: no updates

Chair Brauer adjourned the meeting at 4:24 p.m.

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

Submitted by Cheryl Rowe, CSD Authorizing Administrator