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| 1 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Present. | 1 | Christopher Stout-Bardey. It's S-t-o-u-t hyphen |
| 2 | (Commissioner Beck is also present.) | 2 | B-a-r-d-e-y. |
| 3 | THE CHAIR: He was overcome by excitement. | 3 | THE CHAIR: You can start whenever you're |
| 4 | SECRETARY BECK: Just remember, it's my | 4 | ready. |
| 5 | first time. I'll get better. | 5 | FROM THE PUBLIC: Thank you. |
| 6 | THE CHAIR: Thank you. So I'm going to | 6 | Well, I typed this out so I'm just going |
| 7 | ask Commissioner Carrillo to lead us in the Pledge | 7 | to read it. |
| 8 | and Commissioner Ingham in the Salute to the | 8 | Thank you for this opportunity to speak, |
| 9 | New Mexico Flag. | 9 | and thank you all for the work that you do in |
| 10 | (Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the | 10 | service of our kids in Las Cruces and around the |
| 11 | New Mexico Flag conducted.) | 11 | state, and especially for the support and guidance |
| 12 | THE CHAIR: We are on to Item No. 2, | 12 | you provide to charter schools. |
| 13 | approval of the agenda. | 13 | I worked previously for eight years At La |
| 14 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I move to approve. | 14 | Academia Dolores Huerta, founding the visual art |
| 15 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Second. (Off-mic.) | 15 | program there in 2010, which grew, as did the school |
| 16 | THE CHAIR: There's a motion by | 16 | population, until I left in 2018. |
| 17 | Commissioner Carrillo and a second by Commissioner | 17 | I then taught art and career tech ed |
| 18 | Ingham. | 18 | classes for four years at Rio Grande Prep Institute, |
| 19 | The roll. | 19 | a high-needs alternative high school in Mesilla, and |
| 20 | SECRETARY BECK: Yeah. | 20 | then came on half-time at Alma d'Arte Charter High |
| 21 | Commissioner Clahchischilliage. | 21 | School in August of last year. |
| 22 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes. | 22 | I also teach art as an adjunct instructor |
| 23 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. | 23 | frequently for both DACC and NMSU. I was let go |
| 24 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. | 24 | from Alma in December, because, according to Chief |
| 25 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis. | 25 | Academic Officer Adam Amador, someone at the |
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| 1 | COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes. | 1 | New Mexico PED told him there were too many art |
| 2 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Armijo. | 2 | teachers. |
| 3 | COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Yes. | 3 | I'm aware that several PED officials are |
| 4 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt. | 4 | working closely with Dr. Amador and the governing |
| 5 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes. | 5 | council at Alma to address governance and |
| 6 | SECRETARY BECK: Chair Gipson. | 6 | operational issues, and I'm grateful for that. |
| 7 | THE CHAIR: Yes. | 7 | I care deeply about the students I was |
| 8 | SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo. | 8 | working with last semester and about the arts |
| 9 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. | 9 | community, and arts education in general, in |
| 10 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. | 10 | Las Cruces. |
| 11 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. | 11 | So I urge you to consider what Dr. Amador |
| 12 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Beck, yes. | 12 | says with extreme skepticism and to look carefully |
| 13 | It's ten-zero. | 13 | at his words and actions, such as speaking |
| 14 | Commissioner -- Commissioner Ingham. | 14 | pejoratively about staff, students, and parents in |
| 15 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. | 15 | group settings at the school, disenrolling students |
| 16 | SECRETARY BECK: There is a -- ten. | 16 | with little notice and no corrective action, |
| 17 | THE CHAIR: Thank you. We'll move on to | 17 | expediting teacher dismissals, which unnecessarily |
| 18 | Item No. 3, which is Open Forum. | 18 | deprives students of class time in both core |
| 19 | And, Lucy, you indicated there are three | 19 | subjects and electives, refusing to meet with |
| 20 | people online for public comment? | 20 | teachers in staff meetings, or, in many cases, to |
| 21 | MS. LUCY VALENZUELA: Correct. The first | 21 | even reply to their e-mails, trumping up charges to |
| 22 | one is Chris Stout-Bardey. | 22 | justify teachers' administrative leave, and then |
| 23 | Chris, please state your name and spell it | 23 | leaving that teacher and her students in limbo by |
| 24 | out for the court reporter. | 24 | not resolving the issue in a timely matter. |
| 25 | FROM THE PUBLIC: Hi. My name is | 25 | I will submit today a licensure complaint |


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| 1 | against Dr. Amador that explains these points in | 1 | Okay. I would like to just reiterate what |
| 2 | detail and with multiple items of evidence. We must | 2 | everything was said before. But I might want to add |
| 3 | provide our children with educators who behave with | 3 | the word "bullying." The administrator down there |
| 4 | honesty, kindness, and professionalism, and who put | 4 | is a real bully, and -- to put it frankly. |
| 5 | the kids first in all that they do. | 5 | And also I want to make the comment that |
| 6 | I don't say this lightly. It is my | 6 | this seems like -- or what's going on in Alma seems |
| 7 | professional position that Dr. Amador should not | 7 | to be part of a national trend. And what we're |
| 8 | hold a position in any educational institution in | 8 | seeing across the nation is this kind of assault |
| 9 | New Mexico. | 9 | on -- on many public school systems. |
| 10 | Thank you for your time. | 10 | And, you know, whether you're, you know, |
| 11 | THE CHAIR: Thank you very much. | 11 | looking at articles from the Texas Observer or any |
| 12 | Next? | 12 | other, you know, hard-hitting, muckraking journalism |
| 13 | MS. LUCY VALENZUELA: Next I have Jen D. | 13 | that's out there, there's a lot of people reporting |
| 14 | THE CHAIR: Good morning, Jen. And you | 14 | on this -- on this national conservative |
| 15 | can unmute yourself, and please spell your name for | 15 | Christo-Nationals -- Christian Nationalist movement |
| 16 | the court reporter, and then you can begin whenever | 16 | to sort of attack public school systems and to force |
| 17 | you're ready. | 17 | an agenda that most people don't really want to |
| 18 | FROM THE PUBLIC: Good morning. My name | 18 | adopt. |
| 19 | is Jennifer Davis. I'm a resident of Las Cruces, | 19 | And I think we need to look at it, and we |
| 20 | New Mexico. And my daughter -- I wasn't expecting | 20 | ed to protect ourselves from it. |
| 21 | to talk. I wanted to listen in and support those | 21 | Okay. That's what I want to say. Thank |
| 22 | like your previous speaker there. So I'm a little | 22 | you. |
| 23 | bit unprepared, and I apologize. | 23 | THE CHAIR: Thank you very much. |
| 24 | My daughter was a student at Alma d'Arte. | 24 | And that's it; correct? |
| 25 | And I recently transferred her to a public high | 25 | Oh. Sorry. We have one more. |
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| 1 | school due to all the issues that Chris has listed | 1 | MS. LUCY VALENZUELA: Finally, we have |
| 2 | out. And -- and so I just wanted to support those | 2 | Janet. |
| 3 | who probably were a little more prepared than I was | 3 | THE CHAIR: Good morning, Janet. You can |
| 4 | and give voice -- or, you know, I thought this would | 4 | unmute yourself, and please spell your name for the |
| 5 | be more chat -- in the chat box. | 5 | court reporter, and then you can begin whenever |
| 6 | But I apologize. But I just want to | 6 | you're ready. |
| 7 | support those who have complaints. I -- you know, I | 7 | FROM THE PUBLIC: Oh, good. It finally |
| 8 | did witness students and parents being avoided by | 8 | gave me something so I could unmute. |
| 9 | Dr. Amador and sort of -- some of that is anecdotal | 9 | Okay. Sorry for the delay. I'm just here |
| 10 | and -- but I think that -- I am concerned with what | 10 | to, I guess -- |
| 11 | is going on at Alma d'Arte, and I want to support | 11 | THE CHAIR: Janet, sorry to interrupt you. |
| 12 | those parents who are continued -- who are still | 12 | But could you please spell your name for the court |
| 13 | there and who are not forced out as we were. | 13 | reporter? |
| 14 | So thank you. | 14 | FROM THE PUBLIC: Yes. So Janet, |
| 15 | THE CHAIR: Thank you very much. | 15 | J-a-n-e-t. Last name is two words, van, V-a-n, |
| 16 | MS. LUCY VALENZUELA: Next we have David. | 16 | second word C-o-b-1-i-j-n. |
| 17 | THE CHAIR: Good morning, David. You can | 17 | There have been all sorts of egregious |
| 18 | unmute yourself. And please spell your name for the | 18 | things done to teachers, students, parents and so |
| 19 | court reporter, and then you can begin whenever | 19 | on, particularly by the new administration, |
| 20 | you're ready. | 20 | Dr. Amador and his assistant; but also the governing |
| 21 | FROM THE PUBLIC: Okay. Can you hear me? | 21 | board has some serious issues. |
| 22 | THE CHAIR: Yes, we can. | 22 | And nothing was more relevant to me -- |
| 23 | FROM THE PUBLIC: Okay. My name is David | 23 | since I had to transfer my son to a different |
| 24 | Kwiecinski. The last name is spelled | 24 | charter school, New America, and I attended their |
| 25 | K-w-i-e-c-i-n-s-k-i. | 25 | board meeting last week, and it was night and day. |


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| 1 | It was about the students; it was about the | 1 | competition, which is super -- anytime our kids get |
| 2 | community; it was about rewarding and fostering | 2 | to leave New Mexico and go someplace -- I know when |
| 3 | education and culture and community. | 3 | I was on the Santa Fe Board, the Capital kids -- it |
| 4 | And then the board proceeded to know what | 4 | was a wonderful benefactor that donated a lot of |
| 5 | they were talking about, analyzed statistics, which | 5 | money so that the entire DECA club could go to |
| 6 | were presented in comparison to Las Cruces Public | 6 | Florida for the competition and everything. |
| 7 | Schools -- it's either state or national statistics. | 7 | It's just -- many of our kids have never |
| 8 | There were specific details on the budget. | 8 | left New Mexico. And what a great opportunity to |
| 9 | The meeting was even held via Zoom like | 9 | leave. |
| 10 | this one, and which -- none of which Alma has been | 10 | So, anyway, to go to D.C. I hope they |
| 11 | able to implement; nor do they want to in the last | 11 | spend an extra couple of days there. |
| 12 | almost two years that I've attended. | 12 | "Our amazing tiny Future City team has |
| 13 | So I know that many different issues have | 13 | done it again. They took home a trophy and other |
| 14 | been raised with PED and PEC and then other | 14 | first place awards, returning to Washington, D.C., |
| 15 | entities, and -- but it's gone on far too long. | 15 | for the national competition..." just this month. |
| 16 | So thank you for your time and your work. | 16 | So we'll probably read about them in The |
| 17 | And I hope that this will get some swift attention, | 17 | New Mexican later this month. |
| 18 | since this seems to be a proven track record or a | 18 | "Students Ahmed Maaz, Wesley Nixon, and |
| 19 | proven behavioral pattern for this -- for | 19 | Prachi Chaudhary, with their mentor Hajer Maaz, did |
| 20 | Dr. Amador, and it's endangering students' mental | 20 | an amazing job working over winter break, after |
| 21 | health and many other things; so... | 21 | school and on weekends, preparing. They also got a |
| 22 | THE CHAIR: Thank you very much. | 22 | lot of support building the model from Isaac and |
| 23 | MS. LUCY VALENZUELA: That's all. | 23 | Kamille Aragon." |
| 24 | THE CHAIR: Oh, thanks. No one from the | 24 | For more information about that, I know |
| 25 | audience signed up; correct? We're not forcing you. | 25 | The New Mexican did an article about this. |
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| 1 | We are now on to Item No. 4, School | 1 | For any of the leaders listening, anytime |
| 2 | Highlights and Spotlight. And, once again, a | 2 | you have an achievement that you want highlighted |
| 3 | reminder there's no discussion or action taken. | 3 | that your kids have done, just let your respective |
| 4 | So, Commissioners, have you got anything? | 4 | Commissioners know, 'cause there's nothing we love |
| 5 | Commissioner Carrillo. | 5 | more than celebrating our kids. That's why we're |
| 6 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I do have something. | 6 | here. |
| 7 | Kudos to Monte del Sol Charter School. And what I'm | 7 | All right. Thanks. |
| 8 | going to do is just read the little paragraph in | 8 | THE CHAIR: So I have -- I have two. |
| 9 | each of these areas about their achievements. | 9 | I want to congratulate Raíces del Saber |
| 10 | So, "The Monte STEM Team wins at the | 10 | Xinachtli Community School and New America School, |
| 11 | Governor's STEM Challenge!" | 11 | because they have received the Innovation Grant Zone |
| 12 | "At the Governor's STEM Challenge on | 12 | for next year. |
| 13 | January 20, Monte del Sol won a showcase award from | 13 | So I'm excited, because it allows the |
| 14 | Urenco USA for their project, Blueberry: A Friend | 14 | schools to use funds, certainly, that they didn't |
| 15 | for Life. In this project, the team of eleven | 15 | anticipate having the opportunity, and to further |
| 16 | students created an interactive teddy bear that | 16 | implement, especially, their missions in the school. |
| 17 | operates with Raspberry Pi microcomputer to | 17 | So congratulations to them. |
| 18 | incorporate dialogue and a graphical user interface | 18 | And I'm also going to congratulate Alma |
| 19 | to support the mental, physical, and emotional | 19 | d'Arte, because their dance performance team came in |
| 20 | health of its user." | 20 | first. NMSU hosted a dance performance competition |
| 21 | That's just one piece of their | 21 | and their dance performance team came in first. |
| 22 | achievement. | 22 | Alan? |
| 23 | And the other is that their future -- | 23 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Thank you, Chair. |
| 24 | their -- the Monte del Sol Future City Team is going | 24 | I wanted to just share that I had a chance |
| 25 | back to Washington, D.C., for a national | 25 | to participate in Albuquerque Sign Language |


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| 1 | Academy's annual science fair at the end of January. |  | students by giving them a voice and a choice in |
| 2 | And it's always just a beautiful place to | 2 | their learning process, which leads to increased |
| 3 | go and see such young, really smart and inspiring | 3 | engagement and motivation. |
| 4 | scientists put together some pretty amazing things. | 4 | So, yeah. So these kids -- three out of |
| 5 | There was -- there was a young man who | 5 | four of these students, who are going to be |
| 6 | had -- like, he -- I didn't know you could do this | 6 | traveling to D.C., have never even been on an |
| 7 | with a volt meter. But he could -- he figured out a | 7 | airplane before or been out of the South Valley |
| 8 | way to hack that to gauge the amount of electrolytes | 8 | before or been out of Albuquerque. |
| 9 | within different types of sport drinks to figure out | 9 | So this is a huge accomplishment for them. |
| 10 | what's the best sports drink to drink that actually | 10 | I wanted to give kudos to the team at Mark Armijo |
| 11 | does best for your body. | 11 | Academy for their work at Johns Hopkins University. |
| 12 | Turned out to be orange juice was the best | 12 | And, yeah, just excited for them to go and |
| 13 | thing in terms of having the highest amount of | 13 | to see what they report back to us. So thank you |
| 14 | electrolytes. | 14 | very much. |
| 15 | So I think this young man was, like, sixth | 15 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Taylor. |
| 16 | or seventh grade. It was just, like, phenomenal to | 16 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you. I would |
| 17 | see. | 17 | like to recognize Sidney Gutierrez Middle School. |
| 18 | I saw so many other pendulums and small | 18 | They are not a State-authorized charter school, but |
| 19 | robotics, bridges. And it was just really fabulous | 19 | they are a district-authorized charter school. And |
| 20 | to see young people with different abilities to | 20 | I think that it's important for us to celebrate all |
| 21 | communicate with me as a mono-language person, to be | 21 | of our community schools and their accomplishments. |
| 22 | able to talk through that line of difference. It's | 22 | So they -- like to congratulate them on winning |
| 23 | always a beautiful thing to see. | 23 | their regional competition for the Science Olympiad. |
| 24 | So I just wanted to give kudos out to ASLA | 24 | They're competing, I think this weekend, for the |
| 25 | and all the work that they do to make sure all | 25 | State competition. |
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| 1 | students are included and just really showing and | 1 | I think Sidney has, probably over the last |
| 2 | showcasing their science. | 2 | 20 years, won that regional competition maybe |
| 3 | THE CHAIR: I guess I'll throw out my | 3 | 18 times. So they're a force in that area, and they |
| 4 | Gatorade now. Wasting my money. | 4 | continue to -- they typically go to State, place in |
| 5 | MS. LUCY VALENZUELA: Commissioner -- | 5 | the top five almost every year. |
| 6 | Chair Gipson, Commissioner Armijo has her hand | 6 | So congratulations and good luck to them |
| 7 | raised. | 7 | this weekend. |
| 8 | THE CHAIR: Oh, okay. Sorry. | 8 | THE CHAIR: That's it? |
| 9 | COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: That's okay. Thank | 9 | Okay. We are now on to Item No. 5, the |
| 10 | you so much. | 10 | Consent Agenda. |
| 11 | I also wanted to share that the | 11 | So if no one has anything they want taken |
| 12 | Mark Armijo Academy has four students who have been | 12 | off, I'll entertain a motion. |
| 13 | selected, through Johns Hopkins University, to -- to | 13 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: (Moves off-mic.) |
| 14 | travel to Washington, D.C., and represent New Mexico | 14 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Second. |
| 15 | and the South Valley of Albuquerque to advocate for | 15 | THE CHAIR: There's a motion by |
| 16 | their student agency. | 16 | Commissioner Ingham and a second by Commissioner |
| 17 | They're going to be presenting that to | 17 | Carrillo. There's no discussion. |
| 18 | national senators, representatives, and | 18 | Commissioner Beck. |
| 19 | policymakers. | 19 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner |
| 20 | The student agencies that they have been | 20 | Clahchischilliage. |
| 21 | working on -- this is through Johns Hopkins | 21 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: |
| 22 | University -- it entails them learning through | 22 | (Inaudible, Off-mic.) |
| 23 | activities that are meaningful, relevant, and driven | 23 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis. |
| 24 | by students' interests, and they're often initiated | 24 | COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes. |
| 25 | with guidance from teachers. It truly empowers | 25 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. |


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| 1 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. | 1 | as the principal at Explore Academy and was |
| 2 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Armijo. | 2 | recommended and approved by our governing board in |
| 3 | COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Yes. | 3 | December to take over the role of head |
| 4 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt. | 4 | administrator. |
| 5 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes. | 5 | So this will, for sure, be a new position |
| 6 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. | 6 | for me and a new role. I have not served as a head |
| 7 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. | 7 | administrator in a charter school prior to this. |
| 8 | SECRETARY BECK: Chair Gipson. | 8 | But I look forward to being able to work with and |
| 9 | THE CHAIR: Yes. | 9 | collaborate with the campuses in Albuquerque, our |
| 10 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Ingham. | 10 | K-5 campus as well as our 6-12. |
| 11 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. | 11 | The search for the new principal for the |
| 12 | SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo. | 12 | 6-12 campus is ongoing and includes a candidate who |
| 13 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. | 13 | will be a part of a public stakeholder input session |
| 14 | SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes. | 14 | this evening at 3:30 on our campus. |
| 15 | Ten-zero. Ten for, zero against. | 15 | So I don't know if there are other |
| 16 | THE CHAIR: Thank you. We don't have | 16 | questions you would like to ask. I'm certainly |
| 17 | anything for Item No. 6 , because nothing was taken | 17 | willing and able to answer any of them that you have |
| 18 | off. | 18 | for me. But that way, you all kind of get a sense |
| 19 | And we have one for Item No. 7, which is | 19 | of who I am in this new position that I'm in. |
| 20 | introduction of a new head administrator. | 20 | Thank you. |
| 21 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Yes, | 21 | THE CHAIR: Thank you, and welcome. And |
| 22 | Commissioners. As part of your Consent Agenda this | 22 | thanks for -- midyear is always -- becoming a new |
| 23 | morning was a new head administrator for | 23 | head administrator is always difficult, because it's |
| 24 | Explore-Albuquerque. | 24 | a whole new -- it's a whole new ballgame. |
| 25 | Let's ask Mr. Jake Kolander to come up and | 25 | And there are some folks out there that |
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| 1 | introduce himself. I hope I pronounced your last | 1 | are shaking their heads. And they're also a good |
| 2 | name correctly. | 2 | support system in the Albuquerque area. So it's a |
| 3 | And press the green button. We always ask | 3 | pretty tight-knit community. |
| 4 | new head administrators to introduce themselves to | 4 | So, please -- you know, Charter School |
| 5 | the PEC and PEC to introduce themselves to new head | 5 | Division is here to support; your fellow charter |
| 6 | administrators. | 6 | leaders are always here to support. So don't feel |
| 7 | THE CHAIR: Good morning. And before you | 7 | like you're alone on an island. So thank you. |
| 8 | start, if you could just spell your name for the | 8 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I'm Commissioner |
| 9 | record. | 9 | Carrillo, and I represent kind of the Santa Fe, |
| 10 | MR. JAKE KOLANDER: Sure. Thank you, | 10 | Rio Arriba, Taos, all the way to the Colorado |
| 11 | Commissioner, and Commission. I appreciate it. | 11 | border. Thanks for stepping in and for your years |
| 12 | Jacob Kolander. J-a-c-o-b. Last name, | 12 | of service for kids. |
| 13 | K-o-l-a-n-d-e-r. | 13 | I've always been very impressed with the |
| 14 | Wanted to -- was able to make it up here | 14 | Explore curriculum, the model. And I know -- I have |
| 15 | today. And I apologize that after this, I'll have | 15 | continued high hopes for your school. I know you're |
| 16 | to head back. We have an administrator out. But | 16 | doing really well. |
| 17 | did want to just introduce myself to everyone and | 17 | And one of the things that I just had a |
| 18 | let you sort of match the face to the name. | 18 | thought of -- I don't know -- appropriate or not -- |
| 19 | It was a pleasure of mine and certainly a | 19 | is mentoring -- you-all in Albuquerque somehow |
| 20 | surprise to be identified as someone to step into | 20 | mentoring the folks down in Las Cruces. Because I |
| 21 | the head administrator role at Explore Academy | 21 | know they're struggling. They've had a struggle, no |
| 22 | Charter School. | 22 | secret, with administrators. And any way that you |
| 23 | So I've been in public education for | 23 | can help lift Las Cruces up, because I think all of |
| 24 | 22 years. I was an English teacher for 19 of those, | 24 | us here have high hopes for that school as well. |
| 25 | and then got into administration. I currently serve | 25 | And I know you're doing a great job in |


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| 1 | Albuquerque, and we look forward to everything |  | time. |
| 2 | you'll do in the future. | 2 | THE CHAIR: We're now on to Item No. 8, |
| 3 | MR. JAKE KOLANDER: Thank you, | 3 | which is Discussion and Possible Action on Hózhó |
| 4 | Commissioner Carrillo. I appreciate that. | 4 | Academy's Amendment Request to Increase their |
| 5 | One of the other roles I took on as head | 5 | Enrollment Cap. |
| 6 | administrator is working as a director of | 6 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Chair Gipson, |
| 7 | administration with our team. It's a support to | 7 | would you like me to introduce the item? |
| 8 | provide additional support for principals, both at | 8 | THE CHAIR: Yeah. |
| 9 | the Las Cruces campus as well as the Rio Rancho | 9 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Thank you for |
| 10 | campus. | 10 | stepping up and sitting at the table. The head |
| 11 | So that's one of the roles I took on with | 11 | administrator from Hózhó Academy, Juliane Hillock, |
| 12 | that. It's not a formal role the way that a head | 12 | is here. And I know she'll want to speak. |
| 13 | administrator is; but it is someone that can perform | 13 | I just want to let the Commission know |
| 14 | as a thought partner with the administration down | 14 | that, in accordance with the PEC policy, she |
| 15 | there. So I do look forward to learning more about | 15 | submitted the request for an increase in the cap |
| 16 | what's kind of going on with the campus and being | 16 | from 728 to 1,200 students in a timely manner, and |
| 17 | able to support in that way. So thank you. | 17 | she provided the information that is uploaded into |
| 18 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Great. Well, thank | 18 | your folder, both the application and the CSD's |
| 19 | you very much. | 19 | analysis of the request. |
| 20 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Thanks. Hi, Jake. So | 20 | So I think of note is that there is a |
| 21 | I'm not surprised that you are entering into this | 21 | rather large waitlist at the school. And so -- and |
| 22 | leadership role. Because I've known Jake for | 22 | in order for the school to fully enroll the K |
| 23 | several years now as part of the teacher leadership | 23 | through 12 as it's already approved to, they would |
| 24 | program here at the PED. | 24 | need an increase in the cap, or they would have to |
| 25 | And I just believe you're a natural-born | 25 | admit fewer students moving forward. |
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| 1 | leader, so it just makes sense. Like, out of the | 1 | There's some questions that you may want |
| 2 | group of all these teacher leaders, Jake was a | 2 | to ask. But I feel like we provided the full amount |
| 3 | leader among them; so, intelligent, smart, | 3 | of analysis and information that is required in the |
| 4 | passionate. | 4 | policy. |
| 5 | So -- and also -- I can also say this is | 5 | So thank you, Juliane. And make sure you |
| 6 | where my intimate knowledge of having a student at | 6 | press the green button and to spell your name when |
| 7 | this school comes in -- seamless transition as far | 7 | you speak. |
| 8 | as communication for the families, which was | 8 | MS. JULIANE HILLOCK: Thank you. So I'm |
| 9 | really -- I mean, I didn't notice any difference -- | 9 | Juliane Hillock. J-u-1-i-a-n-e, last name, Hillock, |
| 10 | right? -- going -- changing head administrators | 10 | H-i-1-1-o-c-k. |
| 11 | midyear, which I think is a testament to the system | 11 | And I'm not really here to speak, but I'm |
| 12 | and you coming in and taking in that -- stepping | 12 | just here to answer your questions, unless there's |
| 13 | into that role and more people stepping up. Yeah. | 13 | something that you'd like me to address. |
| 14 | So congratulations on your new role. I'm | 14 | THE CHAIR: Commissioners, any questions? |
| 15 | very excited. I know I have full faith in your | 15 | I guess the only thing that -- it's not a |
| 16 | leadership abilities and your knowledge of education | 16 | concern with the amendment. It's -- it's the timing |
| 17 | in New Mexico and then your passion for students and | 17 | for -- because I understand you have to add more |
| 18 | your care. Just top-notch. | 18 | square footage and so on. |
| 19 | So very happy that you're in a leadership | 19 | And I know how difficult construction is. |
| 20 | role at Explore now, and congratulations. | 20 | And you also addressed in your letter there that, |
| 21 | DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: Thank you, | 21 | you know, the challenges that Gallup has with |
| 22 | Commissioner Burt. I blush. I appreciate it. | 22 | getting good staff for you. |
| 23 | Thank you. | 23 | So do you just see any impediments in |
| 24 | MR. JAKE KOLANDER: Thank you, Chair | 24 | being able to roll this out in the time fashion that |
| 25 | Gipson. Thank you, Commissioners. Appreciate your | 25 | you want to? |


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| 1 | MS. JULIANE HILLOCK: At this point, I | 1 | that for -- this is year six of adding 100 students |
| 2 | don't see any impediments, other than we -- our | 2 | a year. |
| 3 | waitlist will be longer than what we can | 3 | So if our final cap is 1,083 , and right |
| 4 | accommodate, I think. And that's heartbreaking. If | 4 | now we are at about $700-$-- so that would be about |
| 5 | I think somebody would like to come to my school, I | 5 | three more, three and a half more years of rolling |
| 6 | would like to serve those students. But we can only | 6 | that out, in the same way that we have been rolling |
| 7 | do what we can do responsibly. | 7 | that out each year. |
| 8 | So 1,200 is a little high. I think our | 8 | And did I miss a part of your question? |
| 9 | cap would be closer to 1,083 . However, we have | 9 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Just how far along |
| 10 | entertained the idea that we should offer a | 10 | on the project are you -- are you at a stage where |
| 11 | preschool program. And in order to do that, I | 11 | you at least have a design firm? Or what kind of -- |
| 12 | wasn't sure if those students fall within the cap or | 12 | MS. JULIANE HILLOCK: We have a dream. |
| 13 | not. | 13 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: You have a dream, |
| 14 | So we just -- and when I talked to Early | 14 | okay. |
| 15 | Childhood, they weren't sure. So I just put it all | 15 | MS. JULIANE HILLOCK: We have a dream. |
| 16 | into the whole thing. So that's why we asked for | 16 | And we have worked with some architects in order to |
| 17 | 1,200. But we'll be at about 1,083. And right now, | 17 | put a campus plan together. I'm working with Paul |
| 18 | we're K-10, and we're adding eleventh and twelfth | 18 | Aguilar to come up with a facilities master plan to |
| 19 | grade. So that will fall right in and give us a | 19 | submit to PSFA. So we're working on that. |
| 20 | little wiggle room for students who may -- siblings | 20 | And what $\$ 20$ million bought six years ago |
| 21 | and children of staff to attend without having to | 21 | and what $\$ 20$ million buys today and what $\$ 20$ million |
| 22 | come before the Commission again to ask for another | 22 | will buy when we're ready to build, it's hard to |
| 23 | increase. | 23 | know. |
| 24 | But I will probably be back to ask for | 24 | So we're just exploring all those avenues. |
| 25 | square footage and some adjustments to accommodate | 25 | And right now, we have the ability to hold everybody |
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| 1 | some of those students. | 1 | within the campus. But it wouldn't be very |
| 2 | And I suppose that's the one impediment is | 2 | functional. And so in order to provide more |
| 3 | finding the -- the funding and figuring things out | 3 | opportunities and to expand the way we'd like, we'd |
| 4 | financially to make sure that we meet those needs | 4 | have to add a new building and upgrade the ones that |
| 5 | and can provide the facilities that we need. | 5 | we have. |
| 6 | We have a plan in place. And so this was | 6 | So we're -- it's in the works. |
| 7 | just step one of that plan. | 7 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: That's wonderful. |
| 8 | THE CHAIR: Okay. Thank you so much. | 8 | And I hope we have some new opportunities for |
| 9 | Commissioner Ingham. | 9 | funding coming up. That's what I'm -- thank you |
| 10 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yeah. Wonderful | 10 | very much for your work, and I really, really |
| 11 | news. I would -- wondering if you could go over | 11 | appreciate it. I hope I can come visit your campus |
| 12 | your -- kind of your timeline for how you're adding | 12 | sometime. |
| 13 | each of those and how soon the construction is | 13 | MS. JULIANE HILLOCK: You're all welcome |
| 14 | looking to -- do you already have a design, that | 14 | anytime. |
| 15 | kind of stuff? And have you already talked to PSFA | 15 | THE CHAIR: So I guess -- I'm assuming |
| 16 | about their approval of the design? | 16 | that you're going to apply for CSP Grant money. |
| 17 | MS. JULIANE HILLOCK: It's hard to know | 17 | MS. JULIANE HILLOCK: Yes. So the timing |
| 18 | what's the chicken and what's the egg in the | 18 | of this was not doing it at the time that we |
| 19 | process. And so in order for us to move forward | 19 | renewed, but having to wait until we understood what |
| 20 | with exploring the ideas of bonds and other | 20 | was available. Uh-huh. |
| 21 | financial opportunities, we had to demonstrate that | 21 | THE CHAIR: Okay. Thanks. Making sure. |
| 22 | we'd have the growth to support the cost. And so | 22 | Commissioners, if there's no -- oh, sorry. |
| 23 | this was step one. | 23 | Commissioner Carrillo. |
| 24 | In rolling out, we -- we have been adding | 24 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Thank you for being |
| 25 | about 100 students a year. And so we've been doing | 25 | here, because I know your school is far away. It |


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| 1 | means a lot when people come in person to us. | 1 | campus. Because you have a lot of kids, and you |
| 2 | Just curious about -- because I know | 2 | feed them all. |
| 3 | about -- transportation and food service. With the | 3 | MS. JULIANE HILLOCK: Yeah. That's |
| 4 | increased number of kids, I know there were, not | 4 | another challenge that has been particularly |
| 5 | just for your school, but Middle College and others | 5 | difficult this year. We're -- we made a commitment |
| 6 | in your area, there's real challenges with | 6 | to all fresh, no processed foods. |
| 7 | transportation, mostly because of complete | 7 | And then we provided lunch in August |
| 8 | non-cooperation and obstinance (verbatim) from the | 8 | for -- so for $700 \mathrm{kids}, 1,400$ meals, August, |
| 9 | district. | 9 | September, October, November. It wasn't until the |
| 10 | So how are you going to accommodate | 10 | second week of December that we received the first |
| 11 | transportation for the increased number of children? | 11 | reimbursement. |
| 12 | MS. JULIANE HILLOCK: It is a challenge | 12 | So it's extremely difficult to provide |
| 13 | the way the funding is structured, so that we have | 13 | food services for 1,400 meals a day for six months, |
| 14 | been operating for an entire year without any | 14 | and then the first installment was $\$ 40,000$. And our |
| 15 | funding whatsoever, and given that in our area, | 15 | monthly bill for food is $\$ 100,000$. So we received |
| 16 | we're not talking about a couple-of-block radius for | 16 | \$40,000 after six months. |
| 17 | our school; we're talking about 20 miles in every | 17 | And it was through the -- the company we |
| 18 | direction. So it is a huge challenge. | 18 | use, a vendor, third-party, to provide the service. |
| 19 | But at least by the end of this school | 19 | It was because they were willing to wait for payment |
| 20 | year, then we will have some funding for that, | 20 | that we could continue to pay for food. |
| 21 | because we've been doing it out of Operational. And | 21 | So it's been a particular challenge. |
| 22 | so this is the hardest year. And going forward, | 22 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Well, thanks to them |
| 23 | we'll be able to address that. | 23 | for doing that, and also for even having the ability |
| 24 | But it's not without its challenges for a | 24 | to be able to float an account like that. |
| 25 | charter school to provide transportation, especially | 25 | Well, certainly, if you have any ideas of |
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| 1 | in our area. | 1 | how we can help, you know, I think everyone on this |
| 2 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: So on the | 2 | dais would agree that it's -- kids can't learn if |
| 3 | transportation side, I -- we don't -- I don't know | 3 | they don't eat, if they're not nourished. So we're |
| 4 | if we talked about it this year because it was a -- | 4 | committed to anything we can do on that side; |
| 5 | I don't know why I'm echoing -- why it was a -- | 5 | transportation, too. |
| 6 | because it was a short session. But perhaps for the | 6 | MS. JULIANE HILLOCK: Yes, I would |
| 7 | next legislative session, we can help -- we can | 7 | appreciate that. And it's something that causes a |
| 8 | introduce something where charters are not left out | 8 | lot of conflict. But in order to provide the |
| 9 | of the transportation mix. They shouldn't have to | 9 | transportation and the food, I have to take it out |
| 10 | be on their own. | 10 | of something else. |
| 11 | And these are public school kids; they | 11 | So it's not just that we have it or don't |
| 12 | should have transportation just like everybody else. | 12 | have it. It's also can we afford to buy that |
| 13 | And it's super duper important. And it's one of the | 13 | curric- -- and in our community, oftentimes anything |
| 14 | things, I know, on the equity side, it keeps some | 14 | that you might ask a student to purchase, it puts a |
| 15 | kids from being able to attend the charter that they | 15 | strain on a family. |
| 16 | really want to attend. And, in some districts, | 16 | I remember a time we had a -- an event. |
| 17 | they're just stuck with the school that's in the | 17 | And a family -- we asked the families to bring a |
| 18 | neighborhood they can take a bus to. | 18 | two-liter -- bring two two-liters of soda so that |
| 19 | That's not right. That's not what total, | 19 | they could do the ring toss. |
| 20 | equal access is. I know we're committed to that. | 20 | And a family sent me an e-mail saying |
| 21 | It's something for us to look at, and for Julia to | 21 | could they just bring one. It's hard to really |
| 22 | write down for the next -- I know. I see you typing | 22 | think about the impact that these -- that |
| 23 | over there. | 23 | transportation and food have on a family when, |
| 24 | And then on food service, I'm not | 24 | without that, they'd be driving 20 miles a day twice |
| 25 | remembering how you handle food service on your | 25 | a day, to and from, to drop off and pick up their |


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| 1 | children. | 1 | on up and said that she had heard a lot of good |
| 2 | And the food that we provide -- also, when | 2 | things about the school. |
| 3 | we do all fresh, no processed food, to teach through | 3 | So I think word is getting out there about |
| 4 | that; not just to provide them with that nutrition, | 4 | the charter school. So thank you so much. |
| 5 | but to teach them what it looks like to have a | 5 | MS. JULIANE HILLOCK: Thank you. I |
| 6 | balanced meal. And our food has been an attraction | 6 | appreciate hearing that. |
| 7 | for some of our students to come to our school. | 7 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Beck. |
| 8 | So -- but it's become increasingly | 8 | SECRETARY BECK: Yeah. Real quickly, in |
| 9 | difficult to provide the all-fresh, no-processed | 9 | terms of the issue with the food service and the |
| 10 | food, given the amount that we're reimbursed. | 10 | lack of timely payment, we're on the Food Service |
| 11 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Well, thank you. | 11 | Subcommittee. And I'm thinking that next Friday |
| 12 | Thank you for all you do and your efforts, and, | 12 | when we have the PED person coming here, we can |
| 13 | again, appreciate you being here in person very | 13 | certainly bring this situation up, specifically |
| 14 | much. | 14 | since it's on the record, and see what we can do to |
| 15 | MS. JULIANE HILLOCK: Thank you. | 15 | dig a little deeper into that, 'cause, you know, my |
| 16 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner | 16 | assumption, which might be correct or incorrect, is |
| 17 | Clahchischilliage. | 17 | if it's happening to you, it might be happening to |
| 18 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Good | 18 | more charter schools than just you. So we'll dig |
| 19 | morning. Thank you for being here and thank you for | 19 | into it next Friday. |
| 20 | providing us all this information about your charter | 20 | MS. JULIANE HILLOCK: Thank you. I |
| 21 | school. | 21 | appreciate that. I think -- normally, schools can |
| 22 | I just want to give you feedback on a | 22 | float a little bit with their reserve. But because |
| 23 | meeting that I attended, Eastern Agency meeting. | 23 | we implemented transportation this year, that has |
| 24 | And at that meeting, a parent stood up and | 24 | pulled all of our resources. And then to not have |
| 25 | complimented you all very highly on what's being | 25 | the reimbursement, and then the understanding that |
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| 1 | done with her student -- I mean, her child. And she | 1 | we had was that meals would be free to New Mexico |
| 2 | indicated that her child -- her son -- has learned | 2 | students. And yet even with this -- the secondary |
| 3 | tremendously. I guess she's talking about last year | 3 | supplemental reimbursement, it's about 70 percent of |
| 4 | and what he's -- and she indicated that she | 4 | our bill. |
| 5 | finally -- it's like her son has finally woken up. | 5 | So we are out of operations about \$30,000 |
| 6 | Where there was a time when he just had no | 6 | a month, so $\$ 300,000$ a year, to provide food, beyond |
| 7 | interest in school, didn't want school. She said | 7 | what we are reimbursed. And even when we're |
| 8 | now, it's the complete opposite. And she was very | 8 | reimbursed several months later, it makes it |
| 9 | happy. | 9 | extremely challenging, and to provide the |
| 10 | And so there was a school administrator | 10 | transportation out of operations as well. |
| 11 | from Gallup-McKinley who stood up and said -- well, | 11 | SECRETARY BECK: The number I'm looking at |
| 12 | this was his remark. | 12 | is $\$ 100,000$ for five months, August through |
| 13 | He said, "Well, I think we know where some | 13 | December, is 500 grand, and you got \$40,000 |
| 14 | of our missing students are going then." | 14 | reimbursed. That's not good. So we'll dig into it. |
| 15 | So that was an interesting remark for me | 15 | MS. JULIANE HILLOCK: Thank you. |
| 16 | to hear, because in Central Consolidated, we have | 16 | THE CHAIR: Are we ready for a motion? |
| 17 | the same problem, where we have a lot of students | 17 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: I make a motion that |
| 18 | who have just disappeared since COVID. | 18 | we approve this amendment. |
| 19 | And the question is, "Where are they?" | 19 | THE CHAIR: There's language in our drive. |
| 20 | I think they're slowly finding that they | 20 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Oh, shoot. Does |
| 21 | have moved with their families elsewhere. | 21 | somebody else have it? |
| 22 | And so I was very pleased to hear that | 22 | THE CHAIR: I'll do it. |
| 23 | about the school. And so kudos to you-all. You're | 23 | Okay. I move -- oh, sorry. I'm on the |
| 24 | doing a phenomenal job. | 24 | wrong motion. |
| 25 | And then there was another lady who stood | 25 | I move that the Hózhó Academy's amendment |


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| 1 | request to increase enrollment cap be accepted, and | 1 | some of the motions were created. |
| 2 | that the contract to Hózhó Academy be considered to | 2 | MS. JULIA BARNES: So Chair Gipson had |
| 3 | be amended to reflect the change. | 3 | asked for a slightly different thing, which is to |
| 4 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: (Inaudible, | 4 | have you accept all the CSD reports all at once and |
| 5 | off-mic.) | 5 | separate that out. That's a little bit different |
| 6 | THE CHAIR: Motion by Commissioner Gipson. | 6 | from how we did it last time. |
| 7 | A second by Commissioner Brauer. | 7 | So there's a first motion for that. |
| 8 | If there's no discussion, Commissioner | 8 | That's No. 9 on the agenda. |
| 9 | Beck. | 9 | No. 10 is you-all making your own |
| 10 | SECRETARY BECK: Chair Gipson. | 10 | decisions on them. |
| 11 | THE CHAIR: Yes. | 11 | There is a, first, draft motion -- well, |
| 12 | SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo. | 12 | let me tell you. There are two documents. There's |
| 13 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. | 13 | the draft motions document. And then we have taken |
| 14 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. | 14 | the list that Dr. Russell created in terms of where |
| 15 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. | 15 | the schools rank as opposed to each other and added |
| 16 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. | 16 | a column for the five that you did last time and |
| 17 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. | 17 | highlighted in yellow the twenty that are here now, |
| 18 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt. | 18 | just so that you can see where they lie in |
| 19 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes. | 19 | connection to each other. |
| 20 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis. | 20 | And then five of the schools are Spotlight |
| 21 | COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes. | 21 | or Excellent schools. They are proposed in a first |
| 22 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Armijo. | 22 | motion together, those five schools. |
| 23 | COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Yes. | 23 | The next -- every other school after |
| 24 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner | 24 | that -- and just because I drafted the motion |
| 25 | Clahchischilliage. | 25 | doesn't mean that's the way you want it. So we'll |
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| 1 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes. | 1 | get it the way you want it. |
| 2 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Ingham. | 2 | So the next schools I have identified |
| 3 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. | 3 | as -- and pulled from the report, their Vistas |
| 4 | SECRETARY BECK: And Secretary Beck, yes. | 4 | score, their designation, and the combined academic |
| 5 | THE CHAIR: Carries ten-zero? | 5 | score. |
| 6 | Thank you very much. Congratulations. | 6 | And anything on academics that certainly |
| 7 | And thank you once again for traveling up here to | 7 | looked lower than the state or the district is |
| 8 | speak with us. We appreciate it. | 8 | flagged. Negative growth is flagged, particularly |
| 9 | MS. JULIANE HILLOCK: Thank you. I enjoy | 9 | if they have low proficiency. But the negative |
| 10 | this visit. It seems so scary sometimes to come | 10 | growth only is relevant as it relates to students |
| 11 | down. And so the more I'm here, the easier it gets. | 11 | who are not proficient. |
| 12 | THE CHAIR: Sometimes I enjoy it, too. | 12 | A proficient student is a proficient |
| 13 | Can we just take a short, ten-minute | 13 | student. And if they grow just a little bit, then |
| 14 | break? Thanks. | 14 | if they're still proficient every year, that's what |
| 15 | (Recess taken, 9:48 a.m. to 10:02 a.m.) | 15 | you're looking for. So that's where that language |
| 16 | THE CHAIR: So, Commissioners, as we're | 16 | came from. |
| 17 | all getting back in place, I am going to say that | 17 | Anything in red, any highlighted red |
| 18 | it's going to be very helpful for you to have the | 18 | comment, any organizational or financial framework |
| 19 | motions up. No, no, not for that, but for these in | 19 | is here. Nothing else is here. |
| 20 | particular, because the motions are specific. We're | 20 | So if there -- to say that another way, if |
| 21 | going to have to look at that language specifically | 21 | there's something in yellow that you are concerned |
| 22 | for each of the schools. | 22 | about, you would need to add that. |
| 23 | So if you could get those up. Because | 23 | I also did not -- while CSD identified for |
| 24 | what I'd like to be able -- oh. I'll turn it over to | 24 | you the reason for all the red, if it was red, I put |
| 25 | Julia first for her to give an explanation as to how | 25 | it in the motion. |


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| 1 | Last thing is you'll see several of the | 1 | problem with the system, the electronic system -- so |
| 2 | motions -- there are two options. They often are | 2 | they were attempting to get technical support to |
| 3 | this one. | 3 | submit on time -- then we changed it. |
| 4 | You can choose a notice of exemplary | 4 | So there's only one quarter in which the |
| 5 | performance, a notice of satisfactory performance, a | 5 | report was late. The other quarter, they attempted |
| 6 | notice of unsatisfactory performance, or you can put | 6 | and didn't get the technical assistance on time. |
| 7 | them on the intervention ladder -- and you can put | 7 | So you'll see that that report was |
| 8 | them on the intervention ladder. | 8 | uploaded to your folder by Lucy just a few minutes |
| 9 | So for satisfactory and unsatisfactory, | 9 | ago. |
| 10 | sometimes I drafted two for you. And the difference | 10 | MS. JULIA BARNES: Okay. So we don't need |
| 11 | is the overall kind of notice. | 11 | to identify it as amended. It's correct in the |
| 12 | So if you want an overall notice of | 12 | documents right now? |
| 13 | unsatisfactory performance -- you did that once out | 13 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: It's correct in |
| 14 | of the last five. That's an overall notice and | 14 | the folder right now. It's not -- I don't know if |
| 15 | identifying the concerns. | 15 | the website has been fully uploaded yet. We have |
| 16 | The second option is satisfactory | 16 | that and The GREAT Academy that we're amending on |
| 17 | performance. You still think, overall, they are | 17 | the website. Because we added the -- the notice |
| 18 | doing satisfactorily, and then did the same thing, | 18 | from the school about their report for The GREAT |
| 19 | listed the issues of concerns as those individual | 19 | Academy. |
| 20 | unsatisfactory performance items. | 20 | MS. JULIA BARNES: I still think the |
| 21 | There's a couple of places I know that | 21 | motion reads the right way; so... |
| 22 | Director Chavez is going to mention a couple of | 22 | THE CHAIR: Okay. I want to mention the |
| 23 | things, and there's a couple of specific things in | 23 | chart with the Vistas and the -- okay. |
| 24 | the motions for a school, which is what -- I'm not | 24 | MS. JULIA BARNES: So just the -- you can |
| 25 | going to add to that. Well, then, I could tell you | 25 | also pull up the Vistas chart. It's another |
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| 1 | just a couple of things. | 1 | Document 00 at the very top next to the motions. |
| 2 | There was only one school that provided | 2 | And it shows you in an order and what you did. |
| 3 | input to the PEC, and that's The GREAT Academy. | 3 | And, actually -- it actually worked for |
| 4 | That has been uploaded in their documents. | 4 | me, because I actually had one school mixed up, and |
| 5 | Two schools have conditions. Those are | 5 | I thought, "Well, wait, how did they do that?" |
| 6 | uploaded in your documents. And I think you should | 6 | It actually helped me to look back and |
| 7 | address the condition as well as the annual report. | 7 | see -- you don't need to vote exactly that way. But |
| 8 | And then, finally, there's a red highlight | 8 | like you discussed yesterday, if you're |
| 9 | from Monte del Sol on five- and six-year graduation | 9 | differentiating between schools, and you articulate |
| 10 | rate. It was lower than the district in this state. | 10 | why, then that's certainly a rationale and not an |
| 11 | But their four-year graduation was not. | 11 | abuse of discretion when you do that. |
| 12 | So I wasn't sure to put that in there, so | 12 | THE CHAIR: So we will -- No. 10 should be |
| 13 | that's why that's highlighted. | 13 | quick and easy. |
| 14 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: I'd also like to | 14 | But then when we get to 11 , what we will |
| 15 | mention that this morning, we discovered that the | 15 | do is we'll take a small pause before each of the |
| 16 | narrative for the DEAP report did not capture a fix | 16 | schools so that Commissioners can look at the |
| 17 | that should have happened. | 17 | motions. |
| 18 | In these reports, we are commenting on | 18 | You want to look at the annual report real |
| 19 | whether the school had late quarterly reports | 19 | quick again -- oh, 10. I'm sorry. I'm sorry. |
| 20 | submitted to School Budget. And if -- and there are | 20 | All right. Yeah. I'm sorry. 9 is going |
| 21 | some areas in the tracker that we received from | 21 | to be the quick one, and then $10-$ so -- and then |
| 22 | School Budget. | 22 | $10-$ so we'll take a short pause at each of the |
| 23 | So if the school was able to show evidence | 23 | schools, and you'll be able to look at the motions, |
| 24 | that they submitted on time, or, in this school's | 24 | look at the annual reports real quick, and see if |
| 25 | case, that they reached out -- because there was a | 25 | there's anything in addition that you would like to |


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| 1 | add to the motion, and then we can discuss that. If | 1 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: I'll move -- I'll |
| 2 | not, we'll vote and move on. | 2 | move that the PEC provide an annual report Notice |
| 3 | So the first item is Item No. 9, which is | 3 | indicating a notice of exemplary performance to the |
| 4 | simply the acceptance of all of the annual reports, | 4 | following schools: |
| 5 | period. | 5 | 21st Century Public Academy; |
| 6 | So I'm going to move that the PEC accept | 6 | The ASK Academy; |
| 7 | the annual reports for school year '22-'23 provided | 7 | Taos Integrated School for the Arts; |
| 8 | by the Charter School Division by the schools | 8 | MASTERS Program; |
| 9 | identified in the agenda, 9.a. through 9.i. -- t. | 9 | Montessori Elementary and Middle School. |
| 10 | Sorry. I should put my glasses on. | 10 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Second. |
| 11 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Second. | 11 | THE CHAIR: There's a motion by |
| 12 | THE CHAIR: There's a motion by | 12 | Commissioner Ingham and a second by Commissioner |
| 13 | Commissioner Gipson, a second by Commissioner | 13 | Carrillo. |
| 14 | Taylor. | 14 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: I didn't finish the |
| 15 | Any discussion? | 15 | motion. Is it okay? Does it mean -- |
| 16 | (No response.) | 16 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: It needs to be on |
| 17 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Beck. | 17 | there. |
| 18 | SECRETARY BECK: Okay. Before I take | 18 | THE CHAIR: Oh. Do you want that -- okay. |
| 19 | this, I just want to tell you, I'm going to go | 19 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: I would like to |
| 20 | straight through with the same cadence here for all | 20 | amend the motion to include the last sentence: |
| 21 | these so that I don't get confused. | 21 | The Notice to the Montessori Elementary |
| 22 | I am not as proficient at this as | 22 | and Middle School letter should identify a concern |
| 23 | Commissioner Armijo. So I am a true newbie. So | 23 | with the timeliness of filing budget reports that |
| 24 | don't get offended, Commissioner Armijo, if you're | 24 | should be corrected. |
| 25 | last on the list of all these. So I'm just going to | 25 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I'll approve that |
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| 1 | go the same way. So, Chair Gipson. | 1 | part as well. |
| 2 | THE CHAIR: Yes. | 2 | THE CHAIR: This is as-amended. We are |
| 3 | SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo. | 3 | now on -- so do we have to take -- we have to take |
| 4 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. | 4 | another vote because we amended it. Yes. |
| 5 | SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes. | 5 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: We didn't take it |
| 6 | Commissioner Ingham. | 6 | the first -- |
| 7 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. | 7 | THE CHAIR: Oh, sorry. I thought -- we |
| 8 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner | 8 | did the first part. Sorry. I'm moving myself along |
| 9 | Clahchischilliage. | 9 | real fast. |
| 10 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes. | 10 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Gipson. |
| 11 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt. | 11 | THE CHAIR: Yes. |
| 12 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes. | 12 | SECRETARY BECK: Vice-Chair Carrillo. |
| 13 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis. | 13 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. |
| 14 | COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes. | 14 | SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes. |
| 15 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. | 15 | Commissioner Ingham. |
| 16 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. | 16 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. |
| 17 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. | 17 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner |
| 18 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. | 18 | Clahchischilliage. |
| 19 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Armijo. | 19 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes. |
| 20 | COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Yes. | 20 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt. |
| 21 | SECRETARY BECK: It's ten for, zero | 21 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes. |
| 22 | against. | 22 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis. |
| 23 | THE CHAIR: Now we are on to 10.a. So | 23 | COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes. |
| 24 | those are the five schools that were designated as | 24 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. |
| 25 | Excellent schools, and Spotlight. Yeah. So... | 25 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. |


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| 1 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. | 1 | THE CHAIR: I have a concern about setting |
| 2 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. | 2 | schools up to not be able to Meet, and then they're |
| 3 | SECRETARY BECK: And Commissioner Armijo. | 3 | getting a notice next year of uncorrected, |
| 4 | COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Yes. | 4 | unsatisfactory, when it's -- we're setting that bar, |
| 5 | SECRETARY BECK: Ten votes for, zero votes | 5 | at this moment in time, at proficiency. |
| 6 | against. | 6 | You know, if they haven't -- if they |
| 7 | THE CHAIR: Thank you very much. So now | 7 | haven't met growth targets next year, that's a cause |
| 8 | we are on to 10.b. | 8 | for concern and uncorrected. |
| 9 | And the first school in 10.b. is Amy Biehl | 9 | But to -- I fear that there will be many |
| 10 | High School. | 10 | schools that would not meet proficiency by next |
| 11 | Once again, please look at the motion, | 11 | year. It's just -- you know, it's not a reality. |
| 12 | take a look back if you -- at the Vistas -- at the | 12 | So it's the growth. So I'm real |
| 13 | annual report and see if there's anything that you | 13 | comfortable with taking it out. |
| 14 | would like to see added to that motion for that | 14 | Commissioner Ingham? |
| 15 | school. | 15 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Okay. I'm going to |
| 16 | (Pause in proceedings.) | 16 | say I am somewhat confused with the growth |
| 17 | SECRETARY BECK: It's going to take a | 17 | statistics that we've been presented. Because on |
| 18 | little time. | 18 | several schools that were high performing schools, |
| 19 | THE CHAIR: Yeah. Because with this | 19 | their growth was negative. |
| 20 | thing, it throws me out. | 20 | And I'm just kind of dumbfounded at that. |
| 21 | Commissioner Burt. | 21 | I guess I can understand how if you were already |
| 22 | COMMISSIONER BURT: The only thing I don't | 22 | proficient, and you didn't make progress -- but many |
| 23 | think should be on there, I don't think we should | 23 | of them look like real drastic turns to the |
| 24 | take -- put the math proficiency. I don't think | 24 | negative. |
| 25 | it's -- like, if we put every single school that's | 25 | I don't understand that. I don't |
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| 1 | lower in proficiency, it's almost -- so I feel like | 1 | understand how a school could go from being with |
| 2 | the growth, for me, is the -- like, keeping that is, | 2 | proficient students and have such wildly negative |
| 3 | for me, the important part. When there's negative | 3 | growth. |
| 4 | growth, that's what's more concerning to me. | 4 | And this school, otherwise, is -- |
| 5 | But highlighting their proficiency in math | 5 | everything else -- I mean, yes, they struggle with |
| 6 | doesn't feel right to me. | 6 | math. We have seen that across the board. But the |
| 7 | THE CHAIR: Yeah. And I tend to agree, | 7 | fact that this school ends up on the -- what is |
| 8 | because we're also trying to focus our attention | 8 | it? -- as a school needing support when they have |
| 9 | more on growth than proficiency. Because you're | 9 | been -- up till now, I thought they were really an |
| 10 | right. Schools across the state, almost every one | 10 | exemplary school. |
| 11 | struggles with proficiency. | 11 | So could somebody fill me in on this? I |
| 12 | MS. JULIA BARNES: The only thing I'll add | 12 | really don't understand. |
| 13 | is that their math was lower than the State. | 13 | THE CHAIR: I am going to ask Brigette to |
| 14 | COMMISSIONER BURT: I'm aware, yeah. I | 14 | jump on in a second and help. But I think I need a |
| 15 | don't think that's -- I think growth is where I'd | 15 | little clarification. |
| 16 | like to focus, not on the proficiency -- you know, | 16 | So was the school identified as a school |
| 17 | where students are coming into the school, if | 17 | that needs support because of their growth? Or was |
| 18 | they're below proficient, it's not the fault of the | 18 | it because of -- some were -- many were identified |
| 19 | school. | 19 | because of their graduation rate. |
| 20 | But them growing their students from where | 20 | COMMISSIONER BURT: This one's English |
| 21 | they're at -- this is a new assessment. It's still | 21 | Learners is what was identified. |
| 22 | a new assessment. Like, it's still baseline | 22 | THE CHAIR: I don't know whether it was |
| 23 | assessment data. So I just don't feel good with it | 23 | talking about this school or schools. |
| 24 | being -- like, pushing proficiency this year at this | 24 | COMMISSIONER BURT: So Amy Biehl -- |
| 25 | time. But the negative growth is a concern. | 25 | THE CHAIR: We're talking about Amy Biehl, |


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| 1 | this one. | 1 | if proficiency is good, I would not want to see you |
| 2 | COMMISSIONER BURT: So, technically, as | 2 | penalize a school for one growth percentage this |
| 3 | far as, like, the system, they scored 68 points, | 3 | year because of the three-year gap. |
| 4 | which is high for a high school. But their English | 4 | SECRETARY BECK: Also -- also -- |
| 5 | Learner progress was low. So that's why they got | 5 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Beck. Oh, I'm |
| 6 | ATSI for their English Learner progress, which that | 6 | sorry. I said Commissioner Carrillo after |
| 7 | actually probably should be added to a concern. | 7 | Commissioner Ingham. So Commissioner Carrillo is |
| 8 | THE CHAIR: Yeah. | 8 | first. |
| 9 | MS. JULIA BARNES: I'd like to check in | 9 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I don't care. |
| 10 | with Brigette, because I believe that that is in the | 10 | SECRETARY BECK: All I was going to say is |
| 11 | sub- -- English Language Learners are one of the | 11 | also, in grades 9 through 12, the only assessment |
| 12 | negatives in the sub- -- | 12 | data you're getting here is eleventh grade. That's |
| 13 | COMMISSIONER BURT: They are. But I think | 13 |  |
| 14 | we should call it out. | 14 | And I don't know how they did it in 2020, |
| 15 | THE CHAIR: So, Brigette, do you want to | 15 | but -- yeah. But right now, you're just getting a |
| 16 | help Commissioner Ingham and others with the | 16 | one-grade assessment. So that could vary |
| 17 | subgroup challenge of understanding how that | 17 | dramatically. |
| 18 | happens? | 18 | DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: So, Commissioner |
| 19 | DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: Yes, Commissioner | 19 | Beck, you're correct. So for this year -- because |
| 20 | Gipson. If you could tell me your exact question, | 20 | in 2019, we were still using, not PARCC, but the |
| 21 | then I will -- | 21 | transitional assessment through Pearson. Grades 9 |
| 22 | THE CHAIR: So Commissioner Ingham -- | 22 | and 10 were tested. And actually the eleventh |
| 23 | because it's Commissioner Ingham's question; so... | 23 | graders tested in 2022 would have been |
| 24 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yeah. I'm just | 24 | eighth-graders in 2019, and so we did have |
| 25 | confused how the schools that were -- they're | 25 | proficiency scores for them. |
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| 1 | proficient in several -- I mean, it's obvious | 1 | But, yes, going forward, you're absolutely |
| 2 | they're doing some things right on proficiency. | 2 | right. |
| 3 | They -- or they are low on math. | 3 | High school growth is going to be all but |
| 4 | But how we can go -- how we can go to such | 4 | impossible to determine simply from end-of-year |
| 5 | negative growth with a school that is -- and | 5 | summatives, because grade 11 is the only grade |
| 6 | drastically negative growth -- on a school that | 6 | that's assessed in high school. |
| 7 | otherwise has been performing pretty well. | 7 | THE CHAIR: Thank you. |
| 8 | I know I just have to take an overall | 8 | Commissioner Carrillo. |
| 9 | view. But I don't understand how that could | 9 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Understanding -- |
| 10 | possibly be, on growth. | 10 | excuse me -- understanding Dr. Russell and |
| 11 | DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: Yes. So, Chair | 11 | everything you just said, I'm still concerned about |
| 12 | Gipson, Commissioner Ingham, the growth data are | 12 | the level of the negative growth in English |
| 13 | problematic, because, as the Commission knows, there | 13 | Language. It's 23 points. |
| 14 | was no proficiency data for 2020 or 2021. So the | 14 | So I do think that that somehow needs to |
| 15 | growth data for 2022 was calculated for a three-year | 15 | be incorporated into the motion in terms of, you |
| 16 | jump between 2019 and 2022. | 16 | know, all things -- I think -- not all things |
| 17 | So as I understand it, the growth numbers | 17 | considered but -- no, all things considered, that's |
| 18 | are not as reliable as they would be with a | 18 | not very good. So that's a red flag for us, and |
| 19 | one-year -- with a one-year gap between scores. | 19 | what are you going to do about it? |
| 20 | So next -- when you review the '23-'24 | 20 | COMMISSIONER BURT: I think the way in |
| 21 | annual reports, the growth numbers for 2023 are | 21 | which the growth is done this year, I see where |
| 22 | going to be just growth from 2022 to 2023 and less | 22 | Deputy Director Russell is coming from about not, |
| 23 | problematic. | 23 | like, penalizing a school. But I also don't think |
| 24 | These growth numbers, they're very extreme | 24 | saying there's unsatisfactory performance in growth |
| 25 | for some schools. And so if other metrics are good, | 25 | this year is penalizing them, because I also think |

next year's Vistas scores, I think we're going to see them go really high or really -- some schools were looking really good or looking really bad.

Because I think this year, I think it's -like, from leaders I've talked to, when they look at their own data, they're, like, "We don't feel like it's reflected correctly in what we're looking at."

But it can -- if we don't acknowledge the negative growth this year, and the negative growth does continue year over year, we -- like, why did we not -- like, we shouldn't skip over it this year just because it may be some wonkiness.

But I think if it's next year and it's continued negative growth, then there's a pattern. I think doing it this year and sending out the notices about the negative growth, I don't feel at odds about, because I think the head administrators know about it. Everybody knows there is this negative growth. I guarantee as soon as they saw it, they started working on it already.

So I hope to see the growth increase next year. And I know that's what all the head leaders are looking forward to doing as well. But I think we should acknowledge it this year, regardless.

THE CHAIR: Commissioner Taylor.

## Am I correct?

COMMISSIONER BURT: I don't see it the same as you.

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: The groups are masked due to population sizes.

COMMISSIONER BURT: I can see their growth in all the charts, yeah.

THE CHAIR: So what page are you looking at?

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: I'm looking at 5 . THE CHAIR: Page 5? No, that's just a notation that groups are masked. So that's -sorry.

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: So ELL is masked because of the low population.

COMMISSIONER BURT: But they're small group, yeah. You can still see they're --

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes, I see it. What I'm saying is it could be very skewed by a couple of students.

COMMISSIONER BURT: Well, then, they need to take care of those couple of students. I always hear the arguments of small schools that say, "Oh, it's only one or two kids that make a difference."

But, also, it's one or two kids that could

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah. I would agree that this -- this is just a recognition of information. This is not anything that's penalizing the school. It's -- you know, it's just recognition.

So I think it's okay to keep it in there. Plus, if you really -- if you're really working at it, think of the opportunities to excel next year when you show great growth. So for the school, it's kind of a -- it's sort of a win situation. So, anyway...

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: So with that, I was going to make a motion. But Stewart has his hand up.

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: I just want to ask one question. You guys are -- negative growth and ELL -- right? -- is what we're talking about.

But then when you go up to the percent proficient ELL, they don't have enough students to even register their math because of population size in math and science and English.

So it would appear to me that we have a very small group of students that could be having a drastic effect on that -- on that score.

They're clearly a small group of students.
make a positive difference. I hear the small schools say, "It's only a couple of kids," when it negatively impacts them. But they don't acknowledge when it positively affects them as well.

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: But in the case of the growth curves that we're putting by subgroup -so we have a -- where those groups were masked because the small performance -- small size --

COMMISSIONER BURT: Just the number of students was masked.

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Huh?
COMMISSIONER BURT: Just the number of students was masked, not the performance.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: So I want to acknowledge that Commissioner Brauer has had his hand up for a little bit.

COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Thank you, Chair, Vice Chair.

Commissioner Ingham, I think that's -- I think that is a good deduction that you shared. I think that -- I think that, as Commissioner Burt was suggesting, too, I think it cuts both ways; right? You see this, and it's like "Holy smokes. Negative 23 points. We've got to do something about it."

Because each one of those children, if

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| 1 | there's three children there, they all deserve the | 1 | I made the motion and -- yeah. |
| 2 | attention that they need, especially with | 2 | THE CHAIR: Seeing no one wanting to |
| 3 | Martinez-Yazzie mandates, the emphasis on funding | 3 | comment, Commissioner Beck? |
| 4 | going out right now to support students who fall | 4 | SECRETARY BECK: Chair Gipson. |
| 5 | into that category, that this could be -- this could | 5 | THE CHAIR: Yes. |
| 6 | be a place where the school could acknowledge its | 6 | SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo. |
| 7 | strength, but also see it's falling a little bit | 7 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. |
| 8 | short right now. So they could adjust. | 8 | SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes. |
| 9 | So I think this is a way of -- this whole | 9 | Commissioner Ingham. |
| 10 | process is a way for us to work with our schools to | 10 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. |
| 11 | say, "Hey, we're noticing the same thing." | 11 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner |
| 12 | It's not a fist punch. It's an | 12 | Clahchischilliage. |
| 13 | opportunity for us to support them. So I think what | 13 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes. |
| 14 | you shared is exactly right. So I know that the | 14 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. |
| 15 | school leader and the school is thinking about, | 15 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. |
| 16 | "We've got a specific group of students that we need | 16 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis. |
| 17 | to focus in on," so they're going to adjust their | 17 | COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes. |
| 18 | budget, their effort, to make it happen. I feel | 18 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Armijo. |
| 19 | good about where the motion is. | 19 | COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Yes. |
| 20 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: So, Chair Gipson, if | 20 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. |
| 21 | it's okay, I'm going to go ahead and -- because the | 21 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. |
| 22 | corrections have been made for the motion, I'm going | 22 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt. |
| 23 | to go ahead and make a motion. | 23 | COMMISSIONER BURT: (Inaudible.) |
| 24 | THE CHAIR: Thank you. Because the | 24 | SECRETARY BECK: That's ten votes for, |
| 25 | motions just came off the screen. | 25 | zero against. The motion passes. |
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| 1 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Oh, did they? Okay. | 1 | THE CHAIR: We're on to 10.c., DEAP |
| 2 | Well, they're on my screen. | 2 | Charter School. If Commissioners will, once again, |
| 3 | So relative to Amy Biehl School -- this is | 3 | look at the motion, look at the annual reports |
| 4 | what? 9.b.? | 4 | quickly, and if you have any questions -- 10.c., |
| 5 | So I move that the PEC provide an annual | 5 | DEAP. |
| 6 | report notice to Amy Biehl High School indicating a | 6 | (Pause in proceedings.) |
| 7 | notice of satisfactory performance, and identify the | 7 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: So I |
| 8 | Vistas designation of ATSI/EL as unsatisfactory | 8 | guess we could just say -- just call it "DZ" in |
| 9 | performance, identify the unsatisfactory performance | 9 | short. |
| 10 | related to the negative growth for all students and | 10 | THE CHAIR: They use the acronym "DEAP." |
| 11 | for all student subgroups, as listed on Pages 7-8 of | 11 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Okay. |
| 12 | the annual report, specifically as it relates to | 12 | it's pronounced Ditz di (ph) -- I don't know how to |
| 13 | students who are not proficient. | 13 | pronounce -- because I don't know what that word is |
| 14 | Both items listed as unsatisfactory | 14 | supposed to be. |
| 15 | performance should be corrected by the next annual | 15 | THE CHAIR: Honestly, if -- if -- yeah, |
| 16 | report. | 16 | I'm good with keeping it at DEAP. I always feel |
| 17 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Second. | 17 | like I'm not honoring them well by not being able to |
| 18 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: And with that | 18 | pronounce their name. But I'm kind of embracing the |
| 19 | second, is there any discussion? I have one thing | 19 | challenge. |
| 20 | to say. In fact, I made a good comment about this. | 20 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Okay. |
| 21 | Saying something is Unsatisfactory Performance is | 21 | It's "fuzzy mountain." But that isn't the way I |
| 22 | not a gut punch. Just as Commissioner Brauer said, | 22 | would spell it. |
| 23 | it's, "Hey, we notice this. Please take care of | 23 | So it's (Navajo spoken). That's the way |
| 24 | it." | 24 | you'd say it, but that isn't the way it's spelled. |
| 25 | That's all. | 25 | Okay. Yeah. Right. |


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| 1 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I'm going to go | 1 | THE CHAIR: Yes. |
| 2 | ahead and make a motion, fully acknowledging that | 2 | SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo. |
| 3 | it's going to be discussed but have a motion in | 3 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. |
| 4 | place. | 4 | SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes. |
| 5 | So Item 9.c. -- I wish I could pronounce | 5 | Commissioner Ingham. |
| 6 | it, too -- the DEAP School. So over -- where is | 6 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: (Inaudible.) |
| 7 | the -- oh, here it is. I'm sorry. I got confused | 7 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner |
| 8 | when looking at it. | 8 | Clahchischilliage. |
| 9 | I move that the PEC provide an annual | 9 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes. |
| 10 | report of notice of unsatisfactory performance to | 10 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. |
| 11 | what's referred to as the School of Empowerment, | 11 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. |
| 12 | Action, and Perseverance, DEAP, related to academic | 12 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis. |
| 13 | performance on Pages 4 and 6 of the annual report, | 13 | COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes. |
| 14 | including academic growth and organizational | 14 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt. |
| 15 | concerns listed on Page 10 of the annual report, | 15 | COMMISSIONER BURT: (Inaudible.) |
| 16 | Indicators 2.b. and 4.c., which should be corrected | 16 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. |
| 17 | by the next annual report. | 17 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. |
| 18 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Second. | 18 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Armijo. |
| 19 | THE CHAIR: There's a motion by | 19 | COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Yes. |
| 20 | Commissioner Carrillo and a second by Commissioner | 20 | SECRETARY BECK: There are ten votes for, |
| 21 | Burt. | 21 | zero against. The motion passes. |
| 22 | Do Commissioners have anything else they | 22 | THE CHAIR: We're on to item "d.," |
| 23 | wish to add to this motion? | 23 | La Academia Dolores Huerta. |
| 24 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Not to the motion, | 24 | (Reporter cautions re inaudible |
| 25 | no. But for discussion? | 25 | Commissioner votes.) |
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| 1 | THE CHAIR: Right. | 1 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I would just say |
| 2 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I would -- | 2 | that relative to La Academia Dolores Huerta, that |
| 3 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: At this point. | 3 | even though there might be progress in certain |
| 4 | COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: -- implore -- | 4 | areas, I think that -- I recognize that there are so |
| 5 | THE CHAIR: Right. Then we would amend | 5 | many schools that sometimes will applaud for now |
| 6 | the motion. | 6 | getting to the 35 percent mark or the 38 percent |
| 7 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Right. | 7 | mark, that that's not good enough. And I would just |
| 8 | THE CHAIR: If you made the motion -- | 8 | say everyone needs to stretch and consider what's |
| 9 | COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Oh, that's right. | 9 | possible, you know. |
| 10 | It stands. | 10 | THE CHAIR: So that your -- |
| 11 | THE CHAIR: -- it kind of precludes us, if | 11 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I mean, the way the |
| 12 | we have a question, from asking. But that's okay. | 12 | motion is written and everything, that's fine. I |
| 13 | I think we're okay. But, yeah, it does. | 13 | agree with it. But I just want -- it's just -- |
| 14 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: If anyone does have | 14 | yeah. |
| 15 | a question and wants to discuss it, I'll withdraw | 15 | THE CHAIR: Okay. So if -- are |
| 16 | the motion. | 16 | Commissioners ready for a motion? |
| 17 | THE CHAIR: We're good. We'll amend the | 17 | COMMISSIONER BURT: The only thing I am |
| 18 | motion if we have to. | 18 | conflicted by with this school is -- and I think |
| 19 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Okay. | 19 | it's going to be for a couple of others -- is when |
| 20 | THE CHAIR: So, Commissioners, does anyone | 20 | they're in that category where -- they probably |
| 21 | have any -- anything they wish to add to this | 21 | would have been considered a traditional school |
| 22 | motion? Any discussion on the motion? | 22 | without one subgroup; right? |
| 23 | (No response.) | 23 | And so I am just -- I don't know about the |
| 24 | THE CHAIR: All right. Commissioner Beck. | 24 | overall -- like, overall, if you look at the data |
| 25 | SECRETARY BECK: Chair Gipson. | 25 | outside of the designation of them having ATSI -- |

because -- sorry.
So I'm -- I'm just -- I'm -- overall, they seem satisfactory if -- and then highlighting the -the negative growth in math, their ATSI designation being highlighted versus giving them an overall Unsatisfactory doesn't feel right.

So I'm just conflicted in these -- like, when they have the TSI designations, especially, on that Overall Performance designation.

THE CHAIR: So I have a question related to that. Because I remember a couple of years ago -- and, actually, it was in the discussion with the school -- that they had the designation. And they said it's a designation that carries for several years, so that their scores actually at that time looked decent, but they still had the designation. And they said, "We can't get rid of it. It's on us for at least two years," at that time.

I don't know if that's still the case.
So do the designations now go away every year with this new system?

Because I know they used to receive the designation for at least two years, and there was no way you could move out of that until after the
an overall Unsatisfactory?
COMMISSIONER BURT: So can I do a follow-up real quick?

THE CHAIR: Sure.
COMMISSIONER BURT: So I would say what I
would like to be changed in what the draft one is, I like that you added in the Vistas designation. So I'm looking at Satisfactory Performance Overall. But then the Vistas designation of the ATSI students with disabilities. And instead of just all academic performance, I think it should be math growth. And then the students with disabilities is already highlighted by their ATSI designation. That's the only student group in reading that is negative. And then, actually, they're not in math.

So...
MS. JULIA BARNES: Can you tell me the page numbers?

COMMISSIONER BURT: So, actually -- yeah, it's actually just Pages 6 and 7 is the only places I see that should be pointed out for them, not the whole entirety of it, because I don't think that's appropriate for the rest of it.

There's a negative growth in math. And then on the chart right below that, it shows the
second year.
(Discussion off-mic.)
THE CHAIR: Right. Yeah. So I don't know if this is a carryover designation or a brand new --

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Chair Gipson, schools got a designation. And then when the results came out, they got a new designation. I don't know what will happen next year.

THE CHAIR: Okay. But I kind of agree. You know, it's almost, like, that we kept -- we kept one school in the Excellent/Spotlight, even though they had the -- they were 2 percent below something. And we still kept them there at the Spotlight/Excellent in that batch that we made the motion of the five.

So -- you know. And it's that -- it's that perennial question, as a teacher, "Oh, I was one point away from the B." "I was one point away from the C."

But this is -- this isn't just a singular test. This is a -- you know, it's a report that we're giving an overall designation to.

So I kind of agree with that, that is it just because of that group and really not a -- and they're only a couple of points away, do we make it
negative growth in students with disabilities in language arts. And then it shows several different student groups who have negative math percentage growth.

Even though their overall math percentage growth is above. But the student groups, there are several student groups that are being underserved. On Page 7.

MS. JULIA BARNES: So we keep the word "math growth," so...

COMMISSIONER BURT: Math grow overall. And then student groups -- student subgroups -sorry. I say student "groups," and that's what I mean is "subgroup."

THE CHAIR: Math is --
COMMISSIONER BURT: On Pages 6 and 7.
THE CHAIR: 6 and 7, yeah. Okay. Are we good with that?
(Off-mic discussion.)
I'm going to make -- huh?
VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: You corrected the motion and everything. The only thing I have trouble with is I don't think performance in the mid to upper 30s is satisfactory. I don't think it is.

And, you know, we're in New Mexico, and,

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| 1 | you know, people show up to work -- they get up in | 1 | and zero votes against. The motion passes. |
| 2 | the morning and go to class, and we give them a | 2 | MS. JULIA BARNES: McCurdy is one of two |
| 3 | ribbon. | 3 | schools that has a condition. And my thinking is |
| 4 | I accept the changes that you've made, and | 4 | that the letter will discuss both. But I've got two |
| 5 | I will accept the motion. | 5 | motions. So you can take a look at what you were |
| 6 | MS. JULIA BARNES: Do you want the word | 6 | just doing on the annual designation and then go |
| 7 | "negative" -- | 7 | back and look specifically at the condition and what |
| 8 | THE CHAIR: Ready? Are we good? | 8 | you want to do about that. |
| 9 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Uh-huh. | 9 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: So I'm looking at -- |
| 10 | THE CHAIR: Okay. | 10 | I'm sorry. |
| 11 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Are you doing it? | 11 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Carrillo. |
| 12 | THE CHAIR: Yeah, I'll do it. | 12 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: You know, I can't |
| 13 | I move that the PEC provide an annual | 13 | help but when I look at this stuff, the schools -- |
| 14 | report notice of satisfactory performance to | 14 | and I'm -- right now I'm on Page 4 of McCurdy. And, |
| 15 | La Academia Dolores Huerta and identify | 15 | you know, we look at -- so that's in the Española |
| 16 | Unsatisfactory Performance related to the Vistas | 16 | school district for anybody that may not be sure -- |
| 17 | designation, ATSI and SwD, negative math growth in | 17 | and we -- we look at the math score, I mean, based |
| 18 | student subgroup growth on Pages 6 to 7 of the | 18 | on the discussion we had yesterday I think this just |
| 19 | annual report, the "does not meet" assessment on the | 19 | underscores why I brought that up yesterday as |
| 20 | first mission-specific goal, and organizational | 20 | something that needs to be laser-focused. |
| 21 | concerns listed on Page 9 of the annual report, | 21 | And I know that we spent, like, an hour |
| 22 | Indicators 2.b. and 3.c., which should be corrected | 22 | and a half or so discussing everything and moving |
| 23 | by the next annual report. | 23 | everything around and introducing new ideas and |
| 24 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Second. | 24 | concepts. But it's this that just -- I can't help |
| 25 | THE CHAIR: The motion by Commissioner | 25 | but think anything that we can do to assist schools |
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| 1 | Gipson. The second by Commissioner Taylor. | 1 | in being laser-focused right now on math. And |
| 2 | Any discussion? | 2 | that's not to say that there's not deficiencies for |
| 3 | (No response.) | 3 | our schools in many other areas. But to me this is |
| 4 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Beck. | 4 | an indicator, looking at McCurdy, of why that is so |
| 5 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Ingham. | 5 | important to me. |
| 6 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. | 6 | THE CHAIR: I'm reading. Sorry. |
| 7 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner | 7 | Commissioner Burt. |
| 8 | Clahchischilliage. | 8 | COMMISSIONER BURT: The only thing I |
| 9 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes. | 9 | notice that isn't in the motion right now is that |
| 10 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Armijo. | 10 | the mission goals -- both the missions goals were |
| 11 | COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Yes. | 11 | "working to meet" standard for this school. And I |
| 12 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis. | 12 | think that should be listed in there. Oh, yeah, |
| 13 | COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes. | 13 | there's -- |
| 14 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. | 14 | MS. JULIA BARNES: Let me -- that's one |
| 15 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. | 15 | thing I did want to highlight for you-all is the |
| 16 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. | 16 | scoring on various mission-specific goals are |
| 17 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. | 17 | different -- |
| 18 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt. | 18 | COMMISSIONER BURT: That's fine. To me, |
| 19 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes. | 19 | it doesn't matter if it's -- whatever was at grade 2 |
| 20 | SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck yes. | 20 | and it's in working to meet, they're only earning |
| 21 | Vice Chair Carrillo. | 21 | 25 points on each. So I think it should be listed. |
| 22 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. | 22 | MS. JULIA BARNES: We're going to need to |
| 23 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Gipson. | 23 | check that, because it was -- we just need to check |
| 24 | THE CHAIR: Yes. | 24 | the motions exactly the way you want it. |
| 25 | SECRETARY BECK: There are ten votes for | 25 | COMMISSIONER BURT: I think it's just the |


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| 1 | same -- like, it's still generic, that the motion | 1 | way that's worded. It really targets where the |
| 2 | goals need to be improved by next year. | 2 | issues are. So it looks really good to me. Thanks. |
| 3 | I don't want to -- like, for me, I'm not | 3 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: You can go first. I |
| 4 | trying to belabor this and be so specific. It's | 4 | don't care. |
| 5 | just that, "Hey, mission goals, we'd like to see | 5 | First, I want to thank Ms. Tario for being |
| 6 | those bump up next year." | 6 | here. Thanks very much. And even though I did |
| 7 | No. I'm not -- it's not about, like, a | 7 | point out the math thing, it's not for your school; |
| 8 | lecture, nothing like that, just that we're | 8 | it's the state as a whole, and we recognize that. |
| 9 | acknowledging the mission goals are in "working to | 9 | I just want to echo what Commissioner Burt |
| 10 | meet," and that should be there. | 10 | said. Just kudos on all of the other progress |
| 11 | But I am -- I was very happy -- it was | 11 | you've made. I know a lot of times we point to |
| 12 | really cool to see the improvement on the condition. | 12 | different things in different areas where there's |
| 13 | And just to see all those greens and yellows in this | 13 | deficiencies and where we want improvement. But we |
| 14 | annual report is really, really cool. So kudos on | 14 | also have to praise where praise is due. |
| 15 | that. That's a really great -- that's the kind of | 15 | So thank you very much for the work you're |
| 16 | movement we want to see year over year. | 16 | doing. And thanks for coming. We love it when |
| 17 | So I think that that's a -- that's why, | 17 | people come to the meetings. |
| 18 | for me, the Satisfactory is a no-brainer. Like, | 18 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Okay. Before -- oh, |
| 19 | you're meeting, like, almost everything. And | 19 | no. |
| 20 | receiving the Traditional designation, you're, | 20 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I was going to -- |
| 21 | like -- you're killing it. | 21 | COMMISSIONER BURT: I should have done |
| 22 | But, like, I mean -- that's why I think | 22 | this before, because I actually -- I would like to |
| 23 | it's easy. Let's look at the math for next year and | 23 | stop putting -- when we talk about the growth, and |
| 24 | then mission goals and be able to move on. | 24 | it says specifically as it relates to students who |
| 25 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: So I know this | 25 | are not proficient, I actually want to remove that |
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| 1 | isn't an interactive session with the schools. And | 1 | from all of them. |
| 2 | I didn't have a chance to speak with Ms. Tario | 2 | Because even when students are proficient, |
| 3 | before when public comment was happening this | 3 | I do expect growth. So I don't -- I do understand |
| 4 | morning. | 4 | the reasoning why that was there. But I'm not of |
| 5 | But I spoke to her a minute ago. And this | 5 | the opinion that just because a student is |
| 6 | is slightly off-topic, but I wanted to raise it on | 6 | proficient, they should not grow or shouldn't be |
| 7 | her behalf. And that is that she has a condition | 7 | accountable for growth. |
| 8 | related to financial performance that was given to | 8 | So I want to have that removed from all of |
| 9 | her at renewal. | 9 | them, that it's just the growth -- student groups' |
| 10 | And the simple question is is there ever | 10 | growth overall. |
| 11 | any contemplation of (inaudible) that for this | 11 | No, I think it's -- it's not a big deal. |
| 12 | charter term, or does this follow her throughout -- | 12 | But I did think about it, and I forgot. Just trying |
| 13 | just because there's lots of improvement actions | 13 | to submit it now. |
| 14 | that are there. And the school has really been | 14 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I agree with that, |
| 15 | successful in making some financial improvements. | 15 | except that the - the conditions that we're meeting |
| 16 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Beck. | 16 | here are directed specifically to those that are |
| 17 | (Off-mic discussion.) | 17 | below proficiency. |
| 18 | (Reporter requests microphone usage.) | 18 | We expect growth everywhere; right? We |
| 19 | SECRETARY BECK: Just real quick, I want | 19 | do. But we need to pay special attention to those |
| 20 | to echo Vice Chair Carrillo's comment on the math | 20 | that aren't meeting proficiency. So I think that's |
| 21 | growth there, both the proficiency and growth, from | 21 | what that says; right? Or does it limit it to -- |
| 22 | what we talked about yesterday. | 22 | COMMISSIONER BURT: I feel like it limits |
| 23 | I like the way the motion is listed, | 23 | it, that if we're saying that they're proficient, |
| 24 | specifically when it talks about -- as it relates to | 24 | that it's not a part of this. That we're looking at |
| 25 | students who are not proficient. So I do like the | 25 | the growth, but if you take out the students who are |


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|  | proficient, then -- I don't -- I don't -- I don't |  | they're on the old one. |
| 2 | think this is a condition. | 2 | If there's tenets to the new one that |
| 3 | It's just -- it's, like, all your students | 3 | we're trying to superimpose, I'm not super excited |
| 4 | should grow. And I think adding in, like, | 4 | about that. It's too in the weeds. That's what I |
| 5 | specifically as it relates to students who are not | 5 | think. I don't understand why you would say -- I |
| 6 | proficient, I don't think that -- I think students | 6 | don't know why we would need to pull out the kids |
| 7 | who are proficient are in the same exact -- | 7 | who are proficient and say that their growth is not |
| 8 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Let me respond to | 8 | included in that. |
| 9 | that by the fact that we approved five schools | 9 | I think everyone's growth is included in |
| 10 | initially that are Excellent that many of their -- | 10 | this. So that's -- I don't know -- I don't know how |
| 11 | most of their students are proficient. We didn't | 11 | many kids are proficient that grew or not based off |
| 12 | include anything about growth in those. | 12 | these charts. That's why I don't think it's |
| 13 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: (Off-mic. | 13 | appropriate to have it in there right now. |
| 14 | Inaudible.) | 14 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: You know, again, I |
| 15 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: So I just really | 15 | get that, and I'm going to disagree as well. |
| 16 | feel like the expectation, like, in the annual | 16 | Because all of the bullet points that we're pointing |
| 17 | report is that we're going to expect your -- we're | 17 | out are areas of concern that we have. Students who |
| 18 | going to expect growth; all right? | 18 | are proficient are not currently a concern of where |
| 19 | But in this case, our concern is that | 19 | they're at at this point. |
| 20 | these -- these specific students are not proficient. | 20 | COMMISSIONER BURT: They are to me. |
| 21 | But we want to see growth in that area for sure. | 21 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: They are in the |
| 22 | That's my argument. | 22 | future when we evaluate their growth. |
| 23 | COMMISSIONER BURT: And I know that's what | 23 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Students who are |
| 24 | Julia's argument was. But I don't agree with it. | 24 | listed as gifted or highly -- or in the top level |
| 25 | MS. JULIA BARNES: I'm not trying to make | 25 | are the highest dropout students in high school. So |
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| 1 | an argument. So maybe that -- but, yeah. | 1 | for me, not taking care of students who are -- not |
| 2 | The -- the point that I was looking at, | 2 | growing students who are proficient, they drop out |
| 3 | though, is that you have adopted a new performance | 3 | in high school because they're not growing. |
| 4 | framework. And my understanding, under the new | 4 | So then growing in middle school and |
| 5 | performance framework, particularly if you choose | 5 | elementary and high school, to me, is actually -- |
| 6 | that second option, is you can check the box one of | 6 | they're in the same risk level as students who are |
| 7 | two ways: One is proficient, check the box, you're | 7 | high-risk for other reengagements. |
| 8 | done. The other is growth. | 8 | Gifted and exceptionally talented students |
| 9 | So I was trying -- at least in the | 9 | drop out at incredible rates because they're not |
| 10 | language, I was trying to move your annual reports | 10 | challenged in school. So I'm pretty passionate |
| 11 | consistent with your performance framework; so... | 11 | about proficient kids or exceptional kids still |
| 12 | COMMISSIONER BURT: We are not on the new | 12 | getting their needs met as well. |
| 13 | performance framework for this. So I am not | 13 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I am as well. But I |
| 14 | comfortable -- this school might not even choose | 14 | don't feel that that's the point of this -- you |
| 15 | Option 2 in the future. They may never be on that | 15 | know, this particular annual report. |
| 16 | wavelength, to be able to pull out something | 16 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Carrillo. |
| 17 | different. | 17 | Commissioner -- oh. |
| 18 | So this is -- for me, I want to keep it -- | 18 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I just have a quick |
| 19 | this is the old performance framework. I want to | 19 | point on -- |
| 20 | keep clear lines; like, we're going to have to for | 20 | THE CHAIR: But Commissioner Brauer had |
| 21 | like the next five years. Like, there's going to be | 21 | his hand up first. I thought you wanted to go -- |
| 22 | different performance frameworks for different | 22 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Thank you. Thank |
| 23 | schools. And I don't want to hold schools to the | 23 | you, Chair. |
| 24 | new performance framework or anything to do with it. | 24 | I'm ambivalent on the language here. I |
| 25 | Like, I want to hold them to the old one while | 25 | think that shorter is better, whenever we can do |


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| 1 | that. But I do -- I do feel like -- Commissioner | 1 | COMMISSIONER MANIS: Thank you. I |
| 2 | Burt, Commissioner Taylor, I agree with both of | 2 | think -- and I agree with Commissioner Burt on this, |
| 3 | your -- I can see both of your points. | 3 | the reason being is because we do not have the data |
| 4 | For me, personally, proficiency does not | 4 | broken out to where we see growth by proficiency. |
| 5 | mean we take the -- our foot off the pedal for those | 5 | So it could be that those who are actually |
| 6 | students. I think you both are agreeing on that. | 6 | not proficient are growing the most; right? |
| 7 | And also the students who are furthest | 7 | Whereas, those who are proficient may be |
| 8 | away from opportunity right now are the ones who are | 8 | experiencing negative growth; right? |
| 9 | not growing and not proficient. | 9 | And so since the data actually isn't |
| 10 | And I think that's a truth. They're | 10 | broken out for us, we can't even determine who's |
| 11 | furthest away from the opportunities that we want | 11 | growing according to their proficiency level; right? |
| 12 | them to have. | 12 | And so that's why, just to leave it as |
| 13 | So I think specifically not indicating, | 13 | growth, in general, I think is more appropriate, |
| 14 | Commissioner Burt, that they don't matter anymore, I | 14 | unless we were able to see who's growing by certain |
| 15 | just think it amplifies -- like the ones we want to | 15 | categories of proficiency levels; right? |
| 16 | especially see growth, the students who are not | 16 | That's where I think the data isn't there |
| 17 | proficient, because they're further away from those | 17 | for us to determine who's growing, who's not |
| 18 | opportunities. | 18 | growing, who's negatively growing; right? |
| 19 | So I think spiritually we're in the same | 19 | And that may be something we look at in |
| 20 | area. I think shorter is better, as long as we all | 20 | the future, that we look at being able to |
| 21 | know and the school knows that we want to see | 21 | distinguish the data, growth by proficiency level. |
| 22 | continued improvement for all students, especially | 22 | And that may help us at determining -- getting |
| 23 | noting students who are furthest away, I think is | 23 | pinpointed at this particular thing. |
| 24 | important. | 24 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Carrillo. |
| 25 | At the same time, I can hold in my head | 25 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Appreciate both |
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| 1 | that Johnny, who is at 85 percent proficient right | 1 | points of view there. I really appreciate what |
| 2 | now in first grade, does not mean he's going to be | 2 | Commissioner Brauer said, those furthest away from |
| 3 | there in fifth grade. | 3 | opportunity. I just -- that phrase really just |
| 4 | So we've still got to continue to grow | 4 | resonated. So thank you. |
| 5 | him. But not moving the needle in terms of an | 5 | And for Ms. Barnes, did you -- so I'm |
| 6 | agreement. I think shorter is better. If we all | 6 | looking -- I thought -- the word "specifically," it |
| 7 | know what it means -- | 7 | was highlighted a second ago; right? |
| 8 | MS. JULIA BARNES: Do you want to change | 8 | MS. JULIA BARNES: I've highlighted it on |
| 9 | the word to "especially as it relate to students who | 9 | the one below, because it looks like you're talking |
| 10 | are not proficient"? | 10 | about satisfactory performance. So I can change it |
| 11 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: I'm not the | 11 | on both. |
| 12 | wordsmith in this Commission. If that would feel | 12 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: No. When I was |
| 13 | any different, that would be fine. For, me if I | 13 | reading it, it was fine. One minute it was |
| 14 | look at this -- if the last phrase is taken out | 14 | highlighted; the next minute it wasn't. I was, |
| 15 | completely from "specifically" on, I still think | 15 | like -- |
| 16 | that -- I feel like we're still saying to the | 16 | MS. JULIA BARNES: I just am asking you to |
| 17 | schools that we need to make sure that we're seeing | 17 | look further down. |
| 18 | growth and -- you know, for all students. | 18 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Okay. |
| 19 | But I do think there is an emphasis for me | 19 | MS. JULIA BARNES: There's two possible |
| 20 | in terms of like, you know, I want to see, like, | 20 | motions: One, a report of Unsatisfactory |
| 21 | growth from students who are furthest away. I think | 21 | Performance -- |
| 22 | that's, like, an important value. | 22 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I see it now. |
| 23 | THE CHAIR: Thank you. | 23 | "Specifically as it relates to students that were |
| 24 | Commissioner Manis and then Commissioner | 24 | not proficient." |
| 25 | Carrillo. | 25 | MS. JULIA BARNES: It's in both motions. |


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| 1 | COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: So we've added the | 1 | So that -- to me, that's the underlying |
| 2 | word "specifically" there. Or we just did. | 2 | statement there is that there's growth, regardless |
| 3 | MS. JULIA BARNES: It's always been there. | 3 | of -- and leave it at that. |
| 4 | But I was wondering if Commissioner Brauer wanted it | 4 | Commissioner Taylor. |
| 5 | changed to "especially." If you put "especially," | 5 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I would say a couple |
| 6 | it's broader, like Commissioner Burt was just | 6 | of things. This conversation has been in good -- |
| 7 | talking about having it, and targeted as well. | 7 | has been good, in that, you know, what Commissioner |
| 8 | COMMISSIONER MANIS: We're targeted | 8 | Manis said makes an incredible amount of sense, you |
| 9 | already by the subgroups. | 9 | know. We've -- it could very well be that those |
| 10 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: It's fine the way it | 10 | kids that are not proficient are the biggest |
| 11 | is to me. | 11 | growers. |
| 12 | THE CHAIR: Yeah. So I share the concern | 12 | And so I get where taking -- you know, |
| 13 | with the proficiency statement being there, mainly | 13 | leaving that out would -- would -- would be okay. I |
| 14 | for a couple of reasons. | 14 | also think that -- that first statement, the |
| 15 | I absolutely agree that we don't know who | 15 | negative growth for all students in math and for the |
| 16 | grew and who didn't grow, because we don't have | 16 | specific student subgroups kind of deals with that |
| 17 | it -- we don't have that. Hopefully, next year, we | 17 | already; it sort of encompasses that. |
| 18 | might have that. That might be something that we | 18 | I -- I just wish that there was a way that |
| 19 | can look to see how we could get it. If the State | 19 | we could -- could just reiterate the -- the fact |
| 20 | isn't going to be able to provide that, maybe | 20 | that we want those kids that aren't proficient to |
| 21 | somehow we can get it, because I think that is | 21 | really be part of the target audience that we're |
| 22 | important. | 22 | trying to help, you know. |
| 23 | I also -- I don't think we've added this | 23 | THE CHAIR: Any other -- are we ready for |
| 24 | with other schools whose students weren't proficient | 24 | a motion? |
| 25 | and made a statement of specifically those who -- so | 25 | MS. JULIA BARNES: Sure. Somebody would |
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| 1 | why this school and not all the schools whose | 1 | need to read it the way they want it. |
| 2 | students weren't proficient? Why are we just saying | 2 | THE CHAIR: Okay. Commissioner Manis. |
| 3 | this school, and we haven't included it in all the | 3 | COMMISSIONER MANIS: I think to address |
| 4 | other schools? | 4 | Commissioner Taylor's issue would necessarily -- it |
| 5 | We did? And I read the motion. | 5 | would need to focus on the proficiency; right? |
| 6 | Hold on. I want to go back to that | 6 | Those who are not proficient; right? |
| 7 | motion, because I don't -- no. La Academia doesn't | 7 | If we just had a point related to those |
| 8 | have it. So where did we -- I thought we took it | 8 | who are not proficient, a totally separate point in |
| 9 | out of Amy Biehl, because I know we talked about it. | 9 | growth, but looking at those who are not proficient, |
| 10 | So I'm sorry. I'm missing the statement | 10 | something specific to that, because that's what |
| 11 | about -- oh. Not proficient. I see it, as it | 11 | the -- where you're coming from is those who are not |
| 12 | relates -- oh, yeah. Yeah. I mean -- 'cause I -- | 12 | proficient, hoping to improve them to get to a level |
| 13 | and I apologize for not paying enough attention, | 13 | of proficiency. |
| 14 | because we talked about it. I thought it was out, | 14 | And I think that would probably address |
| 15 | and I didn't pay enough attention in Amy Biehl that | 15 | your concern with them. But it's hard to -- hard to |
| 16 | it was out -- that it was still in. | 16 | focus on proficiency. |
| 17 | We could go back and take it out of | 17 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Burt. |
| 18 | Amy Biehl. But I'm not comfortable with it being | 18 | COMMISSIONER BURT: I move that the PEC |
| 19 | in. | 19 | provide an annual report to McCurdy Charter School, |
| 20 | So I would -- I would support a motion | 20 | indicating a notice of satisfactory performance and |
| 21 | that did not have the proficient statements in, | 21 | identify the unsatisfactory performance related to |
| 22 | because I think we're all acknowledging that the | 22 | negative growth for students in math and for -- and |
| 23 | growth is a growth towards proficiency, but, that, | 23 | for student subgroups as listed on Pages 6 to 7 of |
| 24 | yes, every student has to grow whether they are | 24 | the annual report, "working to meet" -- and "working |
| 25 | proficient or not. | 25 | to meet" performance on the -- on all |


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| 1 | mission-specific goals. | 1 | Commissioner Taylor and a second by Commissioner |
| 2 | The items listed as unsatisfactory | 2 | Carrillo. |
| 3 | performance should be corrected by the next annual | 3 | Commissioner Burt. |
| 4 | report. | 4 | COMMISSIONER BURT: So I would support |
| 5 | THE CHAIR: Second. | 5 | this. And I think just maybe one more year -- like, |
| 6 | There's a motion by Commissioner Burt and | 6 | the same progress. That's it. Just, it's the |
| 7 | a second by Commissioner Gipson. | 7 | first -- just want to see that it's not a fluke. |
| 8 | Any further discussion? | 8 | I don't believe it is, but I would say |
| 9 | (No response.) | 9 | just one more time, just to see that, like, it's |
| 10 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Beck. | 10 | consistent, and then I would happily say nothing |
| 11 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Armijo. | 11 | further after that. |
| 12 | COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Yes. | 12 | THE CHAIR: So I have a question, 'cause |
| 13 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. | 13 | I -- this is the second year of the condition. This |
| 14 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. | 14 | is not the first year. |
| 15 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. | 15 | I'll be honest. I'm more of the mind that |
| 16 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. | 16 | they're done. That they're done. Because they've |
| 17 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis. | 17 | shown a second year, so that it's not a fluke. |
| 18 | COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes. | 18 | And what they've been asked to do -- you |
| 19 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt. | 19 | know, kind of a -- are things that I think are going |
| 20 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes. | 20 | to fall back. So I'm more of saying that they -- |
| 21 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner | 21 | with this particular -- these particular conditions, |
| 22 | Clahchischilliage. | 22 | that they're done. |
| 23 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes. | 23 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: So have they |
| 24 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Ingham. | 24 | reached, I mean, a complete correction? |
| 25 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. | 25 | THE CHAIR: It says on this report they |
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| 1 | SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes. | 1 | have completed everything, except for the last one |
| 2 | Vice Chair Carrillo. | 2 | is always an ongoing. Because twice annual review |
| 3 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. | 3 | of the budget, we kind of expect all schools to do |
| 4 | SECRETARY BECK: Chair Gipson. | 4 | that, anyway. |
| 5 | THE CHAIR: Yes. | 5 | So they're never going to say -- well, |
| 6 | SECRETARY BECK: There are ten votes for | 6 | they can say they completed it this year or -- |
| 7 | and zero votes against. The motion passes. | 7 | actually, they didn't, because they're doing this in |
| 8 | THE CHAIR: Thank you. | 8 | December, because they have haven't had their |
| 9 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I'm going to go | 9 | second. But they're doing it. So that'll never |
| 10 | ahead and make the next motion. | 10 | completely close out, because they're doing it -- |
| 11 | THE CHAIR: Well, the next -- | 11 | they have to do it twice a year. |
| 12 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: It's below; right? | 12 | So -- but everything else is completed. |
| 13 | THE CHAIR: This is the condition | 13 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Do you want to make |
| 14 | document. So I don't know if everyone looked at it | 14 | a friendly amendment to drop that? |
| 15 | when you were looking at the annual report. But | 15 | COMMISSIONER BURT: I'm open to it, too. |
| 16 | this was the concern that was raised. So if we're | 16 | I would just ask that in the future, when we're |
| 17 | ready, sure, make the motion. | 17 | getting updates, that it's -- like, I didn't see |
| 18 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I move that the PEC | 18 | any -- I don't have that great of a memory to |
| 19 | accept the Condition Report from McCurdy Charter | 19 | remember this was second year. So when I read it, |
| 20 | School and indicate to the school that the PEC finds | 20 | it felt like the first-year report. So if we could |
| 21 | that the school is making progress toward the | 21 | get clarification on those moving forward, when |
| 22 | condition and should continue to report annual | 22 | there's a condition report, of, like, what happened |
| 23 | (verbatim) on the condition. | 23 | the first year and then the second year. Because |
| 24 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Second. | 24 | I'm not going to remember that kind of stuff, just |
| 25 | THE CHAIR: I -- there's a motion by | 25 | off the top of my head. |


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| 1 | If it's two years in a row, and it's, | 1 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. |
| 2 | like, everything -- then I would support it closing | 2 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Armijo. |
| 3 | out. But I didn't realize that when I read through | 3 | COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Yes. |
| 4 | this. | 4 | SECRETARY BECK: Chair Gipson. |
| 5 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Carrillo. | 5 | THE CHAIR: Yes. |
| 6 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: So we've determined | 6 | SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo. |
| 7 | that it's two years in a row; right? | 7 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. |
| 8 | THE CHAIR: Right. | 8 | SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes. |
| 9 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Then I would ask | 9 | Commissioner Ingham. |
| 10 | that the motion be restated, not necessarily | 10 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. |
| 11 | amended. Because you can't -- you have that one | 11 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner |
| 12 | statement -- you can't -- I would ask that the | 12 | Clahchischilliage. |
| 13 | motion be withdrawn and restated with No. 2 saying | 13 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes. |
| 14 | that the condition is complete and no further | 14 | SECRETARY BECK: And Commissioner Burt. |
| 15 | reports are required. That would be my suggestion. | 15 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes. |
| 16 | MS. JULIA BARNES: This is the first -- | 16 | SECRETARY BECK: Okay. There's ten votes |
| 17 | this is a late report. So this report, she might | 17 | for, zero votes against. The motion passes. |
| 18 | have turned in her condition document twice. But | 18 | THE CHAIR: Thank you. |
| 19 | this is the first time that you are seeing it. | 19 | We are on to Monte del Sol. So this is |
| 20 | There is no annual report -- this is the first | 20 | e., Monte del Sol. |
| 21 | annual report that will be posted. There's only | 21 | MS. JULIA BARNES: Just to clarify that |
| 22 | one. There's not a report there; is that right? | 22 | the highlight in orange is because they met their |
| 23 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Okay. So we leave | 23 | four-year graduation rate, and five and six were not |
| 24 | it the same, just what you said. Okay. | 24 | there. I just wanted to flag it for you, that I |
| 25 | MS. JULIA BARNES: It will come up to you | 25 | didn't -- I left it in, but I had a question as to |
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| 1 | pretty soon, in August or September, if we -- if we | 1 | whether you wanted it in. |
| 2 | leave this up. But it's not there. This is old, | 2 | (Pause in proceedings.) |
| 3 | though, which is why -- | 3 | THE CHAIR: So for me, I'll support a |
| 4 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: So that is | 4 | Satisfactory with the Vistas score. But, yes, we do |
| 5 | correct. This is the first year that -- because in | 5 | have to note the math scores. |
| 6 | the renewal year, the school did not have the | 6 | So I'm comfortable with a Satisfactory and |
| 7 | condition; right? So the -- the -- the contract | 7 | language on the math scores. And I know that's |
| 8 | started in '22-'23, and this is the '22-'23 annual | 8 | (inaudible). |
| 9 | report. So there isn't a previous one. | 9 | It did have significantly more reds. But |
| 10 | However, there was probably a set of audit | 10 | I think we're fine with the organizational concerns |
| 11 | findings that occurred. And there's now the Fiscal | 11 | that are identified. |
| 12 | Year '23 audit just got published, like -- I'm | 12 | Are we good? We almost were there. |
| 13 | looking at it for the first time today. And I don't | 13 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Well, I just -- |
| 14 | know that you want to take that into consideration; | 14 | we're there. That's fine. |
| 15 | but... | 15 | Okay. Here's another school where math is |
| 16 | THE CHAIR: We can't. | 16 | really problematic. I'm going to keep doing that, I |
| 17 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Yeah. Okay. | 17 | think, for the next year -- or five years -- if I'm |
| 18 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Then I would say we | 18 | fortunate. |
| 19 | continue with the motion as it was stated. Okay. | 19 | THE CHAIR: So -- I'm sorry. |
| 20 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Beck. | 20 | So I move that the PEC provide an annual |
| 21 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Commissioner Manis. | 21 | report Notice to Monte del Sol Charter School |
| 22 | COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes. | 22 | indicating a notice of satisfactory performance and |
| 23 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. | 23 | identify the unsatisfactory performance related to |
| 24 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. | 24 | negative growth for all students in math and for the |
| 25 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. | 25 | student subgroups as listed on Page 6 and 7 of the |


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| 1 | annual report; five- and six-year graduation rates | 1 | to determine if a reengagement school is graduating |
| 2 | are lower than the district and the state; and | 2 | students at an appropriate rate or at a great rate |
| 3 | organizational concerns listed on Page 10 of the | 3 | is I'm wondering if there's any way we can get an |
| 4 | annual report, Indicators 2.a., 2.c., 2.d., and 5.c. | 4 | idea of -- if you could ask PED to give us a report |
| 5 | All items listed as unsatisfactory | 5 | of reengagement school graduation rates. And that |
| 6 | performance should be corrected by the next annual | 6 | way, we can find, like, where the average is in |
| 7 | report. | 7 | there, and if they're underperforming for a |
| 8 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Second. | 8 | reengagement school. |
| 9 | THE CHAIR: Motion by Commissioner Gipson, | 9 | So I don't like comparing them to district |
| 10 | a second by Commissioner Taylor. | 10 | and state. But I'm not of the mind that just |
| 11 | Any additional discussion? | 11 | because they're a reengagement school means that |
| 12 | (No response.) | 12 | they're doing a great job or not a great job |
| 13 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Beck. | 13 | graduating, based off of the rate that we see. |
| 14 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. | 14 | But maybe this is actually -- maybe |
| 15 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. | 15 | they're not graduating their students very well |
| 16 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. | 16 | compared to other reengagement schools. |
| 17 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. | 17 | So I'm wondering if that's something we |
| 18 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt. | 18 | could look into in the future so that we can get a |
| 19 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes. | 19 | better idea of comparing more apples to apples, |
| 20 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis. | 20 | because I think there are some reengagement schools |
| 21 | COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes. | 21 | that do a great job of taking students who would not |
| 22 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Armijo. | 22 | have graduated otherwise and graduating them. |
| 23 | COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Yes. | 23 | But I also think there's opportunities for |
| 24 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner | 24 | reengagement schools to take students. And if they |
| 25 | Clahchischilliage. | 25 | had gone to a different reengagement school, maybe |
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| 1 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes. | 1 | they would have graduated; because they chose this |
| 2 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Ingham. | 2 | one, they're not graduating. |
| 3 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. | 3 | And so that's my concern is I don't want |
| 4 | SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes. | 4 | to not put it in there because it is low. But I |
| 5 | Vice Chair Carrillo. | 5 | don't want to -- like, it's tone-deaf a little bit |
| 6 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. | 6 | to say, "Oh, your graduation rate is a concern," |
| 7 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Gipson. | 7 | obviously. But I'm scared to do that without more |
| 8 | THE CHAIR: Yes. | 8 | apples-to-apples comparison. |
| 9 | SECRETARY BECK: It's ten votes for, zero | 9 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Noted, Chair -- |
| 10 | votes against. The motion passes. | 10 | excuse me -- Commissioner Burt. And we will soon |
| 11 | THE CHAIR: We are now on to 10.g, | 11 | have a data analyst who can do all kinds of |
| 12 | New America School-Las Cruces. | 12 | crunching if we don't get that directly from the |
| 13 | (Pause in proceedings.) | 13 | PED. I think that's a really great point. |
| 14 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Burt. | 14 | COMMISSIONER BURT: I would say for right |
| 15 | COMMISSIONER BURT: The only one I'm -- | 15 | now, today, based on the information I have, I would |
| 16 | don't know. I'm just conflicted by, like, putting | 16 | say remove graduation rates from this. |
| 17 | out there -- or not -- maybe it is just -- so their | 17 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Carrillo. |
| 18 | graduation rates. Am I wrong? | 18 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Acknowledging the CSI |
| 19 | This is a reengagement school. I don't | 19 | grad, maybe, instead of the -- and that's it? |
| 20 | know if graduation rates are ever going to be above | 20 | Instead of the second bullet, just the first one? |
| 21 | the district and state level for this school. This | 21 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: So I would disagree. |
| 22 | is one in which, if we're going to respect and know | 22 | I want to leave graduation rate in there. They're |
| 23 | our schools, it feels like it's not -- it doesn't | 23 | going to a reengagement school to graduate, are they |
| 24 | feel good to put that in there, in the list. | 24 | not? I mean, that's the point. |
| 25 | I -- one thing that might be interesting | 25 | But I'm saying -- but I want to take |


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| 1 | graduation rates into account. And -- as part of | 1 | with saying they have to do -- we all -- all of our |
| 2 | the -- as part of the motion, I don't think it | 2 | schools have to do better with proficiency. |
| 3 | should be removed. | 3 | Commissioner Burt. |
| 4 | And as I look -- I mean, I would support a | 4 | COMMISSIONER BURT: I'll definitely not |
| 5 | motion in terms of unsatisfactory performance with | 5 | support an unsatisfactory overall, because this is |
| 6 | those things that are listed, because when I look | 6 | one of the only schools that I've seen where their |
| 7 | at -- let me get away from motions -- because when I | 7 | growth -- I mean, their growth overall -- 17 percent |
| 8 | look at -- not just grad rates. Because to me, grad | 8 | in reading; in math, outperforming the State growth. |
| 9 | rates are never the be-all and end-all, because you | 9 | Like, I don't -- this is a -- I, like -- |
| 10 | can graduate with a D average. | 10 | this is definitely a Satisfactory school, almost to |
| 11 | So what does that mean? Getting to work | 11 | the point where, like -- I mean, I wish -- this is |
| 12 | in an Allsup's or something, which isn't to knock | 12 | why SAMs -- this is why designations are very |
| 13 | Allsup's, but I think a lot of kids aspire to more. | 13 | difficult for reengagement schools. |
| 14 | But I'm very concerned about the across-the-board | 14 | I believe if they had -- I don't know when |
| 15 | 20 percent proficiencies in all the core subjects. | 15 | they come back up for renewal. But I can't wait for |
| 16 | I don't know. Even though they're | 16 | them to get on the new performance framework. |
| 17 | reengagement schools, I have high expectations. So, | 17 | Because of the way in which they're being -- the |
| 18 | fair. | 18 | calculations are done are -- it's -- they're not |
| 19 | THE CHAIR: So, you know, for me, these | 19 | going to -- other than growth, they're never going |
| 20 | are cohorts that they get rated with, with the | 20 | to look great. They're not going to look on paper |
| 21 | graduation rates. So it throws them completely off, | 21 | like a great school statistically except for their |
| 22 | because they are a reengagement school. So they're | 22 | growth, which that's the only thing that we can, |
| 23 | already off the cycle with their cohort. | 23 | like, point to be, like, how is this school growing |
| 24 | They'll never get the rating they need. | 24 | its kids. |
| 25 | I've been to their graduations. They graduate their | 25 | This school is growing its kids. Their |
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| 1 | students. But because they're coming in two and | 1 | student groups are growing in ELA and in math. |
| 2 | three years behind -- so the cohort that those | 2 | Like, all their student groups are growing. |
| 3 | students were with, they're going to be graduating | 3 | So I would definitely not -- I -- I think |
| 4 | in a year or two. So they will always be marked | 4 | it's important to acknowledge that they did get the |
| 5 | down because those kids came in. They have no | 5 | CSI in graduation rate. I think that's the limit to |
| 6 | chance of ever graduating with that cohort that the | 6 | where I'll put that that's unsatisfactory, only |
| 7 | school is being held accountable for. | 7 | because, once again, if there was a SAM's model, I |
| 8 | So their graduation -- they're not | 8 | don't even think they would have that for them. |
| 9 | saying -- this looks like they're not graduating | 9 | But it is what it is. |
| 10 | students. | 10 | The "working to meet" performance on one |
| 11 | They are graduating students. That's what | 11 | mission-specific goal is valid; that should be |
| 12 | we need to -- that's the information we need. But | 12 | listed. And then the organizational concern -- |
| 13 | they'll never -- they're never going to be able to | 13 | those two organizational concerns. |
| 14 | graduate their students in the cohorts that the | 14 | But this is actually a really good school. |
| 15 | State is tracking them with. | 15 | This is a really great school for this community and |
| 16 | And I thought we were looking at growth | 16 | for these students. So I will not support |
| 17 | more than proficiency. So we're acknowledging that | 17 | Unsatisfactory Overall. |
| 18 | very few of our schools have proficiency. We're | 18 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Just a quick |
| 19 | acknowledging that there's low proficiency. | 19 | question. And that is that this designation is |
| 20 | But I think the school does, for the -- | 20 | completely because of the graduation rate? |
| 21 | for the students that they have, they're not showing | 21 | Boy, I guess I -- I don't get it, how they |
| 22 | serious negative growth. They're not. | 22 | can be judged -- I would support not even mentioning |
| 23 | But the challenging students that they | 23 | it on this deal. |
| 24 | have, they're doing a really good job with what they | 24 | THE CHAIR: Well, I -- I see what you're |
| 25 | have. They're not -- you know, I'm uncomfortable | 25 | saying. I think it has to be acknowledged. It's |


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|  | unfortunate. I mean, that's the unfortunate part, | 1 | contract. |
| 2 | that it's -- because, you know, Albuquerque Sign | 2 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: That's what I was |
| 3 | Language received a similar designation because | 3 | going to ask. They can do the new performance |
| 4 | their kids -- they don't have a graduation rate, | 4 | framework anytime they feel. Good. |
| 5 | because their kids stay until 22. So they don't | 5 | And knowing more about the school now and |
| 6 | have a graduation rate. But they got the | 6 | with your compelling argument, Ms. Burt, no, I would |
| 7 | designation. | 7 | agree. Thank you for enlightening me more than I'm |
| 8 | That's where there's a fault in the | 8 | already enlightened. |
| 9 | system. And that's really profoundly unfortunate. | 9 | (Off-mic discussion.) |
| 10 | And as Commissioner Burt said, at least we will be | 10 | THE CHAIR: Any other questions? |
| 11 | able to fix it on our part with how we're making | 11 | (No response.) |
| 12 | decisions when a school can get onto -- and I would | 12 | THE CHAIR: Okay. So I am going to -- I |
| 13 | certainly presume they're going to do Option 2 for | 13 | move that the PEC provide an annual report Notice to |
| 14 | sure, or 3 -- but at least 2 -- to show us their | 14 | New America School-Las Cruces indicating a notice of |
| 15 | data. | 15 | satisfactory performance and identifying the |
| 16 | But this -- you know, this is a school | 16 | Unsatisfactory Performance related to the Vistas |
| 17 | that really goes above and beyond to make sure that | 17 | designation of CSI graduation and the "working to |
| 18 | their students are graduating. | 18 | meet" performance on one specific -- on one |
| 19 | But, yes, they're graduating out of cohort | 19 | mission-specific goal, and organizational concerns |
| 20 | because -- and this is a school that also pays -- | 20 | listed on Page 11 of the annual report, Indicators |
| 21 | because the State is not funding any longer the | 21 | 1.b. and 3.c. All items listed should be corrected |
| 22 | adults, they do everything they can to keep those | 22 | by the next annual report. |
| 23 | students. And they pay out of their own monies, not | 23 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Second. |
| 24 | out of SEG money, to keep those adults in to make | 24 | THE CHAIR: There's a motion by |
| 25 | sure they're graduating, because they care about the | 25 | Commissioner Gipson and a second by Commissioner |
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| 1 | person, not the money. | 1 | Ingham? No? |
| 2 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: So I've still got to | 2 | Oh. Commissioner Brauer. Sorry. Sorry. |
| 3 | ask the question. | 3 | The finger was just pointing down the road; so -- |
| 4 | Why do we have to acknowledge it on our | 4 | any further discussion? |
| 5 | annual report? | 5 | (No response.) |
| 6 | THE CHAIR: I think because -- because | 6 | THE CHAIR: If not, Commissioner Beck. |
| 7 | part of the statutory requirement is incorporating | 7 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. |
| 8 | the State Accountability System. That's part of the | 8 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. |
| 9 | statutory requirement on us when we're -- but, you | 9 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. |
| 10 | know, I would like to take it out. | 10 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. |
| 11 | But I think -- I think we have to | 11 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis. |
| 12 | acknowledge it. I do. But it's the will of the | 12 | COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes. |
| 13 | Commission, you know. | 13 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Armijo. |
| 14 | Commissioner Carrillo. | 14 | COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Yes. |
| 15 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Curiously, when are | 15 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner |
| 16 | they up for renewal? New America. Seems like we | 16 | Clahchischilliage. |
| 17 | just -- | 17 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes. |
| 18 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: They've been | 18 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Ingham. |
| 19 | renewed. | 19 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. |
| 20 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: We renewed them | 20 | SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes. |
| 21 | right when we came on. | 21 | Vice Chair Carrillo. |
| 22 | THE CHAIR: Down in Cruces. | 22 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. |
| 23 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: They're renewed | 23 | SECRETARY BECK: Chair Gipson. |
| 24 | through 2027. | 24 | THE CHAIR: Yes. |
| 25 | THE CHAIR: They could jump on the new | 25 | SECRETARY BECK: And Commissioner Burt. |


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| 1 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes. | 1 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes. |
| 2 | SECRETARY BECK: There's votes ten for, | 2 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. |
| 3 | zero against. The motion passes. | 3 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. |
| 4 | THE CHAIR: Thank you. | 4 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis. |
| 5 | We are now on to 10.h., North Valley | 5 | COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes. |
| 6 | Academy. | 6 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt. |
| 7 | (Pause in proceedings.) | 7 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes. |
| 8 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: So on North Valley, | 8 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. |
| 9 | I would be inclined to, after there's time for | 9 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. |
| 10 | discussion, just make a motion to accept the | 10 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Armijo. |
| 11 | satisfactory performance. What do others think? | 11 | COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Yes. |
| 12 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Second. | 12 | SECRETARY BECK: There are ten votes for |
| 13 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I didn't make the | 13 | and zero votes against. The motion passes. |
| 14 | motion yet. But -- so we have two people that | 14 | THE CHAIR: So, Commissioners, I'm going |
| 15 | stepped away, I know. But it's just -- okay. | 15 | to ask. I think the next one -- do you want to do |
| 16 | All right. In that case -- well, Stewart, | 16 | one more? Do you want to do Red River and then |
| 17 | did you have any questions about North Valley at | 17 | we'll take a lunch break? |
| 18 | all? | 18 | COMMISSIONER BURT: If I could -- one |
| 19 | I move that the PEC provide an annual | 19 | second. If we could do SABE next, if we only do one |
| 20 | report Notice to North Valley Academy, indicating a | 20 | more? And then I don't care when we take a break. |
| 21 | notice of satisfactory performance and identify the | 21 | THE CHAIR: You're right. Sorry. I |
| 22 | unsatisfactory performance related to negative | 22 | forgot you're even on our list. I kept trying to |
| 23 | growth for all students in math, and for the student | 23 | think why you're here, and it just didn't connect. |
| 24 | subgroups as listed on Page 6 and 7 of the annual | 24 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Just to hang out; |
| 25 | report. | 25 | right? |
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| 1 | Oh, yeah. Sorry. | 1 | THE CHAIR: Sure. |
| 2 | The items listed as unsatisfactory | 2 | So, Commissioners, if -- so find me the -- |
| 3 | performance should be corrected by the next annual | 3 | $1 . ?$ |
| 4 | report. | 4 | Right. No, it's k. on the motions. Oh, |
| 5 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Second. | 5 | yeah. Those don't match up with the motions. Yeah. |
| 6 | THE CHAIR: There's a motion by | 6 | So, Commissioners, if we could quickly look at k., |
| 7 | Commissioner Carrillo and a second by Commissioner | 7 | Sandoval Academy of Bilingual Education, otherwise |
| 8 | Burt. | 8 | known -- |
| 9 | Any discussion? | 9 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: It's listed as 1., |
| 10 | (No response.) | 10 | okay. |
| 11 | THE CHAIR: Oh. He's gone. | 11 | THE CHAIR: Correct. But on the motions, |
| 12 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Sure. I don't know | 12 | it's listed as k. |
| 13 | how to do -- we have this little thing up there. | 13 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: We're on Item 1. |
| 14 | Okay. | 14 | THE CHAIR: We're on Item 10. We're on |
| 15 | THE CHAIR: He's coming in. | 15 | item 10; so... |
| 16 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Here he is. I can | 16 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Got it. Thanks for |
| 17 | use pen and paper. | 17 | coming. |
| 18 | Okay. Now he's back. Okay. All right. | 18 | THE CHAIR: But in your docket -- in your |
| 19 | SECRETARY BECK: Chair Burt -- or -- Chair | 19 | Google Drive, it's letter k. for the motions. |
| 20 | Gipson. | 20 | Commissioner Burt. |
| 21 | THE CHAIR: Yes. | 21 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Yeah. So SABE is in |
| 22 | SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo. | 22 | my district. And they're an incredible community |
| 23 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. | 23 | asset, some of the only opportunity for bilingual |
| 24 | SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes. | 24 | education in the area. |
| 25 | Commissioner Clahchischilliage. | 25 | And I'm very happy with all of the massive |


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| 1 | amount of green that's available, the growth that | 1 | against. The motion passes. |
| 2 | the students are making, which is really exciting. | 2 | THE CHAIR: Thank you so much. |
| 3 | And I think just that 4.c., that staff | 3 | SECRETARY BECK: Thanks for coming. |
| 4 | credentialing, just making sure we move forward from | 4 | COMMISSIONER BURT: If you haven't met |
| 5 | that and never get a red on that again is really all | 5 | Jackie Rodriguez, make sure you meet her really |
| 6 | I'm looking for. | 6 | quick before you go. |
| 7 | To me, it's a pretty straightforward -- | 7 | THE CHAIR: So do you want to do -- sure, |
| 8 | it's a pretty straightforward report, and it's | 8 | I'm fine with that, and then we'll break. It should |
| 9 | obvious the school is doing good things with their | 9 | be noon then. |
| 10 | kids and in the community. | 10 | So we're back to Red River. So in your |
| 11 | THE CHAIR: If there's no further | 11 | motions, it's Item 10.i., Red River Valley Charter |
| 12 | questions? Comments? | 12 | School. |
| 13 | (No response.) | 13 | (Pause in proceedings.) |
| 14 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Burt? | 14 | (Off-the-mic and off-the-record |
| 15 | COMMISSIONER BURT: I move that the PEC | 15 | discussion.) |
| 16 | provide an annual report Notice to Sandoval Academy | 16 | COMMISSIONER BURT: This one is pretty |
| 17 | of Bilingual Education indicating a notice of | 17 | simple for me, too. Overall, it's a satisfactory |
| 18 | satisfactory performance and identify the | 18 | school. But that growth, we have to be specific |
| 19 | unsatisfactory performance related to an | 19 | that the growth is an issue, massively. And then |
| 20 | organizational concern listed on Page 9 of the | 20 | they have a red in accounting principles. Then |
| 21 | annual report, Indicator 4.c. And the item listed | 21 | they're almost all green on all the other |
| 22 | as unsatisfactory performance should be corrected by | 22 | indicators. |
| 23 | the next annual report. | 23 | Those are the two concerns. I think it's |
| 24 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Second. | 24 | listed. |
| 25 | THE CHAIR: There's a motion by | 25 | I don't think this is an unsatisfactory |
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| 1 | Commissioner Burt and a second by Commissioner | 1 | school, overall. But, yeah, that growth is |
| 2 | Taylor. | 2 | concerning. |
| 3 | Any discussion? | 3 | So I can make a motion if no one else has. |
| 4 | (No response.) | 4 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I just want to -- |
| 5 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Ingham. | 5 | before the motion is made, when I went to visit the |
| 6 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. | 6 | school, Ms. Rittenhouse and the others that showed |
| 7 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner | 7 | me around -- I spent time there -- it's -- it is |
| 8 | Clahchischilliage. | 8 | like you would imagine maybe in times of yore, the |
| 9 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes. | 9 | old -- the old schoolhouse, the old big red |
| 10 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. | 10 | schoolhouse, such a sense of community and |
| 11 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. | 11 | belonging. |
| 12 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis. | 12 | And it was great to be at the school. And |
| 13 | COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes. | 13 | I would support you in making your motion. |
| 14 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt. | 14 | COMMISSIONER BURT: I move that the PEC |
| 15 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes. | 15 | provide an annual report Notice to Red River Valley |
| 16 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. | 16 | Charter School indicating a notice of satisfactory |
| 17 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. | 17 | performance and identify the unsatisfactory |
| 18 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Armijo. | 18 | performance related to negative growth for students |
| 19 | COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Yes. | 19 | in reading and math and the student subgroups as |
| 20 | SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo. | 20 | listed on Pages 6 to 7 of the annual report, and the |
| 21 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. | 21 | organizational concern listed on Page 9 of the |
| 22 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Gipson. | 22 | annual report, Indicator 2.b. |
| 23 | THE CHAIR: Yes. | 23 | Both items listed as Unsatisfactory |
| 24 | SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes. | 24 | Performance should be corrected by the next annual |
| 25 | There are ten votes for, zero votes | 25 | report. |


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| 1 | THE CHAIR: Second. | 1 | One just has to take -- I'm just |
| 2 | There's a motion by Commissioner Burt and | 2 | disappointed in districts. |
| 3 | a second by Commissioner Gipson. | 3 | But it's -- one just has to look at the |
| 4 | SECRETARY BECK: Chair Gipson. | 4 | town of Taos and how small they are and how many |
| 5 | THE CHAIR: Yes. | 5 | charters they have; I mean, the demand for |
| 6 | SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo. | 6 | alternatives rather than the district school. So |
| 7 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. | 7 | that's just something alone. But it's another |
| 8 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Ingham. | 8 | little school that I'm proud of. |
| 9 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. | 9 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I move that the PEC |
| 10 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner | 10 | provide an annual report Notice to Roots \& Wings |
| 11 | Clahchischilliage. | 11 | Community School indicating a notice of satisfactory |
| 12 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: | 12 | performance and identify the unsatisfactory |
| 13 | (Inaudible.) | 13 | performance related to negative growth for all |
| 14 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Armijo. | 14 | students in math, and for the student subgroups as |
| 15 | COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Yes. | 15 | listed on Pages 6 through 7 of the annual report. |
| 16 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis. | 16 | The item listed as unsatisfactory performance should |
| 17 | COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes. | 17 | be corrected by the next annual report. |
| 18 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt. | 18 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I'll second. |
| 19 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes. | 19 | THE CHAIR: There's a motion by |
| 20 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. | 20 | Commissioner Taylor and a second by Commissioner |
| 21 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. | 21 | Carrillo. Seeing no hands up, okay. |
| 22 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. | 22 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt. |
| 23 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. | 23 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes. |
| 24 | SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes. | 24 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis. |
| 25 | There are ten votes for, zero votes | 25 | COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes. |
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| 1 | against. The motion passes. | 1 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Armijo. |
| 2 | THE CHAIR: So we are now on to Roots \& | 2 | COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Yes. |
| 3 | Wings Community School, which is "k." on your | 3 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner |
| 4 | agenda, and "l." in your motions. Exactly. | 4 | Clahchischilliage. |
| 5 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Well, not really. | 5 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes. |
| 6 | It's Questa. It's, like, 25 miles away, for | 6 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Ingham. |
| 7 | Northern New Mexico. | 7 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. |
| 8 | THE CHAIR: The students that travel | 8 | SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo. |
| 9 | probably -- with both of these schools, they have | 9 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. |
| 10 | people that really travel quite a distance to the | 10 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Gipson. |
| 11 | school. | 11 | THE CHAIR: Yes. |
| 12 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: They want to be | 12 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. |
| 13 | there. So on this school also, I just want to say | 13 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. |
| 14 | that when I visited, it's -- has anybody here ever | 14 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. |
| 15 | been to Topanga Canyon in California? Southern | 15 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. |
| 16 | California. Topanga Canyon. It's a very storied | 16 | SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes. |
| 17 | area for a variety of reasons. | 17 | There are ten votes for and zero votes |
| 18 | This school reminds me of a school that | 18 | against. The motion passes. |
| 19 | would be in Topanga, a little school with an | 19 | THE CHAIR: So we'll take a lunch break |
| 20 | alternative way of being in the world. | 20 | till 1:00, yeah. |
| 21 | Again, it's a sweet school. And kids | 21 | (A recess was taken at 11:53 a.m., and |
| 22 | obviously want to be there. It offers a great | 22 | reconvened at 1:13 p.m. , as follows:) |
| 23 | option for the -- instead of going to the district. | 23 | THE CHAIR: Okay. So, thanks, everyone, |
| 24 | And one just has to look -- lately, I love | 24 | for coming back. |
| 25 | to rag on districts, don't I? | 25 | Commissioner Beck, thank you for being |


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| 1 | here -- being the only one here at 1:00. | 1 | support what's in the motion. |
| 2 | SECRETARY BECK: There was one vote for, | 2 | THE CHAIR: Yeah. Commissioner Brauer. |
| 3 | and zero votes against. | 3 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Thank you, Chair. I |
| 4 | THE CHAIR: Maybe Commissioner Armijo was | 4 | agree. I think that even though they are |
| 5 | here at 1:00. | 5 | traditional in the Vistas, I mean, the thing that |
| 6 | So we are back. We are back on the sample | 6 | makes our -- the secret sauce of charter schools are |
| 7 | motion in "m." And on the agenda, it is -- oh, I'm | 7 | many things. But they definitely include -- having |
| 8 | sorry. Yeah, I apologize. | 8 | the ability to track your mission-driven goals and |
| 9 | We are on South Valley Preparatory School, | 9 | to be able to provide that to us is one thing. But |
| 10 | which, on your sample motions is "l.," and on the | 10 | to the families, to the community, to show how you |
| 11 | agenda, it is "m." | 11 | are innovating and providing a unique opportunity |
| 12 | So once again, if you'll take a look at | 12 | for young people without those goals in a way that |
| 13 | the motion, the sample motions, and see if there's | 13 | can be shared, I agree. |
| 14 | anything additional you would like to add to it. | 14 | I think it also is an opportunity for the |
| 15 | (Pause in proceedings.) | 15 | current administration to correct that. So it |
| 16 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I would ask | 16 | shouldn't be a big lift on that to get the right |
| 17 | Ms. Chavez, what was the reason for their failure to | 17 | systems in place to make that happen, too. |
| 18 | provide data? And what are they going to do to | 18 | THE CHAIR: And I agree. I -- you know, I |
| 19 | provide data? | 19 | sympathize -- or empathize -- with the situation |
| 20 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: I could go into | 20 | that did exist. But they had a relatively stable |
| 21 | the monitoring tool and see if it has that | 21 | interim that was there. |
| 22 | information. I do know that the school | 22 | And the governance council should be on |
| 23 | experienced -- last year, they experienced a couple | 23 | top of this and say, "What about," that it's not all |
| 24 | of transitions in leadership with their head | 24 | on the head administrator's shoulders, that it's |
| 25 | administrator being sick. | 25 | supposed to be -- the governance council should |
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| 1 | So, typically, when we get unable to | 1 | know -- they should have a cycle of when we talk |
| 2 | provide, it means that somebody wasn't tracking and | 2 | about what, and where are our mission goals. |
| 3 | collecting that data. But let me verify. | 3 | So it is concerning. And, once again, |
| 4 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I was just curious. | 4 | this is just -- you know, a notice. And next year, |
| 5 | You can verify that. I was just curious about that. | 5 | if, you know, it turns around -- and, hopefully, it |
| 6 | THE CHAIR: And they do still have a lot | 6 | will -- then it's a clear slate again. |
| 7 | of greens with their -- with the ratings, with | 7 | Commissioner Carrillo, did you have your |
| 8 | the -- and is the finance reporting, is that the | 8 | hand up? |
| 9 | failure to report? Is it the finance reporting that | 9 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I did. You had |
| 10 | we're talking about? | 10 | mentioned, like, board oversight and stuff relative |
| 11 | Oh, mission statement. Sorry. Yeah. | 11 | to the school. And so I would just have to mention |
| 12 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: With regards to the | 12 | to analyze why we discussed yesterday in terms of |
| 13 | motion, I mean, I would accept the way it's written. | 13 | the responsibility of a board not just to check the |
| 14 | I don't know how others feel. | 14 | boxes. |
| 15 | Bekka? I'm sorry. Commissioner Burt? | 15 | And I know that -- I mean, like, Missy |
| 16 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Yeah, I would say so, | 16 | does an excellent job with board training in terms |
| 17 | too, just because, like, not having the mission goal | 17 | of those kinds of nuts-and-bolts things. But the |
| 18 | data at all to me is significant enough to drop them | 18 | training and stuff that we were talking about |
| 19 | to the unsatisfactory overall. Even though they | 19 | yesterday, that goes way beyond -- and a school |
| 20 | scored traditional on the Vistas, I mean, it's -- | 20 | probably wouldn't be in this position if it had the |
| 21 | they're kind of like on the border anyway. | 21 | board oversight that I think we all believe boards |
| 22 | And just nothing at all for mission goals | 22 | are required to do. |
| 23 | is too concerning to put anything otherwise. And, | 23 | But I would accept the -- even though |
| 24 | hopefully, they fix that by next year. Like, that's | 24 | there's a lot of green, that doesn't negate all of |
| 25 | ideal. But I think that that's -- I agree. I would | 25 | the other stuff going on. |


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| 1 | THE CHAIR: Any other? We're ready for a | 1 | THE CHAIR: It's in that group of five. |
| 2 | motion? | 2 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Quick question for |
| 3 | Okay. You can do it. | 3 | Ms. Chavez. |
| 4 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: This is for | 4 | Are they -- are they fully -- are they |
| 5 | South Valley Preparatory School. | 5 | serving grades K through 8 right now? Or are they |
| 6 | I move that the PEC accept the annual | 6 | building? Like, they've got K-4 -- the reason I |
| 7 | report for South Valley Preparatory School and | 7 | asked that question -- it's probably buried |
| 8 | provide an annual report notice of unsatisfactory | 8 | somewhere in there -- is they have an enrollment cap |
| 9 | performance related to academic performance on | 9 | of 418 , but only 160 kids. So that makes me wonder |
| 10 | Pages 2 through 6 of the annual report, failure to | 10 | if there are really nine grades there now. |
| 11 | provide data on the school-specific goal, and an | 11 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: So they are |
| 12 | organizational concern listed on Page 9 of the | 12 | authorized for K through 8, and they are serving K |
| 13 | annual report, indicator 2.a., which should be | 13 | through 8. |
| 14 | corrected by the next annual report. | 14 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Great. Thank you. |
| 15 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Second. | 15 | THE CHAIR: For me, the only thing that I |
| 16 | THE CHAIR: There's a motion by | 16 | see that's even -- is just the one growth for ELA. |
| 17 | Commissioner Carrillo and a second by Commissioner | 17 | That's the only item that I might want to see -- I |
| 18 | Taylor. If there's no further discussion, | 18 | don't have a problem with the satisfactory. But I |
| 19 | Commissioner Beck. | 19 | think I might want the notation for the students |
| 20 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. | 20 | with disabilities and English Language Learners. |
| 21 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. | 21 | COMMISSIONER BURT: I agree. Overall |
| 22 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis. | 22 | satisfactory. Add the negative growth in |
| 23 | COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes. | 23 | disabilities for ELA and keep the 2.b. red. |
| 24 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt. | 24 | THE CHAIR: Yeah. Because the audit |
| 25 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes. | 25 | finding is noted on Page 9 with the concern. |
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| 1 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. | 1 | That is Page 6. |
| 2 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. | 2 | Okay. Are we ready now? |
| 3 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Armijo. | 3 | Okay. So -- yeah. Are we ready for the |
| 4 | COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Yes. | 4 | motion? |
| 5 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner | 5 | I move that the PEC provide an annual |
| 6 | Clahchischilliage. | 6 | report notice of -- to Taos International School |
| 7 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes. | 7 | indicating a notice of satisfactory performance and |
| 8 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Ingham. | 8 | identify the unsatisfactory performances related |
| 9 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. | 9 | to -- it's not there. Oh. Because the -- oh, I see |
| 10 | SECRETARY BECK: Chair Gipson. | 10 | it. It's second. Usually, the academic is first -- |
| 11 | THE CHAIR: Yes. | 11 | an organizational concern listed on Page 9 of the |
| 12 | SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo. | 12 | annual report, Indicator 2.b., and negative growth |
| 13 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. | 13 | in ELA for students with disabilities, as listed on |
| 14 | SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes. | 14 | Page 6 of the annual report. |
| 15 | There are ten votes for and zero votes | 15 | The items listed should be corrected by |
| 16 | against. The motion passes. | 16 | the next annual report. |
| 17 | THE CHAIR: We are on to 10.o., which, in | 17 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Second. |
| 18 | your suggested motions, is $10 . \mathrm{m}$. And that's Taos | 18 | THE CHAIR: A motion by Commissioner |
| 19 | International School. | 19 | Gipson; a second by Commissioner Taylor. |
| 20 | (Pause in proceedings.) | 20 | If there's no further discussion, |
| 21 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Shouldn't Taos | 21 | Commissioner Burt? Sorry. |
| 22 | Integrated be first? | 22 | SECRETARY BECK: Chair Gipson. |
| 23 | COMMISSIONER BECK: We already checked | 23 | THE CHAIR: Yes. |
| 24 | that off. | 24 | SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo. |
| 25 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Oh, that's right. | 25 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. |


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| 1 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Ingham. | 1 | them for? |
| 2 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. | 2 | And I would posit that they have not been |
| 3 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner | 3 | adequately prepared for anything in terms of what's |
| 4 | Clahchischilliage. | 4 | next based on looking at all of this information. |
| 5 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes. | 5 | So now, relative to the motion, I would |
| 6 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Armijo. | 6 | say -- I mean, I'll -- when you have those kinds of |
| 7 | COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Yes. | 7 | numbers, you've got to have some growth, show us |
| 8 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis. | 8 | some growth, show us something. So for me, it's |
| 9 | COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes. | 9 | definitely going to be an unsatisfactory |
| 10 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. | 10 | performance. And we really need a reason -- I |
| 11 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. | 11 | really need a reason to support this school even |
| 12 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. | 12 | remaining open. |
| 13 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. | 13 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Beck. |
| 14 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt. | 14 | SECRETARY BECK: Yeah. I'm just curious |
| 15 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes. | 15 | why we didn't put in the negative -- or the problem |
| 16 | SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes. | 16 | with the proficiency in both reading and math into |
| 17 | There are ten votes for and zero votes | 17 | the motion. Is there a reason why we didn't do |
| 18 | against. The motion passes. | 18 | that? |
| 19 | THE CHAIR: Thank you. We are now on to | 19 | MS. JULIA BARNES: As I was saying, I had |
| 20 | Agenda Item 9.p. And in your motion suggestions, | 20 | taken it all out based on what you-all said earlier. |
| 21 | it's letter "n.," The GREAT Academy. | 21 | You hadn't put proficiency in any other -- |
| 22 | And Ms. Barnes has an update for that. | 22 | THE CHAIR: We're focusing on growth more |
| 23 | MS. JULIA BARNES: So this also has a | 23 | than the proficiency. |
| 24 | condition. So there's two motions for this one. | 24 | SECRETARY BECK: Okay. I figure they can |
| 25 | They have provided a response in their | 25 | read it for themselves. Because they've got a lot |
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| 1 | condition document. | 1 | of teachers for 111 students, you know. So they |
| 2 | And then, as we were mentioning, they also | 2 | probably have pretty small class sizes. |
| 3 | responded to several of the scores provided by CSD | 3 | So I'm sure they're going to be able to |
| 4 | that I don't think relate to any of the reds. But I | 4 | really focus on their growth -- their proficiency |
| 5 | did want to flag that for you-all, because there's | 5 | issues. And with the small class sizes, we should |
| 6 | two choices and just to see kind of the | 6 | see some marked improvement, I would think. |
| 7 | back-and-forth that happened. | 7 | Thank you. |
| 8 | THE CHAIR: So, once again, take a look at | 8 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I would also go |
| 9 | the motions and see if there's anything else you | 9 | further. Because we want to start really -- or we |
| 10 | would like to add to it. | 10 | have, in the last day or so -- discussing to what |
| 11 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: So even before | 11 | extent boards are responsible for all of this, you |
| 12 | looking at the motion, one has to be alarmed at -- | 12 | know, looking at, again, accounting principles of |
| 13 | when you -- when you look at proficiency rates, | 13 | the school. |
| 14 | like, in math, I think it was what? 8 or something? | 14 | And I know that we don't have all the |
| 15 | Hold on. I have to go back. It was around there, | 15 | audit findings in front of you in this report. But |
| 16 | or 10. | 16 | I remember there being multiple audit findings for |
| 17 | And you look at reading proficiency, what | 17 | the school. |
| 18 | it is. | 18 | And then the attendance and retention. |
| 19 | Oh, no. Math is, yeah, around 6, and | 19 | Just all of it is just kind of -- it's just |
| 20 | reading around, looking at that, maybe 16. | 20 | challenging. I'm sorry on this school that we're |
| 21 | And then you just have to wonder how the | 21 | not putting proficiency rates in there. But I |
| 22 | math works relative to you're graduating 40 percent | 22 | understand why we are not doing that. |
| 23 | of the kids. And what do they actually know when | 23 | Do we know also -- because looking at the |
| 24 | they're leaving school? | 24 | green, I don't see anything in the motion relative |
| 25 | What do they know? What have we prepared | 25 | to budget. This doesn't come up with us very much, |


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| 1 | actually. What percentage of someone's overall |  | that gets part of the record so that when renewal |
| 2 | budget is used on admin versus in the classroom? | 2 | comes up and anything comes up, Commissioners have |
| 3 | And you're shaking your head no. Do we analyze that | 3 | access to this material, but that we're not going to |
| 4 | at all? Because there's norms. | 4 | change the annual report. |
| 5 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Commissioner | 5 | And that is why, in my motion, I'm going |
| 6 | Carrillo, we look at that for renewal. But it's not | 6 | to keep 3.b. and 5.b. in there. Those are the items |
| 7 | part of the annual report. There's not an indicator | 7 | that the school did provide that comment with. |
| 8 | in the annual report that is linked to that. | 8 | But we're not changing the annual report. |
| 9 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: For this school, | 9 | I acknowledge that the school provided that comment, |
| 10 | that's probably only in another two years -- | 10 | and it is part of the record for that school. |
| 11 | right? -- is when they're renewed again? | 11 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: And we analyzed |
| 12 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: At this point, | 12 | it and made any changes. |
| 13 | that's correct. | 13 | THE CHAIR: And that's fine. It is what |
| 14 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Okay. Thank you. | 14 | it is. We've accepted the report, and we're |
| 15 | Does anyone else have any comments on the | 15 | acknowledging that that information has been read by |
| 16 | motion? Or do you want -- | 16 | the Commissioners, and it's part of the school's |
| 17 | THE CHAIR: Take a moment to -- | 17 | record at this point in time; okay? |
| 18 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yeah. | 18 | All right. |
| 19 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Commissioner -- | 19 | So I am going to move that the PEC provide |
| 20 | Chair Gipson, do you want any comment about why we | 20 | an annual report notice to The GREAT Academy |
| 21 | accepted some of the questions they had? | 21 | indicating a notice -- we're doing |
| 22 | No? Okay. | 22 | unsatisfactory? -- I'm sorry. I was reading the |
| 23 | THE CHAIR: So when we spoke -- when we | 23 | second one by mistake. |
| 24 | did all the work on the performance framework and | 24 | A notice (verbatim) to provide an annual |
| 25 | the discussions about the annual report, there is a | 25 | report notice of unsatisfactory performance to The |
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| 1 | cycle that takes place with the annual reports that | 1 | GREAT Academy related to the Vistas designation of |
| 2 | the preliminaries go out, the schools have an | 2 | CSI graduation, negative growth for all students and |
| 3 | opportunity to provide comment. CSD very often | 3 | for the student subgroups as listed on Pages 7 |
| 4 | makes modifications to that, because the school has | 4 | through 8 of the annual report, and organizational |
| 5 | provided the necessary information to say, "Here it | 5 | concerns listed on Page 9 of the annual report, |
| 6 | is." | 6 | Indicators 3.b. and 5.b. |
| 7 | So very often, during those exchanges, | 7 | All items listed should be corrected by |
| 8 | there are changes. And very -- up to the day of, | 8 | the next annual report. |
| 9 | you know, that -- because we want it to be as | 9 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Second. |
| 10 | accurate as possible. It's not trying to get | 10 | THE CHAIR: There's a motion by |
| 11 | "gotcha" moments. We're looking to be fair with | 11 | Commissioner Gipson, a second by Commissioner |
| 12 | this. | 12 | Carrillo (verbatim). |
| 13 | And in your documents, there are comments | 13 | If there's no further discussion, |
| 14 | that were part of the record for the school, that | 14 | Commissioner Beck. |
| 15 | they disagreed with how the -- how the graduation | 15 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis. |
| 16 | rate is calculated and a comment about the GAP, the | 16 | COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes. |
| 17 | audit finding. | 17 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. |
| 18 | When we were discussing this as the | 18 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. |
| 19 | performance framework group and what this was going | 19 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner |
| 20 | to look like, there was a decision that was made -- | 20 | Clahchischilliage. |
| 21 | and it is in the rules -- that a school has the | 21 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes. |
| 22 | opportunity to say in here, "I still disagree." And | 22 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Ingham. |
| 23 | it becomes part of the record for that school. | 23 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. |
| 24 | But it is not that we are going to then | 24 | SECRETARY BECK: Chair Gipson. |
| 25 | change the annual report of the school. It is just | 25 | THE CHAIR: Yes. |


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| 1 | SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo. | 1 | foundation board hasn't had a meeting where they |
| 2 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. | 2 | discussed the funding of the foundation or how the |
| 3 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Armijo. | 3 | foundation spends its money. They've indicated to |
| 4 | COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Yes. | 4 | us that they do it other ways. I guess there's some |
| 5 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. | 5 | staff. |
| 6 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. | 6 | This is -- I mean, I can't remember how |
| 7 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt. | 7 | many of you-all were on here when we did all of the |
| 8 | Commissioner Burt is not present. | 8 | letters. Maybe most of you. |
| 9 | And Secretary Beck, yes. | 9 | We are limited in what we can do for |
| 10 | There are nine votes for, zero votes | 10 | foundations, with foundations. I think we have to |
| 11 | again. The motion passes. | 11 | accept what they have said. |
| 12 | THE CHAIR: Thank you very much. And now | 12 | And there is a memorandum of understanding |
| 13 | we have the second piece of this, which is the | 13 | between the school and its foundation. If you found |
| 14 | condition document for the -- for The GREAT Academy. | 14 | it unsatisfactory, we can go down the path again. |
| 15 | So if Commissioners would take a quick | 15 | So we have -- we have the condition. We |
| 16 | second look at this, and then we'll take a vote on | 16 | have what they have told us. I -- I'm pretty amazed |
| 17 | whether the -- we feel -- how we feel the school is | 17 | of when you go to the nonprofit, you know, laws, |
| 18 | sitting with their condition. | 18 | there's not a lot. |
| 19 | (Pause in proceedings.) | 19 | So, you know, if you wanted to look at it |
| 20 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Ingham. | 20 | again, we could look at it again. But this is |
| 21 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. So it's -- | 21 | essentially what they've sent -- you know, I'm not |
| 22 | they're stating that they don't have to include | 22 | giving you a great answer; so -- |
| 23 | items that -- for the foundation -- provided by the | 23 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: I guess you did say |
| 24 | foundation. I was just asking, do we agree? Is | 24 | that in the nonprofit sector, they can do what they |
| 25 | that by statute and that they don't have to provide | 25 | want, basically, and that it is not required for a |
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| 1 | that information? | 1 | board of a nonprofit to have meeting minutes and |
| 2 | THE CHAIR: Would you give us the page | 2 | a -- how they distribute those funds does not have |
| 3 | you're looking at? | 3 | to be a public matter. And I find that to be |
| 4 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: It's the first page | 4 | unusual. |
| 5 | of their -- it doesn't have a -- I guess it's -- | 5 | I thought that -- but I'm not familiar |
| 6 | THE CHAIR: It's, like, the cover letter? | 6 | with nonprofit boards. But -- |
| 7 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yeah, their return. | 7 | MS. JULIA BARNES: I haven't found it. |
| 8 | So, basically, what I'm seeing is they're saying | 8 | They do have an obligation -- well, the |
| 9 | that they don't -- they don't have information about | 9 | auditor found that it is still -- the money that |
| 10 | the funds that the board is -- or the -- or the | 10 | comes from the SEG funding at the school and is paid |
| 11 | foundation is supplying, and that they aren't | 11 | for the rent payment found that still is State |
| 12 | required to disclose where that money goes. | 12 | money. |
| 13 | And I'm just asking, is that -- is that a | 13 | There certainly is a much stronger kind of |
| 14 | legitimate response? | 14 | statement in kind of a press release than there is |
| 15 | MS. JULIA BARNES: I'm going to back up on | 15 | in the audit. I don't know that we are in that |
| 16 | this one. | 16 | different a position than the legal research we did |
| 17 | This was a contract that was appealed to | 17 | on this topic before. That doesn't mean that if you |
| 18 | the Secretary. And then we were able to put some | 18 | found this to be insufficient, that we couldn't go |
| 19 | conditions on it. | 19 | back and talk to them again. |
| 20 | My understanding of what they're saying, | 20 | It was -- we actually asked them to have |
| 21 | they actually did provide a letter attachment from | 21 | the nonprofit do a letter again that met all of |
| 22 | the foundation that is here that says that they have | 22 | the -- that answered all of the questions in the |
| 23 | not spent the money in a way that they're not | 23 | condition document, which they did. And we have no |
| 24 | supposed to. | 24 | reason to think that that letter is not correct. |
| 25 | They have also indicated that the | 25 | But we're back to that -- we're back to |


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| 1 | the conversation that we've had a bunch of times on | 1 | uniform codes, so on and so forth. So it would make |
| 2 | foundation and how far we can go. | 2 | sense, without saying for certain. |
| 3 | THE CHAIR: So let me ask. In the -- | 3 | But there should be a way to see where is |
| 4 | because the audit of the foundation is part -- is a | 4 | SEG coming into a foundation or where other funding |
| 5 | component unit of the audit of the school. And the | 5 | is, because on the boards I'm part of, you kind of |
| 6 | schools actually have to pay for the audit -- for | 6 | see this is philanthropic funding, that sort of |
| 7 | the audit of the foundation. | 7 | thing. |
| 8 | So could we not get that information, | 8 | So -- yeah. So I would say you would be |
| 9 | then, from that -- would we be able to glean that | 9 | able to do that. I just don't know the mechanisms |
| 10 | information out of the audit, what was -- what came | 10 | on how to (inaudible) that out without the audit. |
| 11 | in from the SEG funding and what was privately | 11 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: I can add that we |
| 12 | raised? Wouldn't we -- could we get that | 12 | rely on schools to report any assets that they have. |
| 13 | information from the audit? | 13 | Whether they would report foundation assets to the |
| 14 | I don't -- I'm not 100 percent sure. | 14 | PED is questionable. |
| 15 | It's -- you know, I'm not that financial person. | 15 | THE CHAIR: No, I don't think I'm asking |
| 16 | And I do read the audits. But as soon as I read | 16 | that. |
| 17 | them, I forget them immediately, because I don't | 17 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: You're asking if |
| 18 | want to remember them. | 18 | the audit would indicate assets to the foundation |
| 19 | Yeah. So -- well, we've got a business | 19 | from other sources. |
| 20 | administrator sitting here. | 20 | THE CHAIR: And I think -- I'm almost |
| 21 | UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Arm chair. Arm | 21 | positive they do, because that's the only way there |
| 22 | chair. | 22 | would have been the -- because that was part of the |
| 23 | THE CHAIR: But -- so do you know? Does | 23 | audit finding, that we were able to see that, that |
| 24 | the -- would an audit segregate out what came in as | 24 | the foundation had raised no monies on their own, |
| 25 | SEG money and what came in as privately raised other | 25 | that the only monies that came in were directly from |
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| 1 | monies? | 1 | the school. |
| 2 | I don't know. | 2 | So -- so I -- you know, I think we'll be |
| 3 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Madam Chair, I'm not | 3 | able to find that in the next audit. Don't hold me |
| 4 | completely certain. It would make sense that that | 4 | to it. |
| 5 | would be the case, but I don't know for certain. | 5 | Yes, Commissioner Carrillo. |
| 6 | That's something that we would have to probably | 6 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: So in looking at the |
| 7 | explore a little bit more. | 7 | possibilities for motions, what was the specific |
| 8 | THE CHAIR: I was just hoping that could | 8 | condition? Because -- related to this school? |
| 9 | kind of satisfy Commissioner Ingham's -- and it is. | 9 | THE CHAIR: It is -- you can see it. |
| 10 | It's a concern. | 10 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I see what the |
| 11 | MS. JULIA BARNES: They say that they have | 11 | motion is. But what was the actual condition? |
| 12 | segregated funds. And I will tell you previously, | 12 | THE CHAIR: I'm looking at the condition |
| 13 | they had no private sector funds. So I don't know | 13 | document, and I think it says it right at the top. |
| 14 | if they have any private sector funds now or not. | 14 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Oh, thanks. Sorry. |
| 15 | THE CHAIR: I think we found out what the | 15 | MS. JULIA BARNES: Page 16 out of 26. I |
| 16 | private sector funds were from the audit; correct? | 16 | can read it if you want me to. |
| 17 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: I think some -- and | 17 | This comes from the Cabinet Secretary's |
| 18 | a lot of times, like -- like, many New Mexico | 18 | order. |
| 19 | charter schools have a foundation, but they only | 19 | "It is further ordered that, in entering |
| 20 | rely, as Ms. Barnes has shared, on SEG pretty much | 20 | into the contract, the New Mexico Public Education |
| 21 | alone, public funds. | 21 | Commission and The GREAT Academy include, but not be |
| 22 | Some foundations, the ones that I'm more | 22 | limited to, conditions pertaining to The GREAT |
| 23 | familiar with, they are able to segregate. You do | 23 | Academy's foundation operations, The GREAT Academy |
| 24 | know if you receive funding from, like, the Kellogg | 24 | foundation financial condition, The GREAT Academy's |
| 25 | Foundation. It's a separate code within your | 25 | instructional spending, The GREAT Academy's |


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| 1 | personnel and payroll, and conditions involving The | 1 | the options for the overall notice -- so possibly |
| 2 | GREAT Academy governing board training and board | 2 | you want to go back to that and move to -- before we |
| 3 | operations consistent with the training." | 3 | get into that motion -- would be to indicate that |
| 4 | And then what -- there's a header in each | 4 | you wanted to put them on the Intervention Ladder. |
| 5 | section that was what they needed to comply with. | 5 | So it's just up above, not on this |
| 6 | So it's a little bit hard to tell you. | 6 | condition itself. |
| 7 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Okay. So my | 7 | THE CHAIR: We would have to change the |
| 8 | recollection -- those are all relative, more than | 8 | motion relative to the annual report, because that's |
| 9 | anything, to finance, everything you just read; | 9 | where it would be -- the appropriate mechanism to |
| 10 | right? That's what I heard. | 10 | send a Letter of Concern that we're going on the |
| 11 | MS. JULIA BARNES: Yeah. There's a | 11 | Intervention Ladder. That's the mechanism. Because |
| 12 | graduation -- | 12 | the annual report -- this condition motion is |
| 13 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Oh. Graduation | 13 | narrowly defined by the conditions that are set |
| 14 | (inaudible.) So -- because when we look at the | 14 | forth there, yeah. |
| 15 | motion, under the rating on conditions, there's, you | 15 | So the growth and things like that is up |
| 16 | know, is making progress toward, is -- or the | 16 | above in the earlier motion. |
| 17 | progress is insufficient, or that the condition is | 17 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: So my question with |
| 18 | complete and no further. | 18 | that is we have the ability to send a letter and |
| 19 | To me, it's definitely not No. 3. But | 19 | indicate that we intend to place a school -- right? |
| 20 | it's, like, why -- I -- my concern is that this | 20 | So I don't think we have to amend. I think we |
| 21 | doesn't pay enough attention to their academic lack | 21 | just -- we just do a new motion saying that we're |
| 22 | of success when we look at -- there's -- you know, | 22 | going to -- yeah -- that we're going to do that, |
| 23 | one would expect things to turn around and things to | 23 | okay. Right. |
| 24 | grow; there would be growth. And there just isn't. | 24 | THE CHAIR: Yeah. Yeah. It wasn't an |
| 25 | So, I mean, I know this may not be an | 25 | amendment. It was a new motion to do that. |
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| 1 | option in the motion. But when I look at No. 2, | 1 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Then I would suggest |
| 2 | that the progress towards the -- because it says | 2 | having that new motion to do that. |
| 3 | "the condition," but you just named off like seven | 3 | THE CHAIR: Okay. Can we close out the |
| 4 | or eight. I think that would need to be more | 4 | condition first? And then if Commissioners want to |
| 5 | specific. | 5 | go back to the earlier motion and vote, we can do |
| 6 | And so, like, this says that "The progress | 6 | that. But let's close out the condition first. |
| 7 | toward the condition is insufficient and..." -- and | 7 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I feel like they |
| 8 | then, for me, the "and" is -- well, I won't say what | 8 | have answered all of the conditions. Whether we -- |
| 9 | I'm really thinking. But the "and" is the | 9 | you know, they're aware they're addressing them, you |
| 10 | Commission is giving you notice that you're going to | 10 | know, I don't know. I mean, to me it sounds like |
| 11 | be on a Letter of Concern or a breach or something. | 11 | they're making some progress towards trying to |
| 12 | I mean, this is severe, this -- I mean, | 12 | answer those conditions. |
| 13 | it's just, like, things going on and on and on with | 13 | So, I mean, I think that -- that I would |
| 14 | this school. I don't know that that's -- we're | 14 | be okay with making -- they continue to report on an |
| 15 | allowed to do that right now. | 15 | annual -- on an annual basis, but they're making |
| 16 | THE CHAIR: (Off-mic.) | 16 | progress towards a condition; in this -- in that |
| 17 | MS. JULIA BARNES: Let me back up, though. | 17 | respect, the condition as spelled out. |
| 18 | One of your options -- you just did a motion for the | 18 | THE CHAIR: I agree. And I think the |
| 19 | school. But one of the options in the rule is an | 19 | audit will be -- I think our eyes on the next audit |
| 20 | intent to put the school on the Intervention Ladder. | 20 | will be important. |
| 21 | So this is on this condition. And it was | 21 | Commissioner Carrillo. |
| 22 | a form negotiated and agreed by the PEC. That is in | 22 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I don't see making |
| 23 | addition to the contract and in addition to all of | 23 | progress the same as answering. They say, "This is |
| 24 | the things that a school needs to do to satisfy you. | 24 | why, this is why, this is why." Yeah, responding is |
| 25 | So they can -- you know, one of -- one of | 25 | lovely, but that doesn't mean they're making |


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| 1 | progress toward anything. | 1 | that you just -- |
| 2 | THE CHAIR: Remember, it's just the | 2 | THE CHAIR: Because we would have to make |
| 3 | condition. It's not the progress in growth or | 3 | a whole new motion on that. Oh, okay. |
| 4 | proficiency or -- | 4 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: The motion that was |
| 5 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I know that. This | 5 | just made -- not just made -- but the one before it |
| 6 | is all that financial stuff that was read off to us. | 6 | would stand. |
| 7 | All right. I'm -- you know -- well, then, | 7 | THE CHAIR: Would stand. And this is a |
| 8 | you're suggesting, on the condition, option 1 is | 8 | second motion related to that annual report. |
| 9 | what I'm hearing, definitely not 3 . And, then, too, | 9 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: More of it is being |
| 10 | we would have to craft the language for the "and." | 10 | typed out, so I'm trying to keep up here. |
| 11 | THE CHAIR: Where are the insufficiencies? | 11 | THE CHAIR: I'm sorry. |
| 12 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Oh. You just added | 12 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: See? It's not |
| 13 | something up there? | 13 | always so easy to turn to the left, is it? |
| 14 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I'm going to go | 14 | I am, too. That's the weird thing. |
| 15 | ahead and -- I move that the PEC accept the | 15 | I would not vote to change what we already |
| 16 | condition report from The GREAT Academy and indicate | 16 | did with this school right now. I think that |
| 17 | to the school that the PEC finds that the school is | 17 | there's going to be more information that we are |
| 18 | making progress toward the condition and should | 18 | receiving through the audit findings that are just |
| 19 | continue to report annually on that condition. | 19 | being released, I believe. |
| 20 | THE CHAIR: Second. (Off-mic.) | 20 | I know I haven't looked at anything yet, |
| 21 | There's a motion by Commissioner Taylor, a | 21 | but they've just been released. |
| 22 | second by Commissioner Gipson. | 22 | I think moving into placing -- starting |
| 23 | Is there any further discussion on this | 23 | the Intervention Ladder without us actually looking |
| 24 | motion? | 24 | at the information that is literally being released |
| 25 | (No response.) | 25 | to us soon would not be the best form for us to |
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| 1 | THE CHAIR: If not, Commissioner Beck. | 1 | follow. |
| 2 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Armijo. | 2 | I don't think that we need to rush to |
| 3 | COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Yes. | 3 | putting this school on an Intervention Ladder. They |
| 4 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. | 4 | have been on the radar of the PEC for years now. |
| 5 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. | 5 | And so I -- I'm a proponent of us doing what we did |
| 6 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis. | 6 | already, not muddying the waters right now until we |
| 7 | COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes. | 7 | know if next month we're going to be able to have |
| 8 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. | 8 | much more information at our fingertips to take any |
| 9 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. | 9 | other action. |
| 10 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner | 10 | So I don't see this warranting us having a |
| 11 | Clahchischilliage. | 11 | conversation about starting the Intervention Ladder |
| 12 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes. | 12 | at this stage. |
| 13 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Ingham. | 13 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Carrillo? |
| 14 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. | 14 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I would tend to |
| 15 | SECRETARY BECK: Chair Gipson. | 15 | disagree. And that's because that's the information |
| 16 | THE CHAIR: Yes. | 16 | we're getting next month, if it actually is going to |
| 17 | SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo. | 17 | be next month. And what we're doing today is making |
| 18 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: No. | 18 | our decision from the information we have at |
| 19 | SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes. We | 19 | present. The information is not good. So, yeah. |
| 20 | have eight votes for, one vote against. | 20 | THE CHAIR: So I'm going to say, for me, I |
| 21 | The motion passes. | 21 | hesitate to put them on the Intervention Ladder at |
| 22 | THE CHAIR: I'm going to ask Commissioners | 22 | this moment in time, only because I think there's |
| 23 | if they now want to relook at the motion on the | 23 | other schools that have had fairly similar growth |
| 24 | annual report. | 24 | data, and we have not had this discussion. |
| 25 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: You mean the one | 25 | I don't want this to be somewhat guided by |

past history and saying, "Oh, you know, we've had..." -- yes, I -- I acknowledge the past history. But I don't want to say, "Well, because of all that past history, and not just because of this, we're going to put you on the Intervention Ladder," when there's other schools that -- that have had similar charts that we didn't say we want them on the Intervention Ladder.

So I'd rather wait and see what happens, because I'm thinking about what that letter would look like and how we would differentiate them from other schools.

And I know we don't have to do that in the letter. But yesterday, we spent a lot of time talking about being consistent. And I -- I'm concerned that we want to do something that we don't necessarily have -- I need more information than just relying on this to do that.

Commissioner Ingham.
COMMISSIONER INGHAM: So we can -- as long as we have them on the agenda, we can, at any time, bring this -- this motion back up -- right? -- as far as if they need to be put on the Intervention Ladder. But they do have to remain on the agenda for that to happen; am I correct with that?
determination of whether we're going to put them on the agenda the following month for the -- and in that letter, the concerns that we want the school to address are in that letter.

It is at that second meeting that the school would be here to answer. Because it's not fair for a school to be blindsided by stuff that they aren't prepared to speak to if they came just that first month.

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Because I would feel better putting them on the -- and we could immediately put them on the Intervention Ladder in that second month. But they would have an opportunity to come and defend themselves. And then we would make a determination at that time.

I -- I think that that -- my feeling is that that's -- would be a more appropriate response, because I think if we're going to put somebody on the Intervention Ladder, they probably ought to have an opportunity to respond.

THE CHAIR: Oh, absolutely. And that's why the Intervention Ladder is -- but my -- so here's -- because this is the first time we're doing this through this annual report process.

So in case the motion passes, this is

THE CHAIR: They do. It's not -- it's not really our habit just to keep someone on the agenda just in case we want to send a letter, you know; so...

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: It would take two months to do the --

THE CHAIR: We would have to put them on the agenda for the notice of a possible Letter of Intent. And then the following month, they would come up to respond to us.

So, yes, that is a two-month cycle. And then the Commission, at that second month, would actually vote on whether they get -- they could get a Letter of Concern. They could go -- you could move them up immediately on the Intervention Ladder and say, "You're in breach of your contract."

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: So I guess what's attractive to me is if we move it in that direction, where it takes two months, but at least before we put them on the Intervention Ladder, they would be required to come and speak to us. Is that the way --

THE CHAIR: The first month, they don't come and speak that month. It's a discussion with the Commission and information from CSD to make the
saying, "We're sending you the notice of intent to put you on the Intervention Ladder."

So at this moment in time, that letter would go out saying, "Our intention is, for next month, for that discussion to happen."

That's the way this is worded, which is a little differently than how we do -- yeah.

So it is a little different. It's not the two-month cycle; it would be next month. So we have to, at this moment in time, list out what those concerns are for that school to be -- to be responding to next month.

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: So I guess my last comment would be could we -- since there's information that's imminent -- could we go ahead at this time and put them on the agenda for next month? And that might not take three months to get this done, but put them on the agenda for next month and say -- or do we have to -- issue a --

THE CHAIR: We have to have here, "This language is we're sending you a notice of intent to put you on the Intervention Ladder." So it has to be listed out.

That letter would say, "You will be on the March agenda for -- for this." And these are the

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| 1 | concerns we want the school to be able to answer to, | 1 | needed to, especially the academic stuff? It's just |
| 2 | because that's the way this -- the rule is written, | 2 | taking those three hyphenated -- |
| 3 | which is slightly different than the stages we | 3 | THE CHAIR: Wait a minute. The motion |
| 4 | usually take on the Intervention Ladder. | 4 | hasn't passed yet. |
| 5 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: This way, it takes | 5 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Wouldn't that -- |
| 6 | two months; the other way, it takes three months; | 6 | wouldn't that end up being part of the motion? I |
| 7 | right? This way, it would be they come, we give | 7 | heard you just say that we have to do it today if |
| 8 | them the reasons why we give them the notice of | 8 | we're going to do something. It would be those |
| 9 | intent. We give them 30 days. They have a chance | 9 | items, plus the academic concerns, that we do today, |
| 10 | to respond in another 30. | 10 | so that we get a 30-day jump. |
| 11 | THE CHAIR: No, no, no, no, no. | 11 | THE CHAIR: Well, I'd rather have the |
| 12 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Hold on a sec. They | 12 | discussion afterwards, because -- I don't think |
| 13 | would come answering what we're considering. They | 13 | that's sufficient enough. So I'd rather -- see if |
| 14 | could certainly appeal that, and we have the option | 14 | the motion passes. Because we're kind of talking |
| 15 | to put them on a -- what's it called? -- a | 15 | about what might go into something that may not be |
| 16 | performance -- a CAP. Lord knows we've done that | 16 | sent out. |
| 17 | with a particular school before. | 17 | So let's see if the motion passes. And |
| 18 | And then, you know, the CAP comes, and | 18 | then if the motion passes, then we look at what goes |
| 19 | then they say, "Oh, but we're doing this." | 19 | into the letter. I think that's -- |
| 20 | And we say, "Okay." And we do -- they | 20 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: That makes sense. |
| 21 | come back and answer to us again, and there's | 21 | Okay. |
| 22 | another CAP. | 22 | THE CHAIR: Okay? |
| 23 | I think we've been down this road with | 23 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: In that case -- |
| 24 | other schools. And I'm not interested in having | 24 | THE CHAIR: Julia has to work some magic. |
| 25 | this draw into March, April, May. Then school is | 25 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I want to ask Julia |
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| 1 | over. It's summer and they're off into another | 1 | a question. Do we want to include, in that motion, |
| 2 | school year, operating, to me. | 2 | financial concerns, since we just dealt with that, |
| 3 | And I don't have a vendetta against this | 3 | and they're going to provide a yearly report on the |
| 4 | school, or any school at all. And I certainly hope, | 4 | financial concerns? Or are we specifically |
| 5 | if they're paying attention, they don't think that. | 5 | concerned most with the academics at this point for |
| 6 | I have a vendetta against any school | 6 | the intervention? |
| 7 | that's taking tax dollars and not teaching kids. | 7 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: The motion can |
| 8 | And I'm tired of this going on and on and on and on. | 8 | include both. Because if we end up sending a letter |
| 9 | So I would like to save 30 days and do this today. | 9 | that's going to state, "This is why we're going to |
| 10 | THE CHAIR: Well, fine. But to expedite | 10 | place you on the ladder," it's going to be much more |
| 11 | things makes this a little more complicated, because | 11 | specific about as to all the elements in the |
| 12 | that letter has to specify those exact areas now for | 12 | contract where we see challenges, and there's going |
| 13 | that. It's not that they're coming up next month, | 13 | to be a lot more specificity. So it would behoove |
| 14 | and we -- well, they really wouldn't have to come up | 14 | us to put financial in there now. |
| 15 | next month if it was just the regular cycle of a | 15 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Okay. I still -- I |
| 16 | notice, because they would get the notice of | 16 | don't know. What do you think? |
| 17 | possible letter, and then we would have the | 17 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Brauer. |
| 18 | discussion and actually flesh out and send the | 18 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: You know, I have two |
| 19 | letter. | 19 | things. First off, did we already vote on this? |
| 20 | So we would have to -- if the motion | 20 | And did we already -- we already did this on this; |
| 21 | passes -- if the motion passes -- then we would -- | 21 | right, Commissioner Beck? We already voted. So |
| 22 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Wouldn't we just | 22 | we're going to go back and redo something. |
| 23 | basically take those things that are in this report | 23 | THE CHAIR: We're going to have a second |
| 24 | as being unsatisfactory performance and transfer | 24 | motion for the Letter of Intent, which is in the |
| 25 | them over and maybe add a few things if we felt we | 25 | rule. So we can do that. |


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| 1 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: We've already | 1 | babies in that school deserve better, and we need to |
| 2 | accepted it, and we've already voted to send a | 2 | make that school fast fixing. |
| 3 | letter -- | 3 | And I just feel like this does feel like |
| 4 | THE CHAIR: The unsatisfactory. | 4 | we're jumping into the next stage, when, in March, |
| 5 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: I feel like this is | 5 | we can talk about it with, like, fresh information. |
| 6 | super clunky. We're letting emotions determine what | 6 | And fresh information is so much better than a |
| 7 | we want to do with this school. I think that, | 7 | year-old information. |
| 8 | Commissioner Carrillo, to your point about the | 8 | SECRETARY BECK: Very convincing. I now |
| 9 | financials, you're right. This is based on last | 9 | agree with that situation. I don't think it's worth |
| 10 | year's audit. | 10 | it to rush it. If it's an extra month, it's an |
| 11 | I think, in the spirit of what we want to | 11 | extra month. We'll have fresh audit data coming at |
| 12 | have in terms of transparency and consistency, the | 12 | us in 31 days. |
| 13 | values that we really laid before us, each other, | 13 | I don't think it's necessary for us to |
| 14 | yesterday, we have fresh audits that are released | 14 | jump quite that quickly. As you said, we've already |
| 15 | right now that we -- I've never seen a single one of | 15 | put them on unsatisfactory with a lot of issues. I |
| 16 | them yet, but they're going to be released to us. | 16 | think that will suffice. Thanks. |
| 17 | It just behooves us as PEC -- and this | 17 | THE CHAIR: Same for me. And I said it |
| 18 | comes off of the backs of so many people saying, as | 18 | before. There are other schools that have had |
| 19 | we were going through the Legislature, that, "The | 19 | similar looking charts, and we didn't say, "Oh, we |
| 20 | PEC has their stuff together, and they're a really | 20 | need to put them on the Intervention Ladder," and -- |
| 21 | good body." | 21 | oh, you know. Once again, it's that consistency and |
| 22 | Why take that away from charter schools? | 22 | that fairness to the schools that -- you know, why |
| 23 | Why have them focus on every single school in the | 23 | them? |
| 24 | state? | 24 | And I think they'd have a really valid |
| 25 | We have a good reputation. These kinds of | 25 | reason to say, "Hey, how come me and how come..." -- |
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| 1 | recommendations hurt our body, because we're making | 1 | and, you know, I don't think it's fair. I don't |
| 2 | some decisions we don't have to make right now. We | 2 | think this is the moment in time to really do this. |
| 3 | don't have to make it. | 3 | I don't think the financial issues are significant |
| 4 | It would make sense to me, in terms of | 4 | enough at this moment in time to say, "Oh, we're |
| 5 | fairness, in terms of equity, just to wait for one | 5 | going to put you on the Intervention Ladder for |
| 6 | more month, 30 more days. We're going to be able to | 6 | that." |
| 7 | look at the audits with a fine-tooth comb on every | 7 | I don't even see it -- I'm hoping that the |
| 8 | single one of our schools. And, shoot. We might | 8 | audit is going to look better. So I'm going to be |
| 9 | see other schools we have deep concerns about | 9 | half-glass-full here that it's going to be okay. |
| 10 | because of their financial findings that are now | 10 | But we've also said, "You're going to |
| 11 | fresh and not a year old. | 11 | report again to us about that." |
| 12 | So I really do feel like -- I think we've | 12 | So why can't we -- we're, in one letter, |
| 13 | done what we needed to do today. Let's live to | 13 | saying, "Yes, you've got this unsatisfactory, and we |
| 14 | fight another day. | 14 | want you to continue answering about this." But |
| 15 | This school has been under -- under our | 15 | then in another letter, "Oh, by the way, because of |
| 16 | watchful eyes for a very long time. I think we are | 16 | all that, this is..." -- you know, it's, like, it |
| 17 | starting to see progress, also, from some of the | 17 | doesn't make any sense to do this -- to me, at this |
| 18 | conditions. At least when I was the chair in the | 18 | moment in time -- and I am not advocating to go back |
| 19 | conversations, I felt that there was some good | 19 | and look at all the other schools and say, okay. If |
| 20 | progress. | 20 | you want to treat everyone equally, then we're going |
| 21 | I don't think the Intervention Ladder is | 21 | to send -- that is not what I'm saying. |
| 22 | set up to weaponize shutting schools down. It's to | 22 | I'm saying let's take a look at what we're |
| 23 | improve -- it's my opinion, and definitely disagree | 23 | doing here and look through the lenses of the school |
| 24 | with me, but that's my view -- it's to improve. | 24 | that may be listening, because I think schools are |
| 25 | It's a serious situation, because right now the | 25 | hearing universally from us, we want them to |


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| 1 | improve. But to say we're going to single out one | 1 | conditions. |
| 2 | school to almost use as an example and say, "This is | 2 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Okay. And I'm going |
| 3 | what we're going to do," I'm not comfortable with | 3 | to, because that, to me, is the part that matters |
| 4 | that at all, at all. | 4 | when we talk about Intervention Ladder. |
| 5 | Commissioner Ingham. | 5 | So when I'm looking at annual report, if |
| 6 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Just one last | 6 | there's a condition that's unmet, then that's where |
| 7 | comment. I think for myself, the bigger issue is | 7 | I would take exception to going to Ladder of |
| 8 | what the foundation is doing. And we have no | 8 | Intervention is if there's something -- to me a |
| 9 | information and can't do anything about that anyway. | 9 | condition is something they already have had the |
| 10 | I think that that's my -- my concern is that -- that | 10 | conversation -- most of these schools haven't had |
| 11 | our interface here is just going to find us back in | 11 | the annual report notice that they've had |
| 12 | court again. | 12 | unsatisfactory -- they haven't had that notice from |
| 13 | And that's -- I think we probably should | 13 | us yet. But a condition, they have had notice from |
| 14 | take another month to get this great and right. And | 14 | us. That's how I'm seeing it. |
| 15 | if there's any ability to find out if there's -- if | 15 | So to me, that's where -- if I'm going to |
| 16 | what the foundation is doing is -- is inappropriate, | 16 | go down the route of a Ladder of Intervention, it |
| 17 | I would like to know that. | 17 | would be something to do with the conditions. And |
| 18 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Taylor. | 18 | the conditions look primarily met. |
| 19 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Okay. Yeah. There | 19 | The only thing that I -- and I'm on the |
| 20 | are -- you know, there are really two issues. We're | 20 | same exact page. One of the conditions was about |
| 21 | dealing with two areas. We're dealing with a | 21 | the growth. Like, that -- about the growth of the |
| 22 | financial issue. And we just passed a motion that | 22 | students. The graduation growth, I can kind of pull |
| 23 | said that they were okay, and that we wanted them to | 23 | away from a little bit. And I saw their rationale |
| 24 | report -- not okay, but working towards, and we want | 24 | behind it. |
| 25 | them to report in a year; right? | 25 | I can -- I don't necessarily agree with |
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| 1 | The other thing that we did was we said, | 1 | the rationale, necessarily, and I do think the |
| 2 | "You're unsatisfactory on the other issues, | 2 | graduation rate is, like -- once again, it was, |
| 3 | including the academics, and we want it corrected by | 3 | like -- the only thing that's fascinating to me is |
| 4 | the next annual report." | 4 | their reporting to me of the graduation rates. |
| 5 | To me, these guys have had a ton of time. | 5 | "The 15 kids we had, all 15 graduated." |
| 6 | And every indicator, every academic indicator, there | 6 | That's 100 percent graduation. |
| 7 | was no growth. In fact, it was negative growth in | 7 | It's fascinating to consider that. That |
| 8 | every subgroup and in every -- every area of | 8 | is great. If they had 15 students last year and all |
| 9 | academia. | 9 | 15 graduated, that's what we want. |
| 10 | So I feel like that's the bigger issue in | 10 | When we talked to them about graduating |
| 11 | my mind as far as what we need to send a letter for. | 11 | their students, I remember telling them |
| 12 | But we've just passed a motion that said | 12 | specifically, "If you have four seniors, I want all |
| 13 | that, "Let us know how you're doing in a year," | 13 | four to graduate. If you have ten seniors, get nine |
| 14 | basically. I think this second motion sort of goes | 14 | of that," like; right? If that's what they did, |
| 15 | against what we've already done; so... | 15 | that's great. |
| 16 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Burt hasn't | 16 | So that's why, for me, I can overlook the |
| 17 | spoken yet. | 17 | graduation as part of the condition. |
| 18 | COMMISSIONER BURT: I agree. I don't -- I | 18 | But the growth is something that was a |
| 19 | actually -- so -- when I read through this, it | 19 | condition. It's been discussed before with the |
| 20 | actually, like -- the documentation is predominantly | 20 | school that we wanted to see growth be at or -- at |
| 21 | the conditions are being met already, or being | 21 | or above similar schools. But beyond that data, to |
| 22 | certified that they're being met. | 22 | see if they're -- even if it's negative growth. I |
| 23 | Like, what they can -- like, I don't | 23 | don't know if it's similar to what other schools are |
| 24 | see -- okay. | 24 | experiencing as well. |
| 25 | THE CHAIR: Okay. So you're talking about | 25 | So I don't think I have all the data in |


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| 1 | order to actually make a decision on if we should | 1 | COVID, I know what principals did, all over the |
| 2 | take a further look at growth as far as going down | 2 | state what they have did to get kids over the finish |
| 3 | the Intervention Ladder, because I don't have the | 3 | line. Because you can't graduate kids if they have |
| 4 | data to support anything, other than what their data | 4 | F's. They coached these kids through E2020 over the |
| 5 | is from Vistas. | 5 | finish line to get their drive-through diploma. |
| 6 | So that's a concern of mine. | 6 | That's deplorable. |
| 7 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Three years ago -- | 7 | And that the PED even allowed that is |
| 8 | three score and -- no, three years ago, I remember I | 8 | deplorable and allowed none of that data to be taken |
| 9 | had just come on. And they -- the Commission had | 9 | into consideration. |
| 10 | voted not to renew the school in that previous | 10 | So, no, I'm just tired of kicking the can. |
| 11 | December. | 11 | And I'm not going to introduce this motion, because |
| 12 | And, of course, it went to court, and, of | 12 | it's very clear there's no sense in doing it for the |
| 13 | course -- and what happened -- and I don't recall | 13 | sake of failure. |
| 14 | who here actually went online to listen to the | 14 | This is on the record, not just for GREAT |
| 15 | hearing that they had. I listened to the entirety | 15 | Academy. Any school that's consistently not growing |
| 16 | of the hearing. And it was super clear to me that | 16 | their kids academically -- you know, all these -- |
| 17 | this school was let off on a technicality. That's | 17 | there could be so many other measures where kids are |
| 18 | all it was was a technicality, because they have | 18 | happy, where they're baking bread in groups, and, |
| 19 | great counsel; okay? | 19 | you know, singing their cultural songs, whether |
| 20 | And if the renewal had anything to -- was | 20 | they're doing all sorts of different things. That's |
| 21 | going to be based on anything relative to the | 21 | harsh to say. |
| 22 | performance of the school and the students, there's | 22 | And I was on the record. On the school |
| 23 | no way on earth this would have been overturned. | 23 | that I'm speaking of, I'm on the record what I said |
| 24 | This was a technicality. | 24 | to their board and what I said to their elders. |
| 25 | And so now for three years, they've been | 25 | It's like we're failing kids. The thing I |
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| 1 | operating. And they haven't had growth -- it's | 1 | love about the PEC is I feel like we hold each other |
| 2 | funny when we -- the term negative growth. Decline. | 2 | and schools more accountable than the districts do |
| 3 | That's what I -- decline. Failure. That's how I | 3 | and way more accountable than the PED has ever done. |
| 4 | would couch this for this particular school. | 4 | And I love that about us. |
| 5 | And it's, you know, just kicking that can. | 5 | I think it's consistency. And I think |
| 6 | And that's what -- and, fine. You know, I'm going | 6 | it's fair for us -- I have no problem -- people say, |
| 7 | to say my piece and I'm not going to introduce the | 7 | "The PEC works really well." |
| 8 | other motion. But I feel like we're kicking the can | 8 | I tell people all the time, "We can be |
| 9 | on this school down the road, because they're not | 9 | politically different in so many areas. We get |
| 10 | showing -- yeah, they could be showing progress | 10 | along well. We talk about things. We make a |
| 11 | incrementally on the financial side. | 11 | decision, and we move on." |
| 12 | But are we here because we want people to | 12 | Every vote doesn't have to be ten-zero. I |
| 13 | keep books really well? Or are we here because we | 13 | don't care. I just care that we speak our mind and |
| 14 | want kids to learn? Okay. Great. Fifteen | 14 | speak passionately about one thing: Make sure we're |
| 15 | graduated. Fifteen were seniors. How many could | 15 | educating kids. |
| 16 | fill in a map of the United States? How many of | 16 | I feel like this way, another 30 days goes |
| 17 | them could name the three branches of government and | 17 | by, three years goes by. And it's based on a |
| 18 | do so in an essay with correct punctuation, | 18 | technicality. Corina, you remember, I'm sure. A |
| 19 | capitalization, and so forth. I would bet not all | 19 | technicality. I can't believe when the decision |
| 20 | 15. | 20 | came back. It took about five months for this |
| 21 | How many could fill out a job application | 21 | district judge to come back with the decision. So |
| 22 | with no grammatical errors? I would bet no way all | 22 | they were already into the next school year. |
| 23 | 15. | 23 | Okay. Respectfully heard. And the -- now |
| 24 | We know from experience, and I know from | 24 | you made me lose my train of thought. That was your |
| 25 | having left Santa Fe Public Schools right after | 25 | plan, wasn't it? |


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| 1 | But it's -- there's just another 30 days. | 1 | annual report. The next page is the charter renewal |
| 2 | There's going to be another year, and then another | 2 | documentation showing Compliance with School |
| 3 | year. | 3 | Condition. For the '22-'23 school year, there are |
| 4 | COMMISSIONER BURT: I just want to make a | 4 | two. But we only have the information on one of |
| 5 | request. Like, it did -- the condition says that | 5 | them. |
| 6 | we're going to look at their growth compared to | 6 | And -- but that's what -- that's where I'm |
| 7 | similar schools. And we do not have that data. I | 7 | actually on the page of I do think it's time -- I |
| 8 | did not -- I saw graduation -- lots of graduation | 8 | think it's an appropriate place to take time to move |
| 9 | growth and graduation data, but no academic | 9 | down the -- move down the pathway of -- you know, |
| 10 | performance -- it said growth, academic growth, | 10 | this is something we might need to consider and look |
| 11 | compared to similar schools. | 11 | at and take action on earlier than waiting till next |
| 12 | THE CHAIR: It's in -- I think -- the only | 12 | year. Because this isn't something that we've -- |
| 13 | place I saw it was in that little chart where | 13 | that hasn't been talked about before. This has been |
| 14 | there's -- it has growth as the first piece, and | 14 | talked about. |
| 15 | then it says graduation rates, and then there's a | 15 | So this year's data for growth does |
| 16 | number. It says three -- I don't know what that | 16 | matter; so... |
| 17 | actually means. I think it might be one of the last | 17 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: So I, again, |
| 18 | pages. | 18 | would ask, where in the condition document, that is |
| 19 | COMMISSIONER BURT: So graduation, | 19 | captured. Because I'm looking at the condition -- |
| 20 | graduation, graduation. It's graduation growth. | 20 | I'm not looking at the annual report. I'm looking |
| 21 | THE CHAIR: I thought it said growth on | 21 | at the contract and the conditions document on the |
| 22 | the -- got you. | 22 | PEC's website. |
| 23 | COMMISSIONER BURT: It's what the | 23 | THE CHAIR: If you look on Page 12 -- |
| 24 | condition says, but there's no academic growth in | 24 | yeah, exactly. It says, "meet or exceed the average |
| 25 | here. | 25 | growth rates for similar schools serving similar |
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| 1 | THE CHAIR: Right. Right. And the -- | 1 | populations for students who are English Language |
| 2 | COMMISSIONER BURT: So I think that we | 2 | Learners, economically disadvantaged, and students |
| 3 | would need that information in order to consider | 3 | with disabilities, as determined annually by PED." |
| 4 | that. So maybe that could be something that we can | 4 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Graduation rate. |
| 5 | look at. | 5 | I think that our understanding of it was that it was |
| 6 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: In that case, | 6 | the graduation rate. And I -- |
| 7 | because the school reported the data as part of the | 7 | THE CHAIR: That language there of |
| 8 | condition, there's a form -- right? -- that you-all | 8 | "meeting or exceeding the average growth" is not |
| 9 | approved for the school to provide that information. | 9 | growth in terms of academic growth; it's purely -- |
| 10 | Then -- and we didn't catch it. I think we were | 10 | okay. So that the condition, then, didn't |
| 11 | looking at this as graduation growth. | 11 | include -- see? I read that statement as growth. |
| 12 | THE CHAIR: The condition does say growth | 12 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Well, yes. It |
| 13 | in comparison to state and -- state and district, | 13 | does. But then when you look at -- |
| 14 | "meet or exceed the average growth of state and" -- | 14 | COMMISSIONER BURT: So you're saying it's |
| 15 | COMMISSIONER BURT: "Similar schools with | 15 | not -- it's not growth academically; it's growth in |
| 16 | similar populations, as determined annually by PED." | 16 | their graduation rate. It's both is what they're |
| 17 | THE CHAIR: Is Brigette on? And you know | 17 | saying. |
| 18 | what? That is part of what the school is disputing. | 18 | The first one is just the raw rate; the |
| 19 | The school is disputing the similar schools. | 19 | second one is the growth in the rate. |
| 20 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: I'm looking at | 20 | THE CHAIR: Right. Of graduation. That's |
| 21 | the contract itself on your website. And the | 21 | the way we interpret it. And if you look at the -- |
| 22 | condition begins on Page 32. Do you want me to | 22 | I'm going to share -- |
| 23 | screen-share? | 23 | COMMISSIONER BURT: If that's what it's |
| 24 | COMMISSIONER BURT: I'm looking at -- so | 24 | about, then that makes sense. That's why I was |
| 25 | I'm on Page -- so there's Page 15 of 15 of the | 25 | confused, then. And it also then makes sense to |


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| 1 | not -- to acknowledge the -- the -- negative growth | 1 | doesn't say graduation growth, this is something |
| 2 | in the letter and then expect it to improve next | 2 | that we spent a lot of time working with Ms. Barnes, |
| 3 | year. | 3 | who was instrumental in creating this tool and |
| 4 | THE CHAIR: Because there was not -- | 4 | talking about. |
| 5 | COMMISSIONER BURT: And I do want to say, | 5 | And then you see where it says the school |
| 6 | I was -- I was very happy when I read through -- | 6 | data provided. Talks about graduation, four-, |
| 7 | THE CHAIR: The second bullet is | 7 | five-, six-year, and then average growth rate. |
| 8 | graduation growth. Because if you said -- yeah, it | 8 | Because we talked about how you can't really do |
| 9 | is. It is. Because it says, "have met or exceeded | 9 | average graduation growth rate. It's all about |
| 10 | the" -- but here's the problem. Sorry. Sorry. | 10 | graduation. It doesn't talk about Vistas or |
| 11 | COMMISSIONER BURT: I just wanted to say | 11 | academic performance on the statewide assessment. |
| 12 | really quickly. One of the things I was very | 12 | So unless there's -- and that was the |
| 13 | concerned by was the graduation, and them having | 13 | discussion that we had with the school and their |
| 14 | small class sizes, small senior sizes, and not | 14 | attorney. |
| 15 | graduating all those seniors. | 15 | COMMISSIONER BURT: We're going to have to |
| 16 | I just wanted to say I was very, very | 16 | be careful on language moving forward, just because, |
| 17 | happy when I read through their information about | 17 | like, if it's -- let's say, for example, Director |
| 18 | how many seniors they had enrolled and how many they | 18 | Chavez wasn't in this role anymore. Pattie is not |
| 19 | were graduating for the last couple of years. I was | 19 | here, Julia is not here. We have to be careful with |
| 20 | very happy to see that, including I was grateful -- | 20 | language like that, what's in black and white, |
| 21 | because I think that the -- their team is online -- | 21 | because that was confusing. |
| 22 | that they have -- you know, I think it said -- I | 22 | THE CHAIR: What I see here, it says, "The |
| 23 | just want to give them credit for all of them. | 23 | contract between The GREAT Academy and PEC included |
| 24 | There's, like, 15, 16 seniors this year, and they're | 24 | blah in the areas of, 1 , academic improvement." |
| 25 | on track to graduate all 16 seniors again. | 25 | So even though I acknowledge that |
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| 1 | I think that is wildly important and a | 1 | graduation rate goes into it, to me, when I read |
| 2 | huge improvement from where I came in and had any | 2 | academic improvement, I'm looking at growth and |
| 3 | kind of oversight over this school and had a massive | 3 | proficiency. |
| 4 | improvement on that. So to me, it does show a | 4 | And I think -- so the whole rest of that |
| 5 | positive impact on if we're going to -- if we're | 5 | document is only talking about graduation, because |
| 6 | going to have a high expectation or put something on | 6 | that's all the school was aware that -- because |
| 7 | a school, I do believe schools will rise to it. | 7 | there were no growth targets that were set in there. |
| 8 | That does make me feel good. | 8 | So that's why there's the confusion that |
| 9 | So now -- I would just say now if they | 9 | when they're talking growth, they're only talking |
| 10 | could get the academic growth -- keep up the | 10 | what they were asked to respond to, which was the |
| 11 | graduation rates, but get the academic growth up in | 11 | graduation. |
| 12 | the future, I don't see problematic things with this | 12 | And you're right. You know, hopefully we |
| 13 | school or with this report at this time. | 13 | get better every time we do these things, and we see |
| 14 | It looks like they took the information | 14 | that -- you're right -- there's -- when I read that, |
| 15 | that they were being given that they needed to | 15 | I think there has to -- and I kept scrolling through |
| 16 | improve on, and it really does look like they took | 16 | looking for charts on academic growth, and there |
| 17 | the steps to improve a lot of the places. | 17 | wasn't any, because the school wasn't responsible to |
| 18 | So I hope that the academic growth in the | 18 | have to do that. |
| 19 | future, that's your next step is get that up. | 19 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: That was not the |
| 20 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: So I'm flashing | 20 | understanding in the condition. |
| 21 | the charter school's contract and performance | 21 | THE CHAIR: Yeah. We have to be -- we |
| 22 | framework that had this -- this condition. And | 22 | have to do our due deliberation and be better at it |
| 23 | although it says "Academic Improvement," that's sort | 23 | when we're looking at it and being clear as to what |
| 24 | of a header. And then it talks about meeting or | 24 | everyone is expecting with this. |
| 25 | exceeding state graduation rate. And although it | 25 | Sure. |


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| 1 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: What Commissioner | 1 | THE CHAIR: Second. |
| 2 | Burt was asking originally was can we look at growth | 2 | There's a motion by Commissioner Taylor, a |
| 3 | with similar schools? Can we still request of CSD | 3 | second by Commissioner Gipson. |
| 4 | that we have some -- at least just for our own | 4 | Any -- seeing no further discussion -- |
| 5 | edification -- how this school is doing with similar | 5 | SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo. |
| 6 | schools and just ask for that from them? | 6 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. |
| 7 | COMMISSIONER BURT: I would just say I | 7 | SECRETARY BECK: Chair Gipson. |
| 8 | don't think that's appropriate anymore, because | 8 | THE CHAIR: Yes. |
| 9 | then, once again, we're singling out this school and | 9 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner -- |
| 10 | not every other school that has negative growth. | 10 | Ex-Chair -- Commissioner Brauer. |
| 11 | And I don't think that's appropriate. | 11 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. |
| 12 | Unless we're going to do that for every school that | 12 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. |
| 13 | has negative growth on their annual report, I don't | 13 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. |
| 14 | think it's fair to do that for this school, because | 14 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Armijo. |
| 15 | they have some other conditions we're looking at, | 15 | COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Yes. |
| 16 | because we're looking at them more in depth because | 16 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis. |
| 17 | of other things. | 17 | COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes. |
| 18 | I think we have to keep it in the same | 18 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt. |
| 19 | vein as everyone else. | 19 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes. |
| 20 | I think if you want to ask that on the | 20 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner |
| 21 | side, if you're just interested. But I don't want | 21 | Clahchischilliage. |
| 22 | that requested, like, publicly anymore. | 22 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes. |
| 23 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I'm calling on | 23 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Ingham. |
| 24 | myself. | 24 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. |
| 25 | And on that, as well, if you're going to | 25 | SECRETARY BECK: And Secretary Beck, yes. |
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| 1 | do similar schools, look at Albuquerque, New Mexico. | 1 | There are ten votes for and zero votes |
| 2 | Most of the schools do similar schools in percentage | 2 | against. The motion passes. |
| 3 | of English Language Learners, in percentage of Free | 3 | THE CHAIR: We are now on to our last |
| 4 | and Reduced Lunch and all these things. You don't | 4 | school, which is Tierra Encantada Charter School. |
| 5 | have to go far, probably, just, like, within | 5 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I'll start. Just -- |
| 6 | one-half square mile, to find schools that are very | 6 | so I was at Tierra -- what's today? Today is |
| 7 | similar. | 7 | Friday. So last week, I was there. |
| 8 | THE CHAIR: Sorry. I just -- I had my | 8 | And it was great. It was just really |
| 9 | microphone off. We're on Tierra Adentro of | 9 | wonderful to be at that school. And -- because |
| 10 | New Mexico. Once again. | 10 | historically -- so this is around 2013, I think -- |
| 11 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I feel like I could | 11 | when I was on the Santa Fe Public Schools -- and it |
| 12 | go ahead and make a motion. | 12 | was at a time when a number of schools left. |
| 13 | THE CHAIR: Sure. | 13 | Charters left Santa Fe because Secretary Skandera |
| 14 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I move that the PEC | 14 | never saw a charter she didn't like. |
| 15 | provide an annual report notice to the | 15 | And some of these schools should not have |
| 16 | Tierra Adentro of New Mexico, The School of | 16 | been chartered by the State, and we weren't going to |
| 17 | Academics, Arts, and Artesanía, indicating a notice | 17 | reauthorize them. It was very clear to a number of |
| 18 | of satisfactory performance, and identify the | 18 | the schools that left that there is no chance that |
| 19 | unsatisfactory performance related to negative | 19 | we were going to reauthorize them. |
| 20 | performance for the student subgroups listed on | 20 | And Tierra is one of them. And they were |
| 21 | Page 7 of the annual report, and an organizational | 21 | really in the cellar on a lot of different levels. |
| 22 | concern listed on Page 11 of the annual report. | 22 | And I'll just cop to the fact that I've |
| 23 | Both items listed as unsatisfactory | 23 | kind of held that against them for several years. |
| 24 | performance should be corrected by the next annual | 24 | And, you know, that wasn't fair of me. |
| 25 | report. | 25 | And so I really wanted to go to the |


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| 1 | school. And Danny Peña and -- oh, gosh. It's not | 1 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner |
| 2 | Amanda -- the principal? Do you know offhand the | 2 | Clahchischilliage. |
| 3 | principal of the school? I want to say it's | 3 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes. |
| 4 | Alicia -- oh, darn. | 4 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. |
| 5 | But, anyway, I was there for almost a | 5 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. |
| 6 | couple of hours, just observing classrooms and just | 6 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis. |
| 7 | everything at the school. And how far they've come. | 7 | COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes. |
| 8 | And I was just so impressed by the kids. But when | 8 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt. |
| 9 | it was time for them to travel between classes -- | 9 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes. |
| 10 | they intentionally gave them a few more minutes, the | 10 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. |
| 11 | way they did their schedule, a few more minutes | 11 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. |
| 12 | between classes. High school kids need to check in | 12 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Armijo. |
| 13 | with other high school kids. They can't just be | 13 | COMMISSIONER ARMIJO: Yes. |
| 14 | rushed off in two minutes and denied all social | 14 | SECRETARY BECK: Chair Gipson. |
| 15 | contact and expect that to fly. | 15 | THE CHAIR: Yes. |
| 16 | And so Danny, the principal, recognized a | 16 | SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo. |
| 17 | lot of the challenges that were being faced, and | 17 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. |
| 18 | they addressed them. I was really honest with them | 18 | SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes. |
| 19 | about how I felt years ago, ten years ago, about the | 19 | There is ten votes for, zero votes |
| 20 | school. | 20 | against. The motion passes. |
| 21 | It was great. He told me what they're up | 21 | THE CHAIR: And I'm going to ask for a |
| 22 | to, what they're doing, and why they're doing it. | 22 | ten-minute break. Thanks. |
| 23 | And I just have very high hopes for Tierra | 23 | (Recess taken, 2:46 p.m. to 3:01 p.m.) |
| 24 | Encantada. And, just, the dual language there, it | 24 | THE CHAIR: Discussion and Possible Action |
| 25 | just -- I was very impressed by the school. | 25 | on a Math Symposium. Yeah. Give me the almonds. |
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| 1 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Beck. | 1 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: My sense is we |
| 2 | SECRETARY BECK: Quite quickly, again, in | 2 | should just have a repeat word-for-word of our |
| 3 | the proficiency referenced yesterday, again, | 3 | conversation. |
| 4 | challenges in math. Secondly, strong growth in both | 4 | THE CHAIR: No. |
| 5 | ELA and math. That should be noted. That's great. | 5 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yeah. I withdraw |
| 6 | Thank you. | 6 | that item. |
| 7 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I'll start my motion | 7 | THE CHAIR: Are we just skipping it, then? |
| 8 | saying super proud of your school, Danny. So let's | 8 | COMMISSIONER CARRILLO: Yeah. Okay. |
| 9 | go to Tierra Encantada. | 9 | Thank you. |
| 10 | I move that the PEC provide an annual | 10 | So Item No. 12, Discussion and Possible |
| 11 | report notice to Tierra Encantada Charter School | 11 | Action on Budget Expenditures. |
| 12 | indicating a notice of satisfactory performance and | 12 | So I think what -- with Item No. 12, I |
| 13 | identify the unsatisfactory performance related to | 13 | think I'm going to say that we have a list of |
| 14 | the "working to meet" performance on one | 14 | possibilities that I think the budget subcommittee |
| 15 | mission-specific goal, and four- and five-year | 15 | will look at and can make recommendations when we |
| 16 | graduation rates. | 16 | come back, hopefully next month, and we'll have a |
| 17 | All items listed should be corrected by | 17 | better idea of what those -- and Matt had said |
| 18 | the next annual report. | 18 | yesterday that he's going to put that proposal for |
| 19 | THE CHAIR: Second. | 19 | what our share might be if we go with that HR |
| 20 | There's a motion by Commissioner Carrillo, | 20 | concept that he's got, but that he has to -- we need |
| 21 | a second by Commissioner Gipson. Any discussion? | 21 | to know what exactly it looks like in terms of what |
| 22 | (No response.) | 22 | he's looking -- what his anticipated expenses from |
| 23 | THE CHAIR: If not, Commissioner Beck? | 23 | us would be. We don't have that now. |
| 24 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Ingham. | 24 | I would ask, in just the next week or so, |
| 25 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. | 25 | if a Commissioner thinks of something, just shoot me |


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| 1 | an e-mail, and it's something that the budget | 1 | that you're going to look at next month for this |
| 2 | subcommittee can then take a look at. But it does | 2 | school. |
| 3 | take a little bit of time to find out what that cost | 3 | But the concerns that we noted were things |
| 4 | might be. | 4 | that were related to progress towards completing |
| 5 | So that's why I'm saying, like, within the | 5 | mission-specific goals; issues with the |
| 6 | next week, so that the budget -- someone can find | 6 | administration of the short-cycle assessments -- |
| 7 | out the information and the budget subcommittee can | 7 | they were using Illuminate -- lack of reporting on |
| 8 | work. | 8 | the condition for the DASH Plan, because that was |
| 9 | So I think we're good with 12 , then, | 9 | one of the conditions; special ed program and some |
| 10 | because we're not doing 12.b., either. | 10 | complaints that we had received; EL identification |
| 11 | So 13, Discussion and Possible Action | 11 | and English Language Development instruction; lack |
| 12 | Regarding Notice of Intent to Commence Action | 12 | of some timeliness in reporting to the PED; |
| 13 | Regarding Alma d'Arte Charter School Under the | 13 | financial audit concerns; compliance with reporting |
| 14 | Intervention Ladder. | 14 | governing board membership changes. |
| 15 | So, Commissioners, over a period of | 15 | When we were at the visit in 2023, one of |
| 16 | time -- over a period of time, there's been some | 16 | the members of the focus group was presented to us |
| 17 | concerns that have been raised to the Charter School | 17 | as the treasurer of the board. But CSD never |
| 18 | Division regarding -- and I understand there is some | 18 | received notification of that person joining the |
| 19 | parental concerns that have been raised. | 19 | board, and we never received notification of that |
| 20 | The Charter School Division has | 20 | person leaving the board. |
| 21 | appropriately told those parental entities that they | 21 | So there is no record that that person was |
| 22 | need to go back to the school. But there has been | 22 | on the board, except for he was at the focus group |
| 23 | a -- but I would say that parents have continued to | 23 | that we had when we visited the school. |
| 24 | contact the Charter School Division. | 24 | We also talked about low attendance rate |
| 25 | And the Charter School Division has -- and | 25 | and a lack of teacher mentorship program. |
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| 1 | I think the Director will corroborate -- that she | 1 | So shortly thereafter, the school put the |
| 2 | did communicate to the school -- Director, do you | 2 | administrator, the head administrator, on leave. |
| 3 | want to say something? | 3 | And they did timely submit a notification to us |
| 4 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Yeah. Do you | 4 | about an interim head administrator. And then they |
| 5 | want me to walk through a timeline? Just because | 5 | also timely submitted to us about the current head |
| 6 | some people like to be sequential, start at the top? | 6 | administrator, who is in place right now. |
| 7 | And I'm happy to. | 7 | We asked the school for the |
| 8 | I've really been putting my head together | 8 | end-of-the-year conditional report. It was due on |
| 9 | with the sequence of events that have led us to | 9 | June 30th; we got it July 10th. But there was -- it |
| 10 | where we're at right now. | 10 | was somewhat incomplete, and there was no analysis |
| 11 | So -- so, basically, if that's okay, I | 11 | on the growth of student performance using their |
| 12 | would like to remind Commissioners that this school | 12 | short-cycle assessments. |
| 13 | was renewed with conditions December of 2021, with a | 13 | We've since received many complaints, as |
| 14 | contract from 2022-'23 through 2027. And so with | 14 | Chair Gipson indicated, from parents and others, |
| 15 | those conditions, we have continued to work with the | 15 | staff, et cetera. And so, as a courtesy call, I met |
| 16 | school. | 16 | with the head administrator to summarize what we had |
| 17 | We did a site visit February 2023. And | 17 | been hearing. And I think that was really just to |
| 18 | when we did, we provided some preliminary feedback | 18 | share what had been received by our office. |
| 19 | to the school, as we always do. And then we also | 19 | And we, at that time, just expressed a |
| 20 | sent them a document, which is the very familiar | 20 | lack of -- a grievance policy or a set of procedures |
| 21 | looking performance framework indicators, where we | 21 | so that the school could resolve it locally, because |
| 22 | thought they were at the time in April 2028 | 22 | that's really what we want. |
| 23 | (verbatim). | 23 | And that didn't change things much. We |
| 24 | Of course, we can't finish the performance | 24 | continued to get many complaints. |
| 25 | framework. We had to wait. And this is something | 25 | And so I sent a letter on January 5th to |


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| 1 | the head administrator and the governing council | 1 | year one, which is the lowest level of need for |
| 2 | chair indicating some concerns. We were concerned | 2 | special ed concerns. |
| 3 | about the governing council following Open Meetings | 3 | We also sent the annual report, the draft |
| 4 | Act and that the website had been under | 4 | annual report, to the school. And there were |
| 5 | construction. And so there was nothing on the | 5 | multiple indicators where the school is either |
| 6 | website that would provide notification of their | 6 | "working to meet" or "does not meet." |
| 7 | meetings, their agendas, or their minutes. | 7 | And our understanding is that we will have |
| 8 | We also talked about the need to complete | 8 | a final report for your March meeting. |
| 9 | notification of governing board member transition | 9 | One of the things that we have also been |
| 10 | for this year, 2023-2024, because although they had | 10 | concerned about is the arts integration. It seems |
| 11 | submitted some information, the packet wasn't | 11 | that their mission goal around arts integration, |
| 12 | complete. So that's why you haven't seen that on | 12 | they're also struggling to collect data or to |
| 13 | your agenda that there has been some transition of | 13 | implement. We'll see if they provide evidence |
| 14 | board members, and we only put that on your agenda | 14 | contrary to that. But at this point, we sent them a |
| 15 | when the packets are complete. | 15 | preliminary saying that we don't have data. |
| 16 | So we asked for that. | 16 | THE CHAIR: So thank you for that. |
| 17 | We also expressed our concern about | 17 | And, you know, for me, some of the |
| 18 | whether the school was following its Attendance for | 18 | highlighting -- some of the highlighted concerns -- |
| 19 | Success Act, because we had been hearing about | 19 | and I acknowledge that some of these have been |
| 20 | students being disenrolled prior to any sort of | 20 | partially addressed -- the website was down for a |
| 21 | progressive notification or the processes that are | 21 | significant amount of time. It was down probably |
| 22 | contemplated in that act. | 22 | since the summer. So that meant it was very |
| 23 | And special ed also came up. And, again, | 23 | challenging for anyone to find anything out about |
| 24 | the internal complaint policy and lack of | 24 | the school. |
| 25 | communication with families was something that we | 25 | And some of those parent complaints, I |
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| 1 | raised. | 1 | think were directed at the Charter School Division, |
| 2 | There's been a series of e-mails back and | 2 | mainly because there was no place to find where -- |
| 3 | forth. The school really hasn't said, "Here's how | 3 | "How do I -- how do I find the governance counsel |
| 4 | we're addressing your concerns." | 4 | members?" |
| 5 | So we really haven't had an opportunity to | 5 | There was nothing. You found -- I had to |
| 6 | get a one-to-one, "This is your concern; this is how | 6 | go to Facebook to find the information about the |
| 7 | we've addressed it." | 7 | school. |
| 8 | And I understand a new head administrator | 8 | So if I'm a parent, I don't know how to |
| 9 | is, you know, adjusting to a new environment, and | 9 | contact the governance council president. There's |
| 10 | there's lots of things going on. | 10 | no process for if I have a concern, "What -- do I |
| 11 | But when we conducted the site visit -- | 11 | fill out a form? What do I have to do to have this |
| 12 | and here's where Chair Gipson also can add some | 12 | concern addressed in an appropriate manner at this |
| 13 | contextual information. | 13 | school?" |
| 14 | February 7th we conducted the site visit | 14 | But the -- for me, the fact that the |
| 15 | to the school, and there were many concerns that | 15 | students -- Attendance for Success Act may not be |
| 16 | were -- that were present during that visit. | 16 | properly being followed, and that students may be |
| 17 | We received the renewal conditions that | 17 | being disenrolled without that act being followed, |
| 18 | were due December 31st, the same day that we | 18 | and the fact that some of those students are |
| 19 | conducted the site visit, February 7th. | 19 | potentially special ed 504 plans, and there's -- and |
| 20 | And then that same day, Chair Gipson let | 20 | I'm forgetting the term -- a manifest -- |
| 21 | the school know that they would be on the February | 21 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: When a student |
| 22 | agenda. And two days later, we received from the | 22 | has an IEP, there has to be a special type of |
| 23 | Office of Special Ed at the PED a letter that | 23 | hearing before a student is expelled to determine if |
| 24 | Alma -- the determination letter that says that they | 24 | the student has a disability, a manifestation |
| 25 | are on Corrective Action Plan technical assistance, | 25 | determination. |


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| 1 | THE CHAIR: Hearing. So that has to take | 1 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Right, yeah. |
| 2 | place. And there's no -- I just need clarity as to | 2 | Because it's information to the school that lets |
| 3 | whether all of that has taken place, because the | 3 | them know, what are the initial concerns identified, |
| 4 | school, unfortunately -- and I think Alan shares a | 4 | and they get an opportunity to make corrections |
| 5 | lot of that angst with special ed concerns that had | 5 | before the end of the year. And it shows up in |
| 6 | been at the school, and the hope was it was being -- | 6 | their annual reports. |
| 7 | and I think it has been substantially cleared up. | 7 | We really do provide a lot of feedback to |
| 8 | But if they are on the first year of a | 8 | schools and opportunities for them to -- to make -- |
| 9 | Corrective Action Plan, it's very concerning to me | 9 | THE CHAIR: The only thing that I would |
| 10 | that that's taken place. | 10 | ask is out of that preliminary report, if there was |
| 11 | We have had conversations with Public | 11 | anything that was concerning enough that would put |
| 12 | Charter Schools of New Mexico. And they are in the | 12 | the school on the Intervention Ladder, that that |
| 13 | process of developing a board training that will | 13 | would come to us. |
| 14 | take place in March with this board. And there is a | 14 | It wouldn't have to be the entire report |
| 15 | mentorship that has been arranged. | 15 | would be shown to us. But those items would be |
| 16 | So I would also appreciate, when the | 16 | presented to us, and that the school would have a |
| 17 | school comes up, an update as to, you know, how many | 17 | timely notice that those will be discussed. Or if |
| 18 | board members attended that board training to see, | 18 | we could just tell the school -- how would we word |
| 19 | and just an update as to how that mentorship is | 19 | that, that it would be in there? |
| 20 | going. | 20 | MS. JULIA BARNES: I think you have two |
| 21 | I don't need to know the particulars about | 21 | things going on. One is CSD is continuing its |
| 22 | what they talk about and things like that, but what | 22 | process to finalize the annual report and get the |
| 23 | that communication has been like and the interaction | 23 | back-and-forth notice. |
| 24 | has been like. So I would like a reflection on that | 24 | The second is that some of that |
| 25 | for that March meeting as well. | 25 | information from the preliminary assessment shows |
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| 1 | I think we're trying to be proactive here | 1 | red concerns. |
| 2 | and giving the school the opportunity to hopefully | 2 | So that, as well, can be identified by you |
| 3 | clear up a lot of these things and then take a look | 3 | at the next meeting. That's what this does is it |
| 4 | at those areas that may still need further review | 4 | launches that conversation to say do you want to |
| 5 | and feedback from the school. | 5 | consider it? You do not need to wait for an annual |
| 6 | And if there's any additional -- we'll | 6 | report to take action under the Intervention Ladder. |
| 7 | have the audit by then. We'll have the annual | 7 | So that will not stop the back-and-forth |
| 8 | report at our March meeting. So that will also be | 8 | or the school saying to CSD, "We don't agree with |
| 9 | informative. And there will be the -- so correct me | 9 | this because of the following, and please consider |
| 10 | about the timing, the site visit report. | 10 | this information." |
| 11 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: So 30 days after | 11 | This period of time is kind of |
| 12 | the site visit, which was January -- or | 12 | overlapping. |
| 13 | February 7th, I should say -- then a preliminary -- | 13 | CSD is going to continue what it's doing |
| 14 | did I get the date wrong? | 14 | for the next 30 days, and you, if you take this |
| 15 | MS. LUCY VALENZUELA: No, you're correct. | 15 | action, are telling the school that you'd like to |
| 16 | So the visit was February 7th. So 30 days would be | 16 | hear about this and their responses to it from an |
| 17 | about March 6th, March 7th. | 17 | intervention standpoint. So two things are kind of |
| 18 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: So that is prior | 18 | going on at the same time. |
| 19 | to your -- | 19 | THE CHAIR: Right. |
| 20 | MS. LUCY VALENZUELA: For the preliminary | 20 | SECRETARY BECK: Director Chavez, just for |
| 21 | report. | 21 | my content, what grades -- I'm on their website, and |
| 22 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: We usually just | 22 | it doesn't say it anywhere that I can see. What |
| 23 | send that to the school. | 23 | grades do they serve and how large is their |
| 24 | THE CHAIR: We usually don't make that | 24 | enrollment? |
| 25 | part of our public document, the preliminary. | 25 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: So the school is |


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| 1 | a nine-through-twelve school. It's a high school. | 1 | identified. |
| 2 | And I can give you last year's enrollment if you'd | 2 | Ms. Barnes? |
| 3 | give me just a sec. | 3 | MS. JULIA BARNES: I just wanted clarity |
| 4 | THE CHAIR: I think they're at about 130, | 4 | as to whether you would just like the concerns |
| 5 | 135, somewhere around there. Yeah. | 5 | listed, and then your letter can show where they -- |
| 6 | And also, even though the website is up, | 6 | where he can find -- where the school can find more |
| 7 | there's still not enrollment information on there. | 7 | information on the concern? Or do you want both in |
| 8 | They do have governance council members listed, and, | 8 | the motion? |
| 9 | you know, how to contact them. But there is not | 9 | COMMISSIONER BURT: I don't think you need |
| 10 | a -- a process there for what if a parent has a | 10 | both in the motion. |
| 11 | complaint/concern, how that's -- how that's handled. | 11 | THE CHAIR: I think, by and large, the |
| 12 | So that although I appreciate the fact | 12 | school should know where you can find that |
| 13 | that the school did get a website up and running | 13 | information. |
| 14 | that is better than what they had -- and it's | 14 | COMMISSIONER BURT: And I wonder if you |
| 15 | actually statutory that the Students for Success | 15 | can even just say it in the motion, the concerns on |
| 16 | Act -- have to rename that -- that that -- that act | 16 | academic progress, organizational, and financial |
| 17 | and the process of disenrolling, that has to be on a | 17 | concerns, and then you, yeah, in the letter, expand |
| 18 | school's website. And there's -- it's not there. | 18 | all those. Just -- I don't know why we would have |
| 19 | So there are also some concerns raised | 19 | to list every single thing in the motion. |
| 20 | regarding the use of grant monies. So that -- there | 20 | THE CHAIR: Yeah. I'm -- you know. And |
| 21 | were grant monies that were not -- that were not | 21 | the only reason I would say that we would, if there |
| 22 | used that reverted back. | 22 | was any concern that it had to have been on the |
| 23 | And I'm just asking the school -- we don't | 23 | public record. But I don't -- I can't answer that. |
| 24 | have to get into the particulars. I'm just asking | 24 | But I'm fine with making this simple and |
| 25 | the school to respond to their use or lack of use of | 25 | expanding in the letter, because my concern is only |
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| 1 | grant monies as submitted by the -- through the | 1 | that the school is made fully aware of the |
| 2 | applications of the schools, plain and simple. And | 2 | expectation of what they're answering to. |
| 3 | then we'll see whether things are appropriate or | 3 | Commissioner Carrillo. |
| 4 | not. | 4 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I agree with not |
| 5 | Do we have any questions? | 5 | having the location information. I would read the |
| 6 | (No response.) | 6 | text under concern. And the reason I would is |
| 7 | THE CHAIR: So the next step would be | 7 | that's what we did for the La Tierra Montessori |
| 8 | that, through the motion, we would identify that the | 8 | School. We listed everything. I think we should do |
| 9 | PEC may take possible action on the school going on | 9 | that now, if for no other reason, nobody can come |
| 10 | the Intervention Ladder. | 10 | back to us and say we weren't transparent about what |
| 11 | The school would then receive -- that | 11 | we were doing. So I'm going to make a motion |
| 12 | motion would include the concerns that the PEC would | 12 | unless -- that's what I figured. |
| 13 | like the school to address at the March meeting. | 13 | THE CHAIR: Because I have a question. |
| 14 | And that gives the school the opportunity to -- | 14 | Because the motion -- |
| 15 | to -- to be ready to answer questions for us. | 15 | (Off-mic discussion.) |
| 16 | And I've communicated that to the director | 16 | THE CHAIR: All right. Any other |
| 17 | of the school. He's looking forward to being able | 17 | discussion before a motion is made? |
| 18 | to answer all of these. So -- and I haven't -- he | 18 | Okay. |
| 19 | knows what many of the concerns are. So he's -- | 19 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: This is regarding |
| 20 | he's well aware that he's -- he will be on the | 20 | Item 13, Alma d'Arte. |
| 21 | agenda. | 21 | THE CHAIR: Correct. |
| 22 | He knows he's -- the school is on the | 22 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I'm doing the |
| 23 | agenda for this month for this discussion and that | 23 | concern part of the chart. |
| 24 | the anticipation is that he would be at the March | 24 | THE CHAIR: Wait. Hold on. |
| 25 | meeting and -- to address the issues that have been | 25 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: No. I just said |


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| 1 | that we -- to be consistent -- yeah, we're not going | 1 | academic condition placed on the school showing |
| 2 | to do the location of information piece, but we are | 2 | improvements in proficiency and growth. |
| 3 | going to do the concerns. | 3 | Show special education compliance. |
| 4 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Consistent with how | 4 | Show compliance with the Attendance for |
| 5 | we've handled previous Ladder of Intervention | 5 | Success Act and enrollment and disenrollment |
| 6 | letters. | 6 | processes, including lottery procedures. |
| 7 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Is it not fixed? | 7 | On the Organizational and Financial |
| 8 | THE CHAIR: The only thing he doesn't have | 8 | Concerns aside, concerns are: |
| 9 | to read is the right-hand column. | 9 | Establish finance and audit committees. |
| 10 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I just won't read | 10 | Addressing audit findings. |
| 11 | it. It's okay. It's all right. Yeah, I can do | 11 | Show that the grants are being utilized |
| 12 | that. | 12 | and managed. |
| 13 | Okay. So regarding Alma d'Arte, I move | 13 | Establish a complaint policy at the school |
| 14 | that the Chair of the Public Education Commission | 14 | and provide a plan for addressing student and parent |
| 15 | send a letter to Alma d'Arte Charter School of the | 15 | complaints. |
| 16 | PEC's intent to hear from the school and the Charter | 16 | Provide a plan for teacher mentoring and |
| 17 | School Division on the following issues related to | 17 | ensure that the rights of teachers are being |
| 18 | the contract, Section -- okay -- to the Contract | 18 | enforced. |
| 19 | Section 4 and Section 5, subparagraph 2, on the | 19 | Provide timely reporting and notification |
| 20 | academic progress and organizational and financial | 20 | to CSD and PED. |
| 21 | concerns. | 21 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Second. |
| 22 | And the other two paragraphs -- I further | 22 | THE CHAIR: There's a motion by |
| 23 | move -- right? | 23 | Commissioner Carrillo, a second by Commissioner |
| 24 | THE CHAIR: Yeah. | 24 | Ingham (verbatim). And could the record please |
| 25 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I further move that | 25 | reflect that Commissioner Armijo is not with us? |
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| 1 | Alma d'Arte Charter School be placed on the March | 1 | Is there further discussion? |
| 2 | agenda or at a special meeting for the purpose of | 2 | (No response.) |
| 3 | hearing the response from the school on these | 3 | THE CHAIR: If not... |
| 4 | issues, then considering action under the | 4 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Gipson. |
| 5 | Intervention Ladder, and to hear a report on the | 5 | THE CHAIR: Yes. |
| 6 | progress of the governing board. | 6 | SECRETARY BECK: Chair Gipson. I'm sorry. |
| 7 | And, finally, I further move that the | 7 | THE CHAIR: Yes. |
| 8 | Executive Committee and CSD -- | 8 | SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo. |
| 9 | (Off-mic discussion.) | 9 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. |
| 10 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: ...on governing | 10 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. |
| 11 | board training -- | 11 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. |
| 12 | THE CHAIR: I asked for it. | 12 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt. |
| 13 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: What's the phrase? | 13 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes. |
| 14 | THE CHAIR: Just leave it off. | 14 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis. |
| 15 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Okay. ...on | 15 | COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes. |
| 16 | governing board training. | 16 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. |
| 17 | And, finally, I further move that the | 17 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. |
| 18 | Executive Committee and CSD work to develop expected | 18 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner |
| 19 | outcomes and deadlines that must be met by the | 19 | Clahchischilliage. |
| 20 | school for the PEC to consider in March. | 20 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes. |
| 21 | Concerns listed. I see more text | 21 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Ingham. |
| 22 | appearing. | 22 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. |
| 23 | The concerns are: Show adequate academic | 23 | SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes. |
| 24 | proficiency and growth of the students. | 24 | There are nine votes for. There are zero |
| 25 | Provide a plan for implementing the | 25 | votes against, and the motion passes. |


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| 1 | THE CHAIR: Thank you. So we are now onto | 1 | PEC adopt the documentation for Organization |
| 2 | Item No. 14. | 2 | Indicator 3.b. of the Performance Framework, |
| 3 | I know. No. I kept thinking I was on the | 3 | identified as Documents 14.a. and b. in the |
| 4 | wrong page, and I was actually on the right page. | 4 | documents materials, and direct the Charter Schools |
| 5 | That's the scary part. Yeah. | 5 | Division to finalize and combine the documents and |
| 6 | Discussion and Possible Action on | 6 | post the final documents to the website. |
| 7 | Documentation and Performance Framework Compliance, | 7 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Second. |
| 8 | Organization Indicator 3.b. | 8 | THE CHAIR: The motion by Commissioner |
| 9 | And we talked about this yesterday. There | 9 | Gipson, a second by Commissioner Carrillo. If |
| 10 | were just the two changes that -- | 10 | there's no further discussion, Commissioner Beck. |
| 11 | MS. JULIA BARNES: 3.b. is the | 11 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. |
| 12 | organization indicator. That's what those documents | 12 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. |
| 13 | go to. They are the compliance document in the | 13 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. |
| 14 | performance framework, all 3.b. | 14 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. |
| 15 | THE CHAIR: Yeah. | 15 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt. |
| 16 | MS. JULIA BARNES: Commissioner Burt, you | 16 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes. |
| 17 | had asked for them to be in one document. But I | 17 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis. |
| 18 | couldn't get Excel and Word to, like, talk to each | 18 | COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes. |
| 19 | other; so there's -- | 19 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner |
| 20 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Is there one in | 20 | Clahchischilliage. |
| 21 | particular we should be looking at rather than the | 21 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes. |
| 22 | other one? | 22 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Ingham. |
| 23 | MS. JULIA BARNES: No, they are -- they | 23 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. |
| 24 | are both needed. So there's two pages to the Excel | 24 | SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo. |
| 25 | spreadsheet and one Word document that create the | 25 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. |
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| 1 | documentation for the compliance organization | 1 | SECRETARY BECK: Chair Gipson. |
| 2 | indicator. | 2 | THE CHAIR: Yes. |
| 3 | And the draft motion references -- let me | 3 | SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes. |
| 4 | see -- Documents 4.a. (verbatim) and b. in the | 4 | There are nine votes for and zero votes against. |
| 5 | document materials. | 5 | The motion passes. |
| 6 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Would you add in there | 6 | THE CHAIR: Item No. 15 are the two |
| 7 | that they should be combined? | 7 | changes that we made to footnotes on the performance |
| 8 | THE CHAIR: In the motion? | 8 | framework. So, once again, they weren't substantial |
| 9 | MS. JULIA BARNES: I said that the CSD can | 9 | changes. It was the two changes, really. The one |
| 10 | finalize the documents. | 10 | about the mission-specific goal. |
| 11 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Like, can it be | 11 | But if there's no further discussion, I |
| 12 | clarified that they should be combined into one | 12 | move that the PEC adopt the documentation clarifying |
| 13 | document? We don't want it to stay separate. | 13 | the Academic Performance Framework, identified as |
| 14 | MS. JULIA BARNES: We can combine them | 14 | Document 15 in the documents materials, and direct |
| 15 | into a PDF. | 15 | the Charter School Division to finalize the document |
| 16 | COMMISSIONER BURT: You can even take -- | 16 | and post the updated document to the website. |
| 17 | we're talking about just formatting. It doesn't | 17 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Second. |
| 18 | have to be -- the instructions don't have to be on | 18 | THE CHAIR: There's a motion by |
| 19 | an Excel sheet. They can be rewritten. | 19 | Commissioner Gipson, a second by Commissioner |
| 20 | I just want to make sure that that's -- | 20 | Taylor. |
| 21 | like, we're -- like, that's -- they need to be | 21 | Commissioner Beck? |
| 22 | combined. I don't care how the technology of it | 22 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Ingham. |
| 23 | happens. | 23 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. |
| 24 | MS. JULIA BARNES: It's there. | 24 | SECRETARY BECK: Chair Gipson. |
| 25 | THE CHAIR: So I am going to move that the | 25 | THE CHAIR: Yes. |


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| 1 | SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo. | 1 | document. That's for the reviewers. It's not |
| 2 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. | 2 | for -- |
| 3 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. | 3 | THE CHAIR: So let me just -- because I'm |
| 4 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. | 4 | just going to ask. I'm just trying to think if it |
| 5 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner | 5 | would be helpful if an applicant saw that feedback |
| 6 | Clahchischilliage. | 6 | form, because -- I don't know. I'm just asking. I |
| 7 | COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes. | 7 | don't mind if it is or isn't. It doesn't matter to |
| 8 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis. | 8 | me. |
| 9 | COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes. | 9 | I don't know if it would be in any way |
| 10 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. | 10 | helpful for -- because the applicants see the |
| 11 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. | 11 | rubrics for the application ahead of time. So |
| 12 | SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt. | 12 | that's kind of consistent. But, honestly -- |
| 13 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes. | 13 | COMMISSIONER BURT: The only reason I'm |
| 14 | SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes. | 14 | thinking maybe it shouldn't is I wouldn't want to |
| 15 | There are nine votes for and zero votes | 15 | have anyone think of the NOI having any barrier to |
| 16 | against. The motion passes. | 16 | entry. And so that's the only thing, is, like, if |
| 17 | THE CHAIR: And we are now on to Item | 17 | they're, like, "Oh, I'm -- maybe I'm not good enough |
| 18 | No. 16, which is Discussion and Possible Action on | 18 | to do that" -- I don't know. Like, it feels like |
| 19 | the Notice of Intent Feedback Form and the FAQ | 19 | maybe it's, like -- like, we're doing this as a |
| 20 | Document. | 20 | friendly thing afterwards. |
| 21 | And this is what we discussed, and this is | 21 | So I feel like giving it to them before |
| 22 | our third reading of it for us to vote on. Julia. | 22 | may put this weird pressure that we're not trying to |
| 23 | MS. JULIA BARNES: I just had a question | 23 | do. But I feel it's going to feel implied, like |
| 24 | about the drafting of the second part of the motion, | 24 | that the NOI is a little bit more pressurized than |
| 25 | if that's the way you want it to read, about the | 25 | it is. |
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| 1 | person who would -- you could just, say, identify a | 1 | Like, there is no rating. But if I see a |
| 2 | person who could complete the form. | 2 | rubric of any kind, even if it doesn't say "rubric," |
| 3 | THE CHAIR: I thought we had talked about | 3 | it says "feedback form," I'm going to kind of take |
| 4 | the fact that this would be the first piece of the | 4 | it as a rubric, because I don't know. I don't have |
| 5 | independent reviewers that would be hired. But I | 5 | a relationship with the PEC yet. I'm brand new to |
| 6 | don't know if that process is going to be done | 6 | doing this, possibly. |
| 7 | quickly enough to get that done. So this is what | 7 | So, to me, it may lead to people saying, |
| 8 | I'm asking. | 8 | "Maybe I shouldn't even put in an NOI." I don't |
| 9 | Does it have to be a contractor? I don't | 9 | know. It just doesn't seem necessary. |
| 10 | think it does. So I think as long as it's | 10 | THE CHAIR: I'm just kind of wondering |
| 11 | identified who's going to be doing it -- but, I | 11 | if -- are applicants -- so I guess the question is |
| 12 | mean, I'm fine if "or contractor," if CSD somehow | 12 | would an applicant, after the NOI was in, are we |
| 13 | decided they needed someone to do it, if that | 13 | going to even indicate that there's going to be |
| 14 | flexibility is in there. But I don't think it's | 14 | feedback back to them? Because are they going to be |
| 15 | necessary to have "contractor" in there. I don't | 15 | surprised if, all of a sudden, then they get this |
| 16 | know. | 16 | feedback form? |
| 17 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: I believe that | 17 | So could -- should it just be going |
| 18 | Ms. Brown and I can do that. | 18 | forward, some indication to the NO--- applicants |
| 19 | THE CHAIR: Or identify the person and | 19 | that feedback will be provided? I don't -- you |
| 20 | that's it. Yeah. Okay. | 20 | know, I don't want someone to say, "Oh, I didn't |
| 21 | Are we good? | 21 | expect this." But I also get what you're saying. |
| 22 | Commissioner Burt? | 22 | COMMISSIONER BURT: I mean, all of them |
| 23 | COMMISSIONER BURT: So the only thing that | 23 | this year will say that. "We weren't expecting |
| 24 | I was -- the feedback form, I don't think, needs to | 24 | this." |
| 25 | be posted online. But that's more of an internal | 25 | So I don't know. Like, to me, it's just |


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| 1 | like we kind to keep it, like, low-key and minimal. | 1 | Taylor. |
| 2 | I feel like any kind of -- I think it's a bonus more | 2 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I have a question |
| 3 | than anything. So I don't mind if they didn't | 3 | about -- |
| 4 | expect it and, like, "Oh, bonus." | 4 | THE CHAIR: Sure. |
| 5 | THE CHAIR: Unless it's not great. | 5 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Should we say |
| 6 | Missy, did you want to say something? | 6 | January of 2024? Should we put "2024"? I mean, |
| 7 | MS. MISSY BROWN: So the question is do | 7 | we're not going to change this next year, are we? |
| 8 | you put the blank form on the NOI Information page | 8 | Just eliminate 2024, and that way, we don't have |
| 9 | of the website? We could just put language saying, | 9 | to -- |
| 10 | you know, "The NOI form, due on the second Tuesday | 10 | THE CHAIR: I will accept that. Okay. |
| 11 | of January. And applicants will receive feedback." | 11 | SECRETARY BECK: Don't we have to vote? |
| 12 | THE CHAIR: That's the ideal, yeah. Okay. | 12 | THE CHAIR: Assuming everyone's voting |
| 13 | So we'll leave out that piece. | 13 | yes. |
| 14 | Anything else? Okay. | 14 | SECRETARY BECK: We can do that, because |
| 15 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: I guess my | 15 | she's gone. |
| 16 | question is do you all, then, need to see that | 16 | THE CHAIR: Completely logged off? Great. |
| 17 | completed form? | 17 | Sorry, Melissa, I didn't mean that. |
| 18 | No? Okay. | 18 | So, Commissioners, all in favor? |
| 19 | THE CHAIR: As we said yesterday, no. So | 19 | (Commissioners so indicate.) |
| 20 | we're fine with that. | 20 | THE CHAIR: Opposed? |
| 21 | Right. They're not part of us, so we | 21 | (No response.) |
| 22 | don't need to see that. That also includes it | 22 | THE CHAIR: Hearing no opposition, the |
| 23 | doesn't anywhere get part of the application | 23 | motion passes. |
| 24 | paperwork that comes in. It just stays on record | 24 | We are now on to Item No. 17, which is |
| 25 | with -- with you folks, and that's it, you know. | 25 | Discussion and Possible Action on Scheduling Renewal |
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| 1 | But I think there would have to be some | 1 | Hearings and Document Submissions for Contract |
| 2 | kind of -- I don't know. So what happens if an | 2 | Amendments. |
| 3 | applicant then references it when we're having | 3 | Yeah. |
| 4 | community input hearings or whatever? | 4 | MS. JULIA BARNES: So on the renewal |
| 5 | I guess that's on them, you know. They | 5 | hearings, I just thought it made some sense, because |
| 6 | can say what they want to say about it. Okay. And | 6 | if the schools are going to be agreeing to submit |
| 7 | there's CSD folks there, so they could say | 7 | early in September for a November hearing, to go |
| 8 | something. | 8 | ahead and identify those clearly in the record and |
| 9 | Okay. Thanks. All right. | 9 | then those that are going to be submitting in |
| 10 | So I move that the PEC adopt the Notice of | 10 | October. And then you need to add the calendar |
| 11 | Intent feedback form and Frequently Asked Question | 11 | date. So I thought it was probably worth a motion. |
| 12 | document identified as Document 16.a. and b. in the | 12 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: So what you have -- |
| 13 | document materials and direct the Charter Schools | 13 | it's not up there. What we have in our Google Drive |
| 14 | Division to finalize the document, post the | 14 | is the -- is the updated calendar. It looks the |
| 15 | Frequently Asked Question document to the website, | 15 | same to me. |
| 16 | and identify that feedback will be provided. | 16 | (Off-mic discussion.) |
| 17 | Oh, yes. I'm sorry. I thought that was | 17 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: What will update it? |
| 18 | the piece about the -- I further move that the | 18 | THE CHAIR: The motion updates it. |
| 19 | Charter School Division identify a person who can | 19 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Got it. Okay. |
| 20 | complete the feedback form as soon as practical for | 20 | THE CHAIR: The motion language updates |
| 21 | each group that provided a Notice of Intent to the | 21 | it. |
| 22 | PEC in January 2024. | 22 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Got it. Is there |
| 23 | COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Second. | 23 | any -- do I have to list all the schools? I'm happy |
| 24 | THE CHAIR: There's a motion by | 24 | to -- yeah, I do, whatever -- make the motion. |
| 25 | Commissioner Gipson, a second by Commissioner | 25 | Is any other -- anybody want to chitchat |


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| 1 | about it? Great. |  | quick. |
| 2 | SECRETARY BECK: It's your world. | 2 | I think many of you have met Jorge, who is |
| 3 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Okay. So renewal | 3 | the newest member of the CSD team. And the other |
| 4 | hearings and calendar changes. | 4 | positions that are open, for the PEC Liaison, for |
| 5 | I move that the PEC identify the following | 5 | the data analyst position, for the ed admin |
| 6 | renewal hearing schedule for schools reviewing in | 6 | supervisor position, and for another Ed Admin A in |
| 7 | 2024. | 7 | our -- on our authorizing team are all posted and |
| 8 | On September -- on September 1st, 2024, | 8 | applications have been requested. |
| 9 | Renewal Submittal, November Hearings, we have: 21 st | 9 | So in the next few weeks, we will be very |
| 10 | Century Public Academy, ACES Technical Charter | 10 | busy interviewing people, and hopefully by the March |
| 11 | School, Albuquerque School of Excellence, Amy Biehl | 11 | meeting, you'll get to meet some other new staff |
| 12 | High School, Las Montañas Charter High School, the | 12 | members. |
| 13 | Albuquerque Sign Language Academy, the MASTERS | 13 | I'm also talking to PED about the two |
| 14 | Program. | 14 | staff members that I currently supervise that are |
| 15 | For October 1, 2024, Renewal Submittal, | 15 | ESSER-funded, to move them over to charter 2 percent |
| 16 | December Hearings, we have: The Albuquerque | 16 | funding and have their work focus on charter |
| 17 | Bilingual Academy, Albuquerque Institute for Math | 17 | schools. They already are helping with a lot of |
| 18 | and Sciences, Aldo Leopold Charter School, the DEAP | 18 | things that the Charter Schools Division does. |
| 19 | School -- I wish I could pronounce that -- Monte del | 19 | Ted has been helping with planning the |
| 20 | Sol Charter School, Sandoval Academy of Bilingual | 20 | conference. We've had a couple of really great |
| 21 | Education, South Valley Preparatory School, Taos | 21 | meetings on conference planning. You-all have the |
| 22 | Integrated School of the Arts, the ASK Academy, the | 22 | Save The Date. Take some with you before you leave. |
| 23 | Montessori Elementary and Middle School, | 23 | Please pass them around, make sure that you're |
| 24 | Tierra Adentro of New Mexico, The School of | 24 | coming. Let me know how you-all want to push into |
| 25 | Academics, Arts, and Artesanía, Tierra Encantada | 25 | the conference, if you want a session. |
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| 1 | Charter School, and Turquoise Trail Charter School, | 1 | We're getting ready to send out calls for |
| 2 | and add the following dates to the PEC calendar. | 2 | presenters. We like to hear from other charter |
| 3 | On October 9, 2024, 1:30 p.m., a virtual | 3 | leaders, and they enjoy hearing from each other. |
| 4 | PEC meeting to collect questions from PEC members on | 4 | The feedback that we got from last |
| 5 | renewal applications to be heard in November. And | 5 | conference was really positive. It had sessions to |
| 6 | this would be on November 12, 13, and 14, 2024, PEC | 6 | address the interests of all entities, all |
| 7 | renewal hearing dates. | 7 | stakeholders, all people at the schools, from the |
| 8 | SECRETARY BECK: I second. | 8 | governing board members who can earn credit, to |
| 9 | THE CHAIR: There's a motion by | 9 | teachers who are talking about how they do a math |
| 10 | Commissioner Carrillo and a second by Commissioner | 10 | lesson. |
| 11 | Beck. | 11 | So we still intend to organize the |
| 12 | Is there any discussion? | 12 | conference that way. |
| 13 | (No response.) | 13 | We also would be welcome to hearing other |
| 14 | THE CHAIR: All in favor? | 4 | suggested speakers. Please let us know. |
| 15 | (Commissioners so indicate.) | 15 | So we're working carefully on that. |
| 16 | THE CHAIR: Opposed? | 16 | I just wanted to give a big shout-out to |
| 17 | (No response.) | 17 | the authorizing team -- I think somebody said it |
| 18 | THE CHAIR: Hearing no opposition, the | 18 | earlier, but I don't think it was on the record -- |
| 19 | motion passes. | 19 | the authorizing team, who has been working really |
| 20 | And, actually, Item No. 18, we determined | 20 | hard to get these annual reports to you, to hear |
| 21 | yesterday we don't need anything. So there's | 21 | back from the schools and correct any inaccuracies, |
| 22 | nothing to do with Item No. 18. | 22 | at the same time a pretty heavy schedule of site |
| 23 | So Item No. 19, report from the Charter | 23 | visits, pretty much Monday through Thursday in |
| 24 | Schools Division. | 24 | schools, just doing a bang-up job. Really proud of |
| 25 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: I'll make this | 25 | them. Really proud of all of the technical |


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| 1 | assistance work that happens. | 1 | to publish the next iteration of the charter schools |
| 2 | And, you know, we're reading -- no, not | 2 | newsletter. Chair Gipson, if you'd like to |
| 3 | me -- but members of the RFP committee are reading | 3 | contribute, I think the deadline I've been |
| 4 | offers. I understand that we received four, I don't | 4 | communicated is Tuesday. |
| 5 | know from who. I don't know anything else about it. | 5 | I know. I know that's really quick. But |
| 6 | I am really not involved, and neither is Deputy | 6 | things are fresh in your mind. And so let me know |
| 7 | Director Russell. | 7 | how I can help facilitate that. |
| 8 | But there is an evaluation committee. | 8 | SECRETARY BECK: I just wanted to say a |
| 9 | Jessica is heading up the work to make sure that we | 9 | quick thing on the RFP. A shout-out to Jessica |
| 10 | are going to review and follow whatever process. | 10 | Juarez, who helped guide me through it, because it's |
| 11 | I'm sure Commissioner Beck would have more to say on | 11 | really -- can be quite confusing. So a shout-out to |
| 12 | that. | 12 | her for her help. |
| 13 | SECRETARY BECK: Yeah. We're going to | 13 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Thank you, |
| 14 | have a four-hour meeting going over our individual | 14 | Commissioner Beck. I would be remiss to not thank |
| 15 | evaluations Tuesday morning at 8:00. And then the | 15 | both Jessica and Samantha, who have really been |
| 16 | actual oral presentations, once we decide on the | 16 | trying to get your travel in order. And I think you |
| 17 | finalists, will be done a week later on the 27th. | 17 | see progress with the reports that you have in your |
| 18 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Carrillo. | 18 | hands today. |
| 19 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Where is the | 19 | So thanks to them. |
| 20 | conference? | 20 | And the final thing is before we leave, |
| 21 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: The conference | 21 | can I find out who intends to go to Chicago? |
| 22 | will be at the Clyde Hotel in Albuquerque, downtown | 22 | THE CHAIR: So I don't have any additional |
| 23 | Albuquerque. People want it to be in Albuquerque. | 23 | update on school issues beyond Alma. So we've had |
| 24 | It's convenient. We're hoping a lot of board | 24 | that discussion. So nothing else has been brought |
| 25 | members get their hours. And so that's where it is. | 25 | to my attention. So happy days. |
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| 1 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Something about | 1 | I did want to -- there's a number of us |
| 2 | Clydesdales? | 2 | that have been involved in the Indicators of |
| 3 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: No, it's called | 3 | Distress work, which this cohort is just beginning. |
| 4 | the Clyde Hotel. It recently changed its name. I | 4 | And I know Commissioner Manis indicated that he was |
| 5 | can't remember what it used to be called. Yeah, the | 5 | interested in participating in that. So there's two |
| 6 | Hyatt. | 6 | things related to that. |
| 7 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: It's the Doubletree, | 7 | There is -- and asking -- did you receive |
| 8 | I believe. | 8 | the e-mail from Aimee, which has the homework in it? |
| 9 | (Off-mic discussion.) | 9 | It's A-i-m-e-e. If you didn't, we have to. Because |
| 10 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: I stand corrected. | 10 | we're going to have to schedule some time so that we |
| 11 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Okay. I know where | 11 | can do that; okay? |
| 12 | you're talking about now. I thought it was that | 12 | So that's -- I'm going to ask |
| 13 | other one. | 13 | Commissioners so that we can get together for that. |
| 14 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Final thing I | 14 | There is another meeting virtually of the |
| 15 | want to say about La Tierra is at this moment, I am | 15 | cohort for Indicators of Distress, and then the |
| 16 | compiling information so I can tell you what it cost | 16 | third is the convening in Chicago for that. So |
| 17 | to close the school. And so that information -- | 17 | that's -- that sits outside what the A-GAME does. |
| 18 | we're still collecting information from the school's | 18 | So the A-GAME hosts the conference. They're |
| 19 | former business manager and internal folks at the | 19 | convening -- called a conference -- they're |
| 20 | PED. | 20 | convening in Chicago. |
| 21 | But I know what our share has been for | 21 | And I hadn't seen anything. So I honestly |
| 22 | scanning and for contractors to dispose of assets. | 22 | have no idea what is going on in regards to that |
| 23 | So I thought you'd want to wait for that to get | 23 | conference, because I haven't seen an agenda. |
| 24 | something in writing. | 24 | Have you seen an agenda? |
| 25 | And one more thing. We are getting ready | 25 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Not an agenda. But if |


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| 1 | you -- the A-GAME Convening we went to in Denver | 1 | But the A-GAME is covering that Thursday |
| 2 | last year, it's going to be like that. So it was -- | 2 | night's hotel. Thursday night. Because it ends, |
| 3 | day one is going to be A-GAME Convening. And I | 3 | like, at noon on Friday. So the expectation is |
| 4 | think it's going to be similar to what we | 4 | you're leaving Friday. |
| 5 | experienced in Denver, just the next version of it. | 5 | But I'm going to -- I know, for me, I've |
| 6 | But the Indicators of Distress meeting is that | 6 | checked flights, and I can't get in. I have to come |
| 7 | Friday morning from, like, 9:00 to noon for | 7 | in Wednesday afternoon to be able to be there for |
| 8 | Indicators of Distress. | 8 | the registration on Thursday. |
| 9 | But I think they'll also have A-GAME | 9 | No. The registration is -- does it start |
| 10 | sessions during that time as well. | 10 | early on Thursday? Honestly, I looked -- |
| 11 | THE CHAIR: Right. | 11 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: I haven't seen an |
| 12 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: This is May 2nd | 12 | agenda. But my wonder is if we could pick a date by |
| 13 | and 3rd. | 13 | which people let us know so that we can pay for |
| 14 | THE CHAIR: Correct. So if Commissioners | 14 | everybody's registration with one voucher. |
| 15 | are familiar with -- because I have attended a | 15 | THE CHAIR: Isn't that the registration? |
| 16 | number of the virtual sessions of the A-GAME over | 16 | It doesn't start till, like, noon; right? It |
| 17 | the past couple of years. I unfortunately had to | 17 | doesn't actually start till, like, 11:00 or 12:00. |
| 18 | miss Wednesday because I was driving up and I was on | 18 | But I can't get a flight in that will get me in |
| 19 | a phone call, so I missed Naomi's session on | 19 | until, like, 1:00 in the afternoon. So I have to |
| 20 | Wednesday. | 20 | come in Wednesday. |
| 21 | So if you're familiar with that -- and | 21 | I'm going to ask anyone else that wants to |
| 22 | most of the people that are there are people that | 22 | go, you make the decision by the middle of next |
| 23 | have actively worked with the A-GAME group, which we | 23 | week; okay? So let Corina or let me know that |
| 24 | have through the performance framework. | 24 | you -- I'm sorry. |
| 25 | So we're asking Commissioners at this | 25 | (Off-mic discussion.) |
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| 1 | point in time. I think everyone that's in the | 1 | THE CHAIR: Yeah. For me it doesn't make |
| 2 | cohort for Indicators of Distress have already | 2 | any sense to drive. I can actually get a direct |
| 3 | registered. So we're set. | 3 | flight in on Wednesday afternoon. No, actually, |
| 4 | The only thing that we need to check is to | 4 | from United. Yeah. Yeah. So that's what I'm going |
| 5 | see if -- I know you registered early. I registered | 5 | to do, because anything on Thursday, even the direct |
| 6 | early. And I think Corina registered early, because | 6 | flights are late. So I can't get in. |
| 7 | NACSA is paying the registration fees -- oh, I | 7 | Okay. So everyone will let us know by |
| 8 | thought it was for anyone. | 8 | Tuesday so that -- by Wednesday, so that for the EC |
| 9 | COMMISSIONER BURT: No. So there was -- | 9 | meeting, we'll know -- we'll have it clarified. |
| 10 | they'll pay for 50-max members, but one from each | 10 | It's -- once again, it's all authorizers. |
| 11 | organization. It's one of those. But they said to | 11 | So it's really good conversation with people from |
| 12 | look out for an invoice. So I'm assuming whoever is | 12 | all around the country. You know, what are you |
| 13 | going to get zeroed out will get an invoice that | 13 | doing? It's often an affirmation of, wow, you know, |
| 14 | says zero. And the rest of us will get $\$ 299$ bills. | 14 | we're really doing -- you know, and people say, wow, |
| 15 | THE CHAIR: Let's go on the assumption | 15 | you do that? |
| 16 | it's just easier to, obviously, arrange your own | 16 | So it's really -- but it's -- it is that |
| 17 | travel. I know for me, I have to come in the night | 17 | networking. And the conversation that goes on about |
| 18 | before. | 18 | why do you do this? Not in the -- because a lot of |
| 19 | So what is covered by A-GAME is the one | 19 | it is small group work. It's not -- at least last |
| 20 | night's hotel. But I think most of us have to go in | 20 | year, they were in very small rooms, so you were |
| 21 | the night before, because I know I can't get a | 21 | divided out. If you didn't get into the session |
| 22 | flight in and be there in time for the start on | 22 | early enough, you were locked out, because that's |
| 23 | Thursday from where I am. I just can't. So I'm | 23 | how small the rooms were. |
| 24 | going in the night before. So that will be | 24 | But that makes it really, to me, helpful |
| 25 | reimbursed through our -- our reimbursement. | 25 | because you're not just in a mass room listening to |


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| 1 | someone up front. It's very hands-on, most of the | 1 | Jorge graduated from a charter school in California. |
| 2 | sessions. So it's -- I'm sorry. | 2 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Great. |
| 3 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Where in Chicago? | 3 | THE CHAIR: Thanks for all the help. |
| 4 | THE CHAIR: It's right in the heart of | 4 | Thank you for all the help today, and good luck with |
| 5 | downtown, I believe -- I believe -- yeah, it's -- I | 5 | us moving forward. That's all I'm going to say, you |
| 6 | forget the name of the hotel. | 6 | know? If you're gone Monday, we fully understand. |
| 7 | Okay. So please let us know if you're | 7 | Okay. And, Missy, Matt is on. So if you |
| 8 | interested in going. | 8 | could promote Matt, we have the report from Public |
| 9 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: And, Chair Gipson, | 9 | Charter Schools of New Mexico. |
| 10 | really quickly, I know that Jorge came down to -- to | 10 | MS. MISSY BROWN: Matt has left the |
| 11 | meet us and so we could introduce him. So you're | 11 | building. |
| 12 | down here, so I didn't want you just sitting back | 12 | THE CHAIR: Oh, okay. |
| 13 | there. | 13 | MS. MISSY BROWN: I don't see Wayne, |
| 14 | Come up here, if you would. Tell us all | 14 | Valerie, or Matt anymore. Is he by phone? |
| 15 | about your life and what brought you to PED and -- | 15 | Matt, you have speaking permission. |
| 16 | yeah -- and how do you keep your sneakers so white? | 16 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Now to unmute. |
| 17 | You just have to push the green button. | 17 | MR. MATT PAHL: How about now? Can you |
| 18 | Sorry to do that to you, brother. | 18 | hear me? |
| 19 | MR. JORGE GONZALES: All good. Nice to | 19 | MS. MISSY BROWN: Yes, we can. |
| 20 | meet you all. My name is Jorge Gonzales. I'm | 20 | MR. MATT PAHL: Oh, great. Okay. Hi, |
| 21 | from -- oh, man, what's up? I'm from California. | 21 | everybody. |
| 22 | Just moved here a couple of years ago, and I'm | 22 | Thanks for -- thank you for promoting me. |
| 23 | working for PED now. Yeah. | 23 | I like that language. I haven't been promoted in a |
| 24 | What do you guys want to know? | 24 | while. Thank you. |
| 25 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: First, I want to | 25 | A couple of notes just from us. We did |
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| 1 | know where in California. | 1 | hire a new CSP grant manager. His name is Chris |
| 2 | MR. JORGE GONZALES: I was born in the | 2 | Narkun. He's managed federal grants before. He |
| 3 | San Fernando Valley, lived in Sylmar all my life. | 3 | also works at the Public Ed Department both in the |
| 4 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Cool. I'm from | 4 | policy division and the operations space. So really |
| 5 | Southern California. I'm from the other side of the | 5 | excited to welcome Chris and really excited to have |
| 6 | mountain, from (inaudible) in LA Proper. I'm a snob | 6 | some extra horsepower on this grant. There's a lot |
| 7 | about that in terms of being LA Proper. That's | 7 | to work on to get set up. |
| 8 | cool. What brought you to New Mexico? | 8 | We did have our initial kind of |
| 9 | MR. JORGE GONZALES: Job opportunities. | 9 | introductory webinar at the end of January. Then we |
| 10 | You guys have a lot more job opportunities for the | 10 | move into a pre-application webinar at the end of |
| 11 | state. Everything pays better. | 11 | the month. That is really just going to go one step |
| 12 | Over there, it's pretty hard to even get a | 12 | deeper. And then once we get into our application |
| 13 | job at Target or something. A lot of competition | 13 | actually being approved by the feds, we will have a |
| 14 | compared to over here. | 14 | much more in-depth training on how to do that for |
| 15 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Holy smokes. We're | 15 | schools that are interested and have met their |
| 16 | glad you came. | 16 | eligibility criteria. So we're excited about that. |
| 17 | What are you going to be doing again? | 17 | As you know, Session just ended. A couple |
| 18 | MR. JORGE GONZALES: IT and user support | 18 | of thoughts: House Bill 207 did pass both chambers. |
| 19 | for half, and for the IT division downstairs. | 19 | That changed lease assistance from a "may" to a |
| 20 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Okay. Welcome. I'm | 20 | "shall." We are hopeful that the Governor signs |
| 21 | Steve, by the way. Santa Fe, Rio Arriba, and Taos | 21 | that. |
| 22 | counties to the Colorado border. | 22 | It does a lot. One small word change does |
| 23 | SECRETARY BECK: Tim, District 2. And you | 23 | a lot for our schools, especially on financing of |
| 24 | saved my phone. Thank you. | 24 | long-term homes for themselves. SJR 9 did not go |
| 25 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Real quickly, | 25 | further than House Education. I know we were all |


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| 1 | tracking that. We're looking forward to some | 1 | Item No. c. was requested as a -- from Commissioners |
| 2 | conversations in the interim to help people | 2 | last month, just for a reminder to Commissioners |
| 3 | understand what our opposition was about, which | 3 | that if you are visiting a school that's outside of |
| 4 | really only had to do with the authorizing space and | 4 | your district, that you give a notice to the |
| 5 | not the governance space at the SEA [ph] level. So | 5 | Commissioner whose district you're in that you're |
| 6 | I think we'll be hearing more about that. | 6 | going to be visiting, and if the Commissioner wants |
| 7 | We also successfully reduced the storage | 7 | to be there, he or she can be there. But just a |
| 8 | requirement for the new governing board training law | 8 | courtesy that, "I'm going to be at the school." |
| 9 | that was passed, which that was really our schools' | 9 | SECRETARY BECK: And I think we talked |
| 10 | biggest gripe was paying for that storage, those | 10 | about make sure the school knows that you're coming. |
| 11 | meetings that you all could attest to if you knew | 11 | THE CHAIR: You're right. Thank you for |
| 12 | how many megabytes this meeting alone was, you know. | 12 | reminding me of that. Right, that we're -- you |
| 13 | That's -- our governance council meetings | 13 | know, schools always want us to be there. But we |
| 14 | aren't that long. But it's just something for us to | 14 | all have bad days. And, you know, that surprise, |
| 15 | be mindful of. And Senator Stewart did oblige to | 15 | "Here I am at the door," and some schools, it may be |
| 16 | move it from storing recordings from five years to | 16 | difficult. |
| 17 | three years. So excited about that. | 17 | So Commissioners had asked that the call |
| 18 | We are hosting a legislative recap session | 18 | even -- that the call be made to the school and say, |
| 19 | for members on March 19th. Not a lot of bills this | 19 | "You know, I'd like to come visit," unless there's |
| 20 | session, which was great, because I think it'll give | 20 | been the invite by the school, you know. Then |
| 21 | our schools some time to do some workshopping | 21 | that's no problem. |
| 22 | together, maybe on issues that were only adjacent to | 22 | But if you -- if you'd like to go and see |
| 23 | what's been recently passed but are burning. | 23 | a school and really have the opportunity to have the |
| 24 | As everybody knows, we are waiting on a | 24 | conversation with the folks that you want to, the |
| 25 | calendar rule. And I'd say out of this legislative | 25 | school should have an opportunity to be -- to be |
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| 1 | session, that would probably be -- the biggest | 1 | ready for that in case it's not a great day, or, you |
| 2 | concern right now is the calendar rule and the fact | 2 | know, everyone has different calendars, too. |
| 3 | that the budget didn't accommodate big changes in | 3 | SECRETARY BECK: Just really quickly. |
| 4 | calendar. | 4 | Sandia High School was less than a mile from the APS |
| 5 | So we're closely watching that and, | 5 | headquarters. And we were blessed all the time with |
| 6 | really, depending on the content of the rule, will | 6 | surprise visits from Scott Elder, and our |
| 7 | tell us how we did on the budget. But generally | 7 | administration would freak out. |
| 8 | speaking, education budget didn't move like it used | 8 | Scott was a principal here, and he knew |
| 9 | to. | 9 | the administration and all that stuff. So, again, |
| 10 | We had an LSC rec, an LESC rec, and a rec | 10 | that sense of freak-out from Scott being there; so I |
| 11 | from the executive. And the budget that ended up | 11 | get it. |
| 12 | passing was lower than all three of those recs, | 12 | THE CHAIR: Sometimes you're a school that |
| 13 | which very rarely happens. So it's just -- I think | 13 | superintendents like to highlight. It's, like, "Oh, |
| 14 | we'll all be watching this budget situation here, | 14 | let's just go see this school." And they think you |
| 15 | and we'll keep you apprised of any real elements | 15 | are -- yeah. People get into a routine for the day. |
| 16 | that come up or those conditions that really make | 16 | And sometimes that routine gets a little, you know, |
| 17 | this budget challenging. | 17 | broken up. And it just -- it's just courtesy, yeah. |
| 18 | And then as I mentioned at the work | 18 | So just please keep that in mind. |
| 19 | session, December 11th through the 13th will be our | 19 | COMMISSIONER BURT: Really quick. |
| 20 | annual conference at Tamaya. So excited to have | 20 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I like to give them |
| 21 | you-all there and host your meeting. We will get | 21 | time to plan a parade. |
| 22 | that figured out and some information back to you in | 22 | COMMISSIONER BURT: So if anybody goes to |
| 23 | the next month or two here. So that is it from | 23 | my schools, you don't have to tell me. I don't |
| 24 | PCSNM. | 24 | care. If they're in my district, I don't care. You |
| 25 | THE CHAIR: Thank you so much. I think | 25 | just do what you want. |


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| 1 | I don't know if I'm super -- they're | 1 | there as the grandfather. |
| 2 | public schools. I can literally go talk to a | 2 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Well, that's true at |
| 3 | principal -- like, if -- I don't know. I don't know | 3 | that school. |
| 4 | if I'm of the same opinion, necessarily. | 4 | THE CHAIR: That is not ever, ever |
| 5 | And so I think -- if I know that other of | 5 | contemplated, that, you know, if you've -- you know. |
| 6 | you guys want to know if I ever go visit another | 6 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: I guess what I |
| 7 | school, then I'll happily do that for you guys. But | 7 | appreciate is what Bekka said, that her schools, |
| 8 | I don't know if it's -- I don't think it's right to | 8 | she's not concerned with that. I have -- Melissa is |
| 9 | have, like, an ownership thing when we have a couple | 9 | going to be the one that I'm going to have the most |
| 10 | of Commissioners that have no schools in their | 10 | interface with her schools. And I'm not really sure |
| 11 | district. | 11 | I know how to get ahold of her at the right time. |
| 12 | But they're all of your schools, and | 12 | So I will try to make sure I have |
| 13 | they're all our kids. And, I mean, I don't mind | 13 | everybody's phone with me. Those are the schools |
| 14 | giving a courtesy notice to any Commissioner who | 14 | I'm driving by. What happens to me is I'm driving |
| 15 | wants it. But I also don't mind popping into | 15 | by and go, "Okay, I want to be there." |
| 16 | schools, either. | 16 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: The challenge is |
| 17 | Sometimes that happens. Like, I'm in a | 17 | with, like, Tierra Encantada, I talked to Danny days |
| 18 | place in town I have an extra hour, I want to be | 18 | in advance. They were available to slot out time. |
| 19 | able to go to a school that's nearby. | 19 | They're busy. Charter leaders are way more busy |
| 20 | And I think most charter leaders | 20 | than normal superintendents. |
| 21 | appreciate that more than they would be, like -- I | 21 | And I just -- and it was nice that way, |
| 22 | mean, if you come in and you're critical of them, | 22 | because they're always going to be in the middle of |
| 23 | then, yeah, you're going to leave them with a bad | 23 | something. That's all. Yeah. |
| 24 | impression. But if you go in and you're kind, | 24 | COMMISSIONER BURT: I just always get |
| 25 | you're not going to leave with them saying, "I can't | 25 | concerned when we're trying to impose value -- like |
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| 1 | believe they just came in without asking." | 1 | a way of doing business onto another Commissioner. |
| 2 | I'm not of the same exact opinion. Unless | 2 | We're independently elected in our district. And I |
| 3 | there's a policy opinion, I don't know if -- I don't | 3 | don't -- I think it's -- I don't really -- I -- any |
| 4 | know how I feel about this, in telling other | 4 | time we've talked about, like, how another |
| 5 | Commissioners how to do visits. | 5 | Commissioner is supposed to behave, I always kind of |
| 6 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Ingham. | 6 | push back on no, if they want to only attend on |
| 7 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yeah. I have to | 7 | Zoom, like -- I think there's a line of how a |
| 8 | second that to some degree, because I'm pretty "go | 8 | Commissioner wants to behave as an elected official, |
| 9 | with the flow." | 9 | unless it's illegal -- like, we're adults, and we |
| 10 | And, like, one of Commissioner Beck's | 10 | shouldn't be in each other's business like that. |
| 11 | schools is my grandson's school. And I'm thinking, | 11 | And so that's the only reason why I push |
| 12 | "Well, I'm there." I've taken many opportunities to | 12 | back a little bit is it gets a little too -- unless |
| 13 | talk to the principal. | 13 | there's a written policy somewhere. |
| 14 | SECRETARY BECK: I'd like you to call me | 14 | THE CHAIR: We're on to Item No. 21, which |
| 15 | every time you take your grandson to school, please. | 15 | is Update and Discussion and Possible Action on |
| 16 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: You know that's a | 16 | Legislative Actions. |
| 17 | problem, because there's -- I'm going to be at the | 17 | Well, Matt gave the update. Yes, SJR9 |
| 18 | doorstep of the school calling, you know, the | 18 | went away. But it didn't completely -- it didn't |
| 19 | Commissioner to see if it's okay if I go there. | 19 | die, you know. The sentiment is there. Excuse me? |
| 20 | THE CHAIR: That's a whole different | 20 | (Off-mic discussion.) |
| 21 | situation, you know. That's, like, saying if -- | 21 | THE CHAIR: Well, it's -- it's bipartisan. |
| 22 | Bekka's got a kid in the school, and it's not in her | 22 | It truly is. And there were a variety of reasons |
| 23 | district, it's, like, she's not calling every time. | 23 | why it didn't get -- it didn't -- so in case |
| 24 | That's a whole different scenario, because you're | 24 | Commissioners aren't aware, it was heard in House |
| 25 | not going there as the Commissioner. You're going | 25 | Education. And in House Education, the two sponsors |


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| 1 | were unable to be there the day that it was being | 1 | Ours was pretty much just to try and get our -- our |
| 2 | heard. | 2 | amendment through to them. But there was a lot of |
| 3 | So they heard all of the "for." And there | 3 | opposition, just straight-up opposition to the whole |
| 4 | was a lot, a lot of opposition. And, thank you, | 4 | idea, because it's -- |
| 5 | Commissioner Ingham for going and offering the | 5 | THE CHAIR: Well, the opposition had |
| 6 | comment in opposition. | 6 | nothing to do with us, by and large. There were a |
| 7 | And there were -- it -- you know, on the | 7 | couple of entities that expressed concern over not |
| 8 | Senate side, there was -- in-person, there was very | 8 | having a plan for charter schools. But the vast |
| 9 | little opposition. And I was -- they refused to | 9 | majority of opposition was, "This is just not a good |
| 10 | recognize me online. | 10 | idea, to restart the State Board of Education," you |
| 11 | So there were a lot of very ugly text | 11 | know. It just wasn't well planned out. |
| 12 | messages that resulted out of that. And it was | 12 | I think they got that message. And if the |
| 13 | only -- benefited me. | 13 | plan is that they do want to go forward, they're |
| 14 | So when I got to the House, I always | 14 | going to be better planned this time. So do we. So |
| 15 | appreciate Representative Romero, because he always | 15 | we need to -- I'm sorry. |
| 16 | recognizes anyone there and online, whether you're | 16 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: (Off-mic.) |
| 17 | for or against. So there was a lot of people in | 17 | THE CHAIR: They've done both times. The |
| 18 | person in opposition, and there were four or five of | 18 | LESC did an analysis two years ago of this. They |
| 19 | us. | 19 | used the exact same LESC analysis this time when |
| 20 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: But he wasn't there. | 20 | they submitted. But they did do -- LESC did do a |
| 21 | THE CHAIR: He was there by the time I | 21 | study. It wasn't -- I wouldn't say thorough. But |
| 22 | was -- online people were. Yeah, he was there. | 22 | when it was -- when they -- when they proposed it |
| 23 | Yeah, he came in. Yeah, he was there, because he | 23 | two years ago, there is an LESC study of it, yeah. |
| 24 | was the one who recognized me. | 24 | And whether they do or not is another |
| 25 | Yeah. He came in towards the end of the | 25 | story, you know. But they understand that they have |
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| 1 | hearing. So he was the one who recognized all the | 1 | to have better homework than what they had this |
| 2 | folks that were online for opposition. | 2 | time. |
| 3 | And then it was -- then it was decided | 3 | So it's -- you know, it's important, and |
| 4 | that there -- that the legislators would not have | 4 | it's something that -- you know, 60-day session, |
| 5 | any comment, because the sponsors weren't there. | 5 | legislation is being formed now for the 60-day |
| 6 | So they tabled it to Friday, and then it | 6 | session. So it's not something that you can wait |
| 7 | was never put on the Friday agenda, and it never got | 7 | on. So we'll keep you updated. |
| 8 | on House Ed, so it never got to the floor. | 8 | Item No. 23, Discussion of New Topics for |
| 9 | But there is substantial sentiment for | 9 | the Next Agenda. |
| 10 | that. So the Commission needs to be proactive with | 10 | Oh, I'm sorry. Discussion and Possible |
| 11 | this and not wait and see if another amendment gets | 11 | Action -- I don't think we -- I don't think we have |
| 12 | passed. So we will continue to update everyone, | 12 | anything for that, because no one in their reports |
| 13 | yeah. | 13 | reported anything that they're going to have to take |
| 14 | And this is a 60-day. And I think people | 14 | a vote on or anything. So Item No. 22, we don't |
| 15 | heard the opposition. But whether they understood | 15 | have anything. |
| 16 | the opposition is a different story. | 16 | So Item No. 23, Discussion of New Topics |
| 17 | So I think there's some education that | 17 | for the Next Agenda. So Commissioner Brauer. |
| 18 | needs to go on, and there's going to be a lot of | 18 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Thank you, Chair. I |
| 19 | conversations that are going to have to be | 19 | think one thing -- I'll keep this super brief. |
| 20 | coordinated. So we'll -- we'll keep everyone | 20 | But it came up again today. I think the |
| 21 | updated. | 21 | biggest injustice, outside of low expectations for |
| 22 | Commissioner Ingham. | 22 | our children, is the low expectations to get |
| 23 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: I just wanted to say | 23 | reimbursements out to schools. That fills my heart |
| 24 | there was opposition to the whole idea from quite a | 24 | with such ire that I can't even tell you how |
| 25 | few people at the education hearing, other than us. | 25 | upsetting that is to hear. And it's across the |


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| 1 | board. | 1 | nagged them severely about lease reimbursements. |
| 2 | A lot of the small districts that I work | 2 | THE CHAIR: So I guess the only |
| 3 | with that are 100 students or less, they are in the | 3 | question -- and that's your role there is to |
| 4 | same situation. And you can't carry a school that | 4 | advocate for the charter schools. So I don't think |
| 5 | way. And there's no excuse. | 5 | that's -- that's anything that needs to be taken |
| 6 | And so I do think that we need to have a | 6 | action on. |
| 7 | conversation as an agenda item in upcoming meetings | 7 | But I know as an example, when |
| 8 | on how are we working with the Secretary of | 8 | Commissioner Robbins, when the issue that would be |
| 9 | Education to really solidify a true plan to make | 9 | coming up, would be taking a stand on increase -- |
| 10 | sure that all schools across the state are receiving | 10 | because at one time, there was a battle, what the |
| 11 | timely reimbursements for things, not just lunch. | 11 | MEM was actually going to be. |
| 12 | But special education services, the title funds, any | 12 | He came back to us and asked us if we |
| 13 | of these types of funds. We have to figure that | 13 | supported the higher or what was being recommended |
| 14 | out. | 14 | by PSCOC. So that would be the only time. If it's |
| 15 | And I'll just share what makes me the most | 15 | going to come up to a vote, and there's a division |
| 16 | mad is that $\$ 4.5$ billion of our State budget goes to | 16 | in the -- in your committee, and what direction |
| 17 | this building. And I work also with the New Mexico | 17 | would you like us for you to go. Most of the time, |
| 18 | Department of Agriculture. And I can get RFRs in | 18 | we support the higher number. |
| 19 | and get that back within a week. Why can't we do | 19 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: The problem with |
| 20 | that here? | 20 | that is knowing that it's coming up the month |
| 21 | There is no excuse. It's the same DFA; | 21 | before, you know. Because sometimes these things |
| 22 | it's the same staff. It's a culture of low | 22 | come up, and I -- I only get the workbook for those |
| 23 | expectations, and we need to start to assert that | 23 | meetings, like, two days before. |
| 24 | more, because it's not just our schools. It's all | 24 | And it's difficult to just assimilate |
| 25 | schools. And we have a lot of people that would | 25 | what's on the workbook, let alone contact everybody |
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| 1 | clap behind us to make this right. | 1 | and ask, "Is it okay?" |
| 2 | And I don't know what it's going to take | 2 | So I may contact you, okay, if it comes |
| 3 | to jar this through. It's unacceptable. It's | 3 | up? |
| 4 | unacceptable. | 4 | THE CHAIR: Sure. Yeah, anytime, yeah. |
| 5 | So I would love for this to be an agenda | 5 | Okay. Sure. |
| 6 | item for ongoing months for us to kind of figure out | 6 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Right. But you |
| 7 | a good plan on that. | 7 | wanted something on? That sort of thing? Got it. |
| 8 | THE CHAIR: Yeah. Thank you. And thanks | 8 | (Conversation off-mic.) |
| 9 | for that. Because it is. It's tragic. It really | 9 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: So kind of in that |
| 10 | is. | 10 | vein. And in the vein of what Commissioner Brauer |
| 11 | Yeah. Commissioner Ingham. | 11 | said, let's start working on our what we want on the |
| 12 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yeah. Because, you | 12 | legislative session now for the 60-day. Because I |
| 13 | know, we were talking about the action to provide | 13 | know that the -- the reimbursements, nothing should |
| 14 | input on committees. | 14 | take longer than 30 days, you know, for the schools. |
| 15 | And being on the PSCOC, they are who | 15 | And -- but on the transportation side, you |
| 16 | authorizes the lease reimbursements. | 16 | know, finding a couple of reps, a couple of Senators |
| 17 | And I'm not sure. They might also have | 17 | to do something on the transportation piece, because |
| 18 | something to do with transportation. If I remember | 18 | this -- just as all public school kids are now |
| 19 | right, they buy school buses. They buy them, but I | 19 | getting a meal, they should also get a ride, you |
| 20 | don't know if they have anything to do with that. | 20 | know, to get their meal. |
| 21 | THE CHAIR: No. | 21 | Yeah. Well, tell them. Meals don't do |
| 22 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: As far as the lease | 22 | any good if you can't get there. A new slogan. |
| 23 | reimbursements, I have kind of advocated for that, | 23 | Anyway, so legislative. I would like to |
| 24 | anyway. So if I need the input -- or the | 24 | really be proactive and getting people on board for |
| 25 | authorization to talk about that to them, I have | 25 | that kind of thing. |


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| 1 | THE CHAIR: Yeah. Will do. Sure. | 1 | committed to memory? |
| 2 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: The -- never mind. | 2 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: I don't have it |
| 3 | THE CHAIR: You don't have it? | 3 | off the top of my head. |
| 4 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Don't have it. | 4 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: You don't have it |
| 5 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: You get other times | 5 | tattooed on your wrist? Text it to me or whatever. |
| 6 | to do this, too. So you don't have to get | 6 | I will try to schedule a meeting for the three or |
| 7 | everything out. | 7 | four of us. I've been lollygagging. |
| 8 | THE CHAIR: Well, when you remember it, | 8 | THE CHAIR: So do I have a motion to |
| 9 | just send an e-mail, yeah. Yeah. | 9 | adjourn? |
| 10 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: I said never mind, | 10 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Move to adjourn. |
| 11 | because I don't want -- | 11 | THE CHAIR: All in favor. |
| 12 | THE CHAIR: We are on to Item No. 24, PEC | 12 | (Commissioners so indicate.) |
| 13 | Comments. | 13 | THE CHAIR: We are adjourned. Thank you. |
| 14 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Madam Chair, I've | 14 | Safe travels. |
| 15 | just got one quick thing. You're going to like it. | 15 | (Proceedings concluded at 4:33 p.m.) |
| 16 | Madam Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, you | 16 |  |
| 17 | all did great today. And you did great yesterday. | 17 |  |
| 18 | I appreciate all the work that you've done. | 18 |  |
| 19 | I feel way over in the Northwest Territory | 19 |  |
| 20 | right now. You guys are doing great. | 20 |  |
| 21 | I also wanted to reiterate -- Southwest? | 21 |  |
| 22 | You're right. You're right. | 22 |  |
| 23 | Commissioner Beck, I wanted to reiterate | 23 |  |
| 24 | what you shared about the RFP team, Jessica, | 24 |  |
| 25 | Brigette, and now Missy, have all just done a | 25 |  |
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| 1 | stellar job, and super excited to jump into those | 1 | BEFORE THE PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION |
| 2 | this weekend. | 2 | STATE OF NEW MEXICO |
| 3 | SECRETARY BECK: Real quick one? | 3 |  |
| 4 | THE CHAIR: Commissioner Beck. | 4 |  |
| 5 | SECRETARY BECK: Let's keep math issues on | 6 |  |
| 6 | top of mind, what we did yesterday. | 7 |  |
| 7 | THE CHAIR: I just want to thank everyone | 8 | I, Cynthia C. Chapman, RMR, CCR \#219, Certified |
| 8 | for making my first meeting back the longest that | 9 | Court Reporter in the State of New Mexico, do hereby |
| 9 | we've had in, like, forever. So thank you for that. | 10 | certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true |
| 10 | So I -- oh, sorry. I'm sorry. | 11 | transcript of proceedings had before the said |
| 11 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: We've never had a | 12 | NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION, held in the |
| 12 | meeting for the lottery schedule. | 13 | State of New Mexico, in the matter therein stated. |
| 13 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: My fault. | 14 | In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my |
| 14 | COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Somebody from -- | 15 | hand on February 27, 2024. |
| 15 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Well, being | 16 17 |  |
| 16 | senile -- so it's me being senile. It's you, me, | 18 |  |
| 17 | and KT. Who is our liaison for that, the lottery? |  | Cynthia C. Chapman, RMR-CRR |
| 18 | The lottery committee? | 19 | New Mexico Certified Reporter \#219 |
| 19 | THE CHAIR: There's a lottery |  | BEAN \& ASSOCIATES, INC. |
| 20 | subcommittee. | 20 | 201 Third Street, NW, Suite 1630 |
| 21 | COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Was that Lucy? |  | Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102 |
| 22 | DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Okay. We have a | 21 | License Expires: 12/31/2024 |
| 23 | folder in your drive. It's Folder 10. And so it's | 22 |  |
| 24 | listed in there, and let me check. | 23 24 |  |
| 25 | VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: You don't have it | 25 | Job No.: 9091N (CC) |



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