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For Taos Academy
For the charter term: 2024-2029

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Charter Contract
Between the New Mexico Public Education Commission
and
Taos Academy

This Charter Contract is hereby entered into by and between the New Mexico Public Education Commission (“Commission”), and Taos Academy (School”), a New Mexico charter school, by and through the School’s Governing Body, known as the Taos Academy Governing Body (“Governing Body”) effective this 1 day of July , 2024. Hereafter, each party may be referred to as “Party” or both parties as “Parties.”

WHEREAS, the Commission is created pursuant to Article 12, Section 6 of the New Mexico Constitution, with such powers and duties as are provided by law; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission is authorized pursuant to the Charter Schools Act to approve new and renewing charter school applications and to negotiate in good faith and execute, charter contracts that meet the requirements of the Act with the governing body of an authorized state charter school;

WHEREAS, the Commission is further authorized pursuant to the Charter Schools Act, to monitor charter schools’ compliance with the requirements of the Act, applicable provisions of the New Mexico Administrative Code and the Charter Contract;

WHEREAS, the Commission is further authorized pursuant to the Charter Schools Act to determine whether to approve a new charter school application and whether an authorized State charter school merits revocation, nonrenewal, or renewal with conditions;

WHEREAS, the Commission approved the School’s charter renewal application on December 12, 2023, and now enters this Charter Contract with the School’s Governing Body; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Charter Schools Act, the Parties wish to enter into this Charter Contract, in order to define each Party’s responsibilities, and identify the financial, academic, and operational performance expectations that will guide the monitoring, oversight, and evaluation of the School by the Commission and the Charter Schools Division of the New Mexico Public Education Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the representations and mutual promises herein contained, the Parties agree as follows:

SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS

Terms shall have the meaning as specified in this section wherever used in this Charter Contract, including the foregoing recitals, unless the context clearly requires otherwise. Where applicable, terms defined in the Commission Rule shall use the definitions set forth there.

“Chair” means the chairperson of the Commission, as elected by the members of the Commission, pursuant to the Commission’s Rules of Procedure.

“Charter Representative(s)” means the chair, president, or other member of the Governing Body authorized by the Governing Body to legally bind the School to the Charter Contract and any other

designated school official who will provide information to the Commission or CSD on behalf of the School as set forth in this Charter Contract or Commission Rule.

“Charter Schools Act” means §§ 22-8B-1, *et seq.* NMSA 1978 as may be amended.

“Commission” means the Public Education Commission.

“Commission Rule” means a regulation governing the Commission’s oversight responsibilities issued pursuant to the State Rules Act (§§14-4-1 to 11 NMSA 1978,) and codified as 6.2.9.1, *et seq.* NMAC as may be amended. If the Commission Rule as contemplated herein is not codified, the proposed Commission Rule, Exhibit D, shall govern the relevant provisions of this Charter Contract until such time as the Commission Rule is codified, and the Commission Rule shall then apply, and Exhibit D shall have no further effect.

“Commission Website” means the web page maintained by the Department on behalf of the Commission and the location where the Commission posts and maintains as current the PEC’s Procedures and its directives, instructions, templates and forms, and timelines adopted by it pursuant to Commission Rule (6.2.9.7 (Y.) NMAC).

“Corrective Action Plan” means a plan developed by the School and submitted to, and approved by, the Commission to remedy operational or financial violations or problems or to address academic performance issues under the Intervention Ladder pursuant to the Charter Schools Act and Commission Rule (6.2.9.13. NMAC).

“CSD” means the Charter Schools Division of the Department as established by the Charter Schools Act, §22-8B-17 NMSA 1978, to

- A. provide staff support to the commission;
- B. provide technical support to all charter schools;
- C. review and approve state-chartered charter school budget matters; and
- D. make recommendations to the commission regarding the approval, denial, suspension or revocation of the charter of a state-chartered charter school.

“Days” means unless otherwise specified in a provision in the Commission Rule or applicable statute, business days when the period referenced is 10 days or less, and calendar days when the period referenced is 11 days or more. In computing the number of days, exclude the day of the event that triggers the period, and include the last day of the period. If the last day is a day when the Department or Charter School is closed, the period continues to run until the end of the next business day that the Department or Charter School is not closed.

“Department” means the Public Education Department of the State of New Mexico.

“Department Rule” means 6.80.4.1 *et seq.* NMAC as may be amended.

“Facility” or “Facilities” means the facilities, including without limitation, all buildings classrooms, and other spaces owned or leased by the School, and used by the School, its staff, teachers, and students, for educational and related purposes.

“Governing Body” means the governing body of the School that shall operate as set forth in the Charter Contract, as required by law and consistent with its governing documents.

“Head Administrator” means the School’s administrator licensed by the Department and hired by the Governing Body to manage the day-to-day operations of the School with duties similar to that of a superintendent as set forth in §22-5-14 NMSA 1978.

“Instructional Hours” has the meaning as set forth in §22-2-8.1 NMSA 1978.

“Intervention Ladder” has the meaning as set forth in the Commission Rule (6.2.9.7.(Q.) NMAC) and are procedures adopted by the commission to impose interventions intended to address the School’s unsatisfactory performance or non-compliance with the contract.

“Mission” means the stated educational and pedagogical purpose of the School consistent with §22-8B-3 NMSA 1978 of the Charter Schools Act.

“NMAC” means the New Mexico Administrative Code.

“NMSA” means the New Mexico Statutes Annotated.

“PEC Procedures” has the meaning as set forth in the Commission Rule (6.2.9.7.(Y.) NMAC) and are the Commission’s adopted directives, instructions, templates and forms, and timelines in support of its authorizing practices adopted pursuant to the Commission Rule.

“Performance Framework” is a material term of this Charter Contract set forth in Exhibit A, negotiated pursuant to §22-8B-5.3(E) NMSA 1978 and which includes the requirements of §22-8B-9 and 22-8B-9.1 NMSA 1978.

“Procurement Code” means §§ 13-1-28 to 13-1-199 NMSA 1978.

“Public School Finance Act” means §§ 22-8-1 to 22-8-49 NMSA 1978.

“Secretary” means the cabinet secretary of the Department.

“State” means the State of New Mexico.

SECTION 2. EXHIBITS AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

2.1. Exhibits and Contract Monitoring Documents. The following are exhibits to the Charter Contract and are incorporated by reference.

Exhibits incorporated into the Charter Contract	
Exhibit A	Performance Framework ¹
Exhibit B	Board of Finance authorization letter from the Commission

The following are contract monitoring documents to be used by the Parties that may be modified in writing by CSD and School as long as the changes are consistent with this Charter Contract. The Parties’ signatures below indicate approval of the form of monitoring documents set forth in the chart below.

¹ Amendments to the school specific goal may be proposed by providing a School Specific Goal Amendment Form to the Commission. (Document A5). The Performance Framework is scored according to business rules approved by the PEC and posted here: <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/public-education-commission/policies-and-processes/performance-review-and-accountability-system-and-performance-frameworks/>

Monitoring Documents		
Monitoring Doc 1 (Performance Framework 2.A).	Mission specific indicator	Scoring sheet for PF 2.A. attached to Mission specific indicator, Performance Framework.
Monitoring Doc 2 (Performance Framework 1.A.2 or 1.A.3)	School-specific assessment replacing a Department assessment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
Monitoring Doc 3 (See 3.2 below)	Condition compliance information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A

2.2. Charter School Required Elements and notification to CSD. The School shall maintain the following described operational elements and provide and maintain current information with CSD about each element according to the PEC Procedures as posted on the Commission Website. The PEC Procedure documents referenced in this section may be amended by the Commission pursuant to the Commission Rule.

	Operational Elements	Current PEC Amendments and Notifications form: https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/public-education-commission/policies-and-processes/amendment-request/	
A.	Head Administrator	The Governing Body will employ a Head Administrator.	Document B.1.
B.	Business Manager	The School will contract with, or employ, a licensed school business official as the term is defined in 6.63.12. NMAC.	Document B.1
C.	Chief Procurement Officer	The School will have a chief procurement officer as the term is defined in §13-1-38.1 NMSA 1978.	Document B.1
D.	Member information	The Governing Body will maintain a list of its current members, a copy of each member's signed assurances as required by §22-8B-9(B)(6) NMSA 1978, and a signed Conflict of Interest Disclosure.	Document B.2, B2.a, B2.b, B2.c
E.	Admissions, Lottery, and Enrollment Policies and Procedures	The School will maintain admission, lottery and enrollment policies consistent with law.	Document B.3
F.	Governance Policies	The Governing Body of the School must be governed through policies adopted by the Governing Body which shall be designated as the Governing Body's bylaws.	Document B.4

G.	Pre-Kindergarten Program	The School will notify the Commission if it has been awarded a pre-kindergarten/pre-school program grant and is operating said program, or a tuition- based preschool program operated at the School. In this notification, the School must attest that the pre-K program is funded only by allowable sources of public funds so as not to violate N.M. Const. Art. IX, §14 and that any lottery preference complies with state and federal law.	Document B.5
H.	Lease/Lease Purchase Arrangement	The School will provide a copy of its current lease or lease purchase arrangement to CSD.	Document B.6
I.	Foundation Membership	The School will provide information on Foundation board members and employees.	Document B.7
J.	Assurance of No Conflict of Interest	The School will identify and provide an assurance that no conflict of interest exists due to a school staff person or board member at the School who also serves on the board of, receives a benefit from, is employed by or contracts with, the Foundation or a Third-Party Contractor.	Schools to provide their own form until a form is approved by the Commission
K.	Third-Party Contractor	If the School has identified a Third-Party Contractor in Section 3.8 below, the School will provide a copy of the contract or other legal agreement with the Third-Party Contractor.	Document A.6
L.	Foundation	If the School has identified a Foundation below, the School will provide a copy of the contract or a memorandum of understanding with the Foundation and the School that describes the parties' relationship.	Document A.6

SECTION 3: SCHOOL SPECIFIC TERMS

The Governing Body shall govern the School as required by this Charter Contract and in accordance with all laws, regulations and policies applicable to it.

3.1 Public School. The Governing Body shall ensure that:

A. the School is operated as a public school consistent with the terms of the Charter Contract including the Performance Framework² and all applicable laws, provides an educational program consistent with the requirements and purposes of the Charter Schools Act, and is governed and managed in a financially prudent manner according to accounting and auditing standards applicable to public entities in the State;

² Exhibit A

B. it employs a licensed Head Administrator who shall be held accountable by the Governing Body for staffing the School with qualified personnel, and who shall oversee the operations of the School;

C. the School is operated as a nonsectarian, nonreligious and non-home-based public school;

D. the School offers and provides a free public education to all school-age persons who are accepted for enrollment, through a lottery if there are more students seeking to enroll than seats available, and an enrollment process that complies with the Charter Schools Act and law;

E. the School complies with all state and federal health and safety requirements applicable to public schools, including those health and safety codes relating to educational building occupancy;

F. the School expends public funds in accordance with all state and federal laws and rules, including but not limited to the Procurement Code; and

G. the Governing Body operates according to its bylaws.

3.2 Charter Contract Term, Condition of Approval and Monitoring Documents and Compliance Documents. This School has been an authorized charter school since 2008-2009. This Charter Contract shall be in full force and effect from July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2029, unless it is revoked by the Commission pursuant to the Charter Schools Act, the Commission Rule, and provisions of this Charter Contract. The Charter Contract will not automatically be renewed or extended; the Charter Contract may be renewed by the Commission upon timely application, and upon such terms and conditions as set forth in this Charter Contract, and consistent with the Charter Schools Act and applicable regulations of the Department and Commission.

The School was

renewed without condition;

The Governing Body and CSD have developed monitoring documents documenting how the School will gather and report data annually on school-specific indicators. The following monitoring tools will be used by the School to report its progress annually and are attached as monitoring tools as set forth in Section 2.1 above:

scoring of school-specific indicators in the Performance Framework.

3.3 Mission.³ The mission of Taos Academy is to support and promote academic achievement, strong leadership skills, and social responsibility through the use of innovative curriculum, 21st century-learning skills, and college and career preparation programming opportunities for students in grades 5 through 12.

3.4 Educational Program: The School’s educational program shall be as described below and shall be monitored by CSD based on evidence provided below:

³ The School may request that the Mission or educational program be amended by submitting an amendment form. (Current PEC Procedure Forms A.1 and A.2)

A. The School provides a hybrid learning environment in grades 5-12 that combines direct in-person and digital instruction to meet each student’s individualized instructional and social and emotional needs as evidenced by one or more of the following: classroom observations of advisory and enrichment classes, 21st century and College and Career Preparation classes, by student, parent, and teacher focus groups, student records, sample lesson plans, and individualized learning plans.

B. The School provides individualized instruction by placing students according to their present performance levels so that they can build on their individual knowledge base rather than by grade level. The highly interactive digital format provides flexibility of anytime, anywhere learning as evidenced by one or more of the following: classroom observations of students working in different subject areas at different paces and levels, student, parent, and teacher focus groups, sample lesson plans, and individualized student plans.

C. All students have an advisor who tracks student progress. Advisors track student progress, time spent on assignments, lessons, and quizzes as evidenced by one or more of the following: school lists of advisors and caseloads, classroom observations, and student, parent, and teacher focus groups.

D. Students participate in 21st Century classes and college and career preparation classes every year which include: Leadership, SmartLab, Global Studies, Health and Wellness; dual credit, internships, STEM institute classes, CTE electives, honors classes, and 21st century communications as evidenced by one or more of the following: sample student transcripts, classroom observations, sample lesson plans, curriculum, and student, teacher, and parent focus groups.

E. The School does not use mixed grade or mixed age education as part of its model.

3.5 Manner of Instruction.

Remote instruction may be employed by the School, if provided by statute, rule, policy or executive order subsequently issued by the Department, or as ordered by the New Mexico Department of Health or Executive Orders of the Governor of New Mexico, without amendment to the Charter Contract. Nothing in this section prohibits using virtual instruction as an accommodation under a 504 Plan or to deliver special education or related services if to do so is consistent with the School’s educational program delivered pursuant to this Charter Contract. It is understood that schools utilize computers, chrome books, smart boards and other electronic devices that are not considered “virtual instruction.”

Some Remote Components. The School uses remote instruction, or a hybrid or blended learning model as follows: *[modify language, if needed]*

Taos Academy provides students with the opportunity to attend school in on-campus, hybrid or fully remote modalities. Although flexible to student needs, all programming is based on performance: students must keep grades above 70% in all coursework, attend all advisory meetings, demonstrate high academic integrity, and be on track for on-time graduation in order to qualify for our hybrid or remote programs. If students are not meeting these standards, they are required to attend 5 days a week in person for instruction. All teachers work on campus full-time with the exception of our virtual program teachers who have a hybrid schedule, part-time on campus and are remote part-time.

3.6 Enrollment Cap and Authorized Grade Levels.

The School shall serve no more than 300 students in grades 5-12.⁴

The School may make modifications as to the number of students in any particular grade and number of students within a class to accommodate staffing decisions that are consistent with the School’s programmatic needs.

3.7 Authorized Facility and Facility Occupancy Capacity.⁵

The School will provide in-person instruction as described in 3.5 above at the Facility identified below:

School Name: Taos Academy

Street Address: 110 Paseo del Canon W

City, State, Zip: Taos, NM 87571

The School may not exceed the approved occupancy capacity of the Facility, which is: Total occupancy per building: Main 285, STEM 149, CTE 77, Multi-Purpose 276, Annex 55. The School may move facilities by following the PEC procedure processes.

3.8 Third Party Contracts and Relationships

3.8.1 Public Funds Limitation. The Governing Body shall not contract with a for-profit entity for the management of the charter school.

3.8.2 Essential Third Party Relationship Declaration.⁶

Not Applicable.

3.8.3 Foundation Declaration.

The School has a relationship with Taos Academy Foundation, a non-profit foundation the primary purpose of which is

to provide a Facility paid for by the School, and to fulfill the Lease to Purchase agreement by making facility payments.

The School has provided the required documentation related to this relationship as set forth in the PEC Procedures (Document A.6).

3.9 Transportation & Food Services

⁴ The School may request that the enrollment cap or grade levels be amended by submitting an amendment form. (Current PEC Procedure Form A.3 and A.4)

⁵ The School may request that the location of the School be amended by submitting an amendment form. (Current PEC Procedure Form A.7 and 8.)

⁶ The School may request that the contractual relationship information be amended by submitting an amendment form. (Current PEC Procedure Form A.6.)

The School is a public school that may contract with a school district or other party for provision of financial management, food services, transportation, facilities, education-related services or other services.

The School:

does not provide transportation.

The School:

provides food services to include: breakfast lunch snacks; or

does not provide food services presently, but intends to provide food services as follows as required by law

3.10 Notification of Discretionary Waivers. The following discretionary waivers have been approved by the Secretary. The School will update this list as needed⁷. The School shall be entitled to implement all mandatory waivers as contemplated pursuant to NMSA 1978, §22-8B-5(C) without notice to the Commission.

Not Applicable.

3.11 Tribal Consultation.

The Public Education Department provides annual designation to schools on tribal consultation. A school designations and the requirements of the school may change from year to year. The information is posted at <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/indian-education/tribal-consultation/>.

[check all that apply]

Not applicable at the present time. The School understands that it may be designated to provide tribal consultation during the term of the Charter and, if so designated, will comply with the requirement.

The School is located on tribal land of _____ and shall consult with the educational liaison identified at the Department for consultation as required by law and prior to any action that may result in the School’s closure in accordance with the requirement of the Charter Schools Act.

The School is required to consult with _____ [insert tribal entity] pursuant to law because of the number of Native children enrolled at the School and shall consult with the educational liaison identified at the Department for consultation as required by law.

SECTION 4. SCHOOL EVALUATION AND OVERSIGHT.

Pursuant to, and consistent with, the Charter Schools Act and the Commission Rule and PEC Procedures, the School’s performance assessment will be conducted as follows:

⁷ Notification of additions to this list as approved by the Secretary shall be provided on a Notification form.

4.1 Annual Review and Corrective Action regarding Unsatisfactory Performance. The Commission shall conduct an evaluation of the School each year of this Charter Contract term according to the requirements of the Charter Schools Act, Commission Rule, PEC Procedures, and the evaluation criteria set forth in the Performance Framework. (§22-8B-12(E.) NMSA 1978, and 6.2.9.12 and 13 NMAC) and the provisions of this Charter Contract.

4.1.1 Annual Site Visit. The Commission will conduct an annual site visit required by the Charter Schools Act (§22-8B-12(E), NMSA 1978) using a Commission-approved annual site visit protocol that is adopted pursuant to PEC procedures and consistent with the Commission Rule. In conducting the annual site visit and development of the phase 1 annual report as defined in the Commission Rule, the CSD, as staff for the Commission, and the School will provide the required documentation, and adhere to the procedures, timelines and notice requirements set forth in the Commission Rule (6.2.9.7.(W.) and (Y.), 6.2.9.12.(A.), (B.) and (C.)(1) and (2) NMAC).

4.1.2 Annual Assessment. The annual assessment will be conducted pursuant to the Commission Rule (6.2.9.12.(C.)(3), (4), (D.) and (E.) NMAC) through the following:

A. An assessment of educational programming of the School set forth in Section 3 above and the performance indicators and performance targets negotiated between the Parties and set forth in the Performance Framework;

B. An evaluation conducted during the annual site visit, as evaluated through the CSD's review and the School's response to any such review or annual site visit;

C. Through the final annual report provided to, and accepted by, the Commission, including CSD's findings and recommendations related to an annual report notice and the School's response related to the annual report and recommendations; and

D. Through annual report notices provided by the Commission.

4.1.3 Correction of Unsatisfactory Performance. The School will correct unsatisfactory performance by taking such action as authorized by the Commission in the Commission Rule (6.2.9.13 NMAC) or otherwise established by the Commission in specific direction to the School.

4.2. Performance Framework. The Commission shall assess the School's academic, operational and financial performance based on performance indicators and performance targets set forth in the Performance Framework. The Performance Framework includes indicators and targets as required by law or as negotiated by the Parties. The evaluation of the School's performance based on the Performance Framework shall be conducted using the criteria set forth in the Performance Framework, which shall not be modified without an amendment to this Charter Contract.

4.3 Evaluation of the Performance Framework and Conditions. The School shall maintain records that evidence compliance with its obligations under the Charter Contract, including the Performance Framework and any conditions imposed. The data shall be reported on the monitoring documents referenced in Sections 2.1 and 3.2 above.

4.4 Notification of Unsatisfactory Performance and Intervention Ladder. The Commission shall address the School's unsatisfactory performance or other performance deficiencies meriting corrective action, up to and including those serious enough to lead to non-renewal, renewal with

conditions, or revocation pursuant to the procedures, timelines and notice requirements set forth in the Commission Rule (6.2.9.12, 6.2.8.13, 6.2.8.15, and 6.2.8.16 NMAC).

4.5 Renewal. Within the time period established by the Charter Schools Act and pursuant to 6.2.9.15 NMAC, the Governing Body may submit a renewal application to the Commission on forms approved by the Commission pursuant to the Commission Rule. The application shall include all information required by law. Legal grounds for nonrenewal are articulated in §22-8B-12(K) NMSA 1978 of the Charter Schools Act. The Commission shall follow the procedures and requirements of the Commission Rule before voting to deny renewal or before imposing conditions on renewal of a Charter Contract.

4.6 Revocation. The Commission may take action to revoke the Charter Contract in accordance with procedures, timelines and notice requirements provided in the Charter Schools Act, the Commission Rule, and the Department Rule. The Commission must demonstrate that the School has violated any one of the reasons set forth in §22-8B-12(K) NMSA 1978 of the Charter Schools Act.

4.7 Written Decision. If the Commission revokes, does not renew or renews with conditions, it shall state in writing its reasons and legal grounds for its actions established at the hearing on the matter and comply with any requirements set forth in the Commission Rule and Department Rule.

4.8 Appeal. If the Commission suspends, revokes, does not renew or renews with conditions, the School may appeal the decision to the Secretary pursuant to the Charter Schools Act and the Department Rule (6.80.4.14 NMAC).

SECTION 5: ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSION

The Commission, as the Chartering Authority, shall take the following action.

5.1 Comply with Legal Obligations. The Commission shall conduct its oversight and monitoring of the School in accordance with all laws, regulations and policies applicable to it, including, but not limited to the Charter Schools Act, the Commission Rule, the Department Rule, PEC Procedures, the Open Meetings Act (§§10-15-1, *et seq.* NMSA 1978) and the Government Conduct Act (§§10-16-1, *et seq.* NMSA 1978).

5.2 Timely Response to Submissions. The Commission shall evaluate all submissions by the Governing Body or School, including amendment requests, and act in accordance with this Charter Contract, the Charter Schools Act, the Commission Rule, and the PEC Procedures on each submission or request.

5.3 Commission Use of Withheld Funds. Pursuant to § 22-8B-9 (B)(8) NMSA 1978, the Commission will use the withheld funds of the school-generated program cost and provide details of how the funds are used as follows:

By June 30 for each year of the term of this Charter Contract, the Commission shall direct the CSD to post to the Commission Website an oversight and expenditure budget estimate for the upcoming year using the monies withheld from the budgets of the charter schools authorized by the Commission.

Pursuant to § 22-8B-13 NMSA 1978, CSD may withhold and use up to two percent of the school-generated program cost for its administrative support of a charter school.

SECTION 6: ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GOVERNING BODY

6.1 Comply with Legal Obligations. The Governing Body shall conduct its oversight of the School in accordance with all laws, regulations and policies applicable to it, including, but not limited to the Charter Schools Act, the Commission Rule, the Department Rule, PEC Procedures, the Open Meetings Act (§§10-15-1, *et seq.* NMSA 1978) and the Government Conduct Act (§§10-16-1, *et seq.* NMSA 1978).

6.2. Governing Body Membership requirements. The Governing Body shall consist of no fewer than five members, and the Governing Body will require each member to comply with training requirements consistent with law.

6.3 Board of Finance Designation.

6.3.1 Required Information. The Governing Body shall, at all times, be qualified and designated to act as a board of finance as contemplated by §22-8-38(B), NMSA 1978 and Department Rule, 60.8.4.16 NMAC and shall complete and keep current documents as required by PEC Procedures.⁸

6.3.2 Board of Finance Suspension. If at any time, the Governing Body’s qualification as a Board of Finance is suspended by the Department pursuant to §22-8-39 NMSA 1978 or otherwise, the Commission shall consider whether to issue a notice of breach under the Intervention Ladder as defined by the Commission Rule or commence proceedings to revoke or non-renew the charter for failing to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management as contemplated by §22-8B-12(K)(2) NMSA 1978. If the Commission decides not to revoke or does not deny a School’s renewal because of the Department’s suspension of the board of finance, the Governing Body shall be required to develop and successfully implement a Commission-approved Corrective Action Plan in consultation with the Department to address the reasons for the suspension of the board of finance designation to obtain this designation again within a reasonable time.

6.4 Insurance Required. The School shall obtain insurance coverage through, and in types and amounts required by, New Mexico Public School Insurance Authority unless an exception is provided as authorized by law.

SECTION 7: INTERACTIONS BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

7.1 Facility Access Required. The School shall allow the Commission and the CSD to visit the Facility with reasonable notice to conduct the oversight and monitoring responsibilities as contemplated by and in the same manner as defined in §22-8B-12 NMSA 1978, Commission Rule and this Charter Contract.

7.2 Commission access to School records. The School shall provide information required to assess compliance with this Contract, the Performance Framework, as needed for the annual report and as may be reasonably requested by the Commission upon reasonable notice, which shall be no sooner than 10 days unless exigent circumstances exist. The Commission shall direct CSD to first attempt to

⁸ See Section 2.2 above.

obtain the information sought from the Department if the Department maintains the data through reporting platforms, including but not limited to, OBMS and STARS. The Commission will utilize classroom or school-level data when possible, will be provided with redacted student-level information if student-level data is reported and will only be provided with students' personally identifiable information consistent with the requirements of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. §1232g; 34 CFR Part 99). The Commission and CSD shall meet all requirements of 34 CFR Part 99.31 before and after accessing student personally identifiable information.

7.3 Records.

7.3.1 Student Records. The School shall maintain student records in accordance with all federal and State laws, including those regarding privacy and State public records retention requirements.

7.3.2 Student Attendance and Instructional Hours. The School shall maintain daily attendance records and comply with the number of Instructional Hours required by State law, based on the grade levels served, which may be verified by the School's calendar submitted to the Department during budget development and through the Department's STARS platform.

7.3.3 Notice of Violation of Law. The School shall

A. provide a written copy to the Commission of a final determination from a state or federal court or administrative agency with jurisdiction over the subject matter of a violation of law by the School;

B. comply with §22-10A-5.1 NMSA 1978 regarding reporting of ethical misconduct and ensure compliance of the School staff with 6.60.9 NMAC related to the code of conduct for school employees;

C. notify the Commission within 15 days of being notified by a governmental entity with jurisdiction of a charge or a conviction(s) for any crime related to the misappropriation or theft of School funds or property by a member or School employee. All personal identifiers shall be redacted and not disclosed publicly by the CSD or the Commission unless compelled to do so, and

D. notify the Commission within 15 days if the School reports an issue to a governmental entity with jurisdiction to investigate any crime related to the misappropriation or theft of School funds or property by a member or School employee, or if the School is made aware of that the Department is taking action against the license of one of its employees for any reason, including failure to comply with 6.60.9 NMAC. All personal identifiers shall be redacted and not disclosed publicly by the CSD or the Commission unless compelled to do so.

SECTION 8: STANDARD TERMS

8.1 Notice. Any notice required, or permitted, under the Charter Contract shall be in writing and shall be effective immediately upon personal delivery, upon receipt of electronic mail, or 3 days after mailing to the following:

School:	New Mexico Public Education Commission:
Head Administrator Governing Body Chair At the email addresses provided by the School to the CSD for the CSD-maintained school directory. Email is the primary notification.	Chair of the Public Education Commission: New Mexico Public Education Commission 300 Don Gaspar Santa Fe, NM 87505 At the email address of the Chair of the Public Education Commission as listed on the Commission Website with a copy to: charter.schools@ped.nm.gov Email is the primary notification.

8.2 Applicable Law. This Charter Contract shall be governed and interpreted in accordance with applicable New Mexico and federal laws.

8.3 Amendments.

8.3.1 Either party may amend this contract, and such request shall be considered in good faith by the other.

8.3.2 In the event of a change in a statute passed by Congress or the New Mexico Legislature or a state or federal constitutional change that affects the rights or obligations of the Parties to this Charter Contract, this Charter Contract shall be deemed to be amended to conform to the new law unless to do so would cause an unconstitutional impairment of contract.

8.3.3 If the Commission amends or modifies the Commission Rule during the term of this Charter Contract, and the School believes that the Commission Rule change impairs the School's rights, obligations or performance of this Charter Contract, the School shall notify the Commission within ninety days, and the parties shall negotiate an amendment to this Charter Contract in good faith, unless said Commission Rule amendment or modification is required by a change in state or federal law.

8.3.4 In the event of a change in the law or the Commission Rule, either party may request that the Parties clarify this Charter Contract as it relates to the law change. If a Charter Contract amendment proposed by either Party cannot be agreed upon, either Party may appeal the impasse to the Secretary as provided in § 22-8B-9, NMSA 1978. The Charter Contract shall not be otherwise altered, changed or amended except as approved in writing by the Parties.

8.4 Waiver. Either Party's failure to insist on strict performance of any term or condition of the Charter Contract shall not constitute a waiver of that term or condition.

8.5 Invalid Term or Condition is Severable. The provisions of this Charter Contract are severable. If any term or condition is held to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Charter Contract shall not be affected, shall be valid and enforceable.

8.6 Assignment. Neither Party may assign its rights or interest in this Charter Contract unless authorized by law and agreed to by both Parties. The School may apply to a new authorizer at renewal of the charter contract.

8.7 Dispute Resolution: Disputes between the School and the Commission shall be subject to the dispute resolution process set forth in this section.

8.7.1 Scope. Except as otherwise provided herein, if either Party has a dispute regarding interpretation or implementation of a Charter Contract provision, that Party shall present the dispute to the other Party in writing. The following shall not be subject to this dispute resolution provision:

- A. interpretation of state or federal statute, regulation, or policies applicable to the Charter Contract, the School or Commission,
- B. a CSD recommendation(s), or
- C. a Commission’s authorizing decision(s) under the Charter Schools Act.

8.7.2 Notice of Dispute: Notice must be provided in writing that a dispute exists within 30 days from the date the dispute arises (“Notice of Dispute”). The Notice of the Dispute must describe the dispute and provide:

- A. the Charter Contract provision at issue,
- B. the specific reasons the Party contends the other Party’s implementation or interpretation of the Charter Contract provision is in error,
- C. a statement of the facts giving rise to the dispute,
- D. documents supporting that Party’s position
- E. a desired resolution including specific language to clarify the Charter Contract,

and

- F. the names of proposed neutral mediators, along with a description of the qualification of the mediator and each person’s availability within a 30-day time period to hear the dispute. The mediator shall not be an employee of the Department.

8.7.3 Continuation of Charter Contract Performance: The Governing Body and the Commission agree that the existence and details of a dispute under this Section 8.7 shall not excuse performance by either Party during the pendency of the dispute, except for any performance that may be directly affected by such dispute.

8.7.4 Response to Notice/Informal Process: Upon receipt of a Notice of Dispute, the Commission or the Governing Body shall have 10 days to respond in writing. The written response may:

- A. Accept the proposal or propose an alternative solution to cure the dispute, including specific language to clarify the Charter Contract;
- B. Propose informal discussions to resolve the matter; and/or
- C. Accept or reject the proposed mediator. If the proposed mediator is not acceptable, an alternative name of a mediator, along with a description of the qualification of the mediator and that person’s availability within a 30-day time period to hear the dispute. The mediator shall not be an employee of the Department.

8.7.5 Appointment of a Mediator and Mediation.

- A. Within five days of the written response, the Parties shall select a mutually acceptable mediator.
- B. If no mutually acceptable mediator has been selected within five days, the Parties will jointly request that, within 15 days of the Parties’ request, the Secretary identify an available, qualified and willing mediator. The mediator shall not be an employee of the Department.
- C. The Parties shall jointly retain the mediator and agree on a mutually-agreed upon date and time for the mediation. The mediation shall be no later than 30 days from the date that the mediator is selected unless extenuating circumstances exist. The Parties agree to mediate the dispute in good faith.

8.7.6 Resolution and payment.

- A. Any proposed agreement reached in mediation must be memorialized in writing and presented to, and approved by, the Commission and the Governing Body during public meetings of those bodies prior to it being considered a binding agreement between the Parties. If either Party makes a change to the proposed agreement, the change must be approved by both entities.
- B. If the written agreement includes a modification of the contract, the written agreement shall then constitute an amendment to the Charter Contract and shall be added to the Charter Contract documentation.
- C. Each Party shall pay one-half of the reasonable fees and expenses of the neutral third party. All other fees and expenses of each Party, including without limitation, the fees and expenses of its counsel, shall be paid by the Party incurring such costs.

By the signature below, the person signing represents that he/she has authority to execute this Charter Contract on behalf of the School/Commission and that this Charter Contract was reviewed and approved by that entity in a public meeting.

Governing Body of Taos Academy

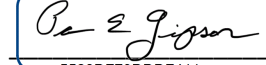
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New Mexico Charter School Performance Framework

For Taos Academy

For the charter term: 2024-2029

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School Selection Academic Framework Options & Mission Goals

The school selects the following academic performance options

State Accountability System		
Option	Selection	Description
1.A.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Note: No additional information required since state accountability system is used
Outcomes for Student Growth		
Option	Selection	Description
1.B.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Note: No additional information required since state accountability system is used

Condition Compliance Plan:

N/A

Condition:	No condition
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Mission Specific Goals

The school has identified one Mission specific goals set forth below

Introduction

The New Mexico Charter Schools Performance Framework supports the Public Education Commission (PEC), state-authorized charter schools, and the Charter Schools Division (CSD) in answering a series of three questions posed by an approach called [Results-Based Accountability](https://clearimpact.com/results-based-accountability/)TM: How much did each charter school do? How well did they do it? Is anyone better off as a result?¹ This process resulted in measures that include both *school-specific performance indicators* that give schools flexibility in capturing how their mission is being operationalized and fulfilled and *universal performance indicators* applied across all state-authorized charter schools. These universal performance indicators capture the PEC's priorities surrounding standard quality processes and outcomes across all schools in its portfolio.

The Performance Framework provides a roadmap for the annual evaluation of the performance of state-authorized charter schools and is a material term of the charter schools' contracts, as stated in NMSA §22-8B-9.1 (1978).

How the Performance Framework Is Used

As the authorizer of state-chartered schools, the PEC uses the Performance Framework as the primary tool for school monitoring and accountability. The PEC, in collaboration with the CSD, has designed the New Mexico Performance Framework to be more than just that. In addition to providing transparent criteria by which the PEC will consider to make informed charter authorization decisions, the Performance Framework is also intended to support all parties with the following:

- 1) Understanding where schools are strong and where they need support,
- 2) Supporting schools' internal continuous improvement efforts,
- 3) Identifying and celebrating promising practices and programs, and
- 4) Providing the PEC and individual schools with data and stories that help communicate a meaningful and positive narrative about New Mexican students, communities, and schools.

Statutory Requirements for the Performance Framework

This document meets the requirements of New Mexico Statutes Annotated §§ 22-8B-9 and 9.1, NMSA 1978, and will allow the PEC and CSD to effectively monitor school performance in a transparent and clear manner. According to § 22-8B-9(B.11), "the process and criteria that the chartering authority intends to use to annually monitor and evaluate the fiscal well-being, overall governance, and student performance of the charter school, including the method that the chartering authority intends to use to conduct the evaluation as required by Section 22-8B-12 NMSA 1978."

¹ <https://clearimpact.com/results-based-accountability/>

Further, the following is required for a performance framework:

§ 22-8B-9.1. Performance Framework

- A. The performance provisions in the charter contract shall be based on a Framework that clearly sets forth the academic and operations performance indicators and performance targets that will guide the chartering authority's evaluation of each charter school. The Performance Framework shall be a material term of the charter school contract and shall include performance indicators and performance targets for, at a minimum:
- (1) student academic performance;
 - (2) student academic growth;
 - (3) achievement gaps in both proficiency and growth between student subgroups;
 - (4) attendance;
 - (5) recurrent enrollment from year to year;
 - (6) if the charter school is a high school, post-secondary readiness;
 - (7) if the charter school is a high school, the graduation rate;
 - (8) financial performance and sustainability; and
 - (9) governing body performance, including compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and terms of the charter contract.
- B. Annual performance targets shall be set by each chartering authority in consultation with its charter schools and shall be designed to help each charter school meet applicable federal, state, and chartering authority expectations as set forth in the charter contracts to which the authority is a party.
- C. The performance framework shall allow for the inclusion of additional rigorous, valid, and reliable indicators proposed by a charter school to augment external evaluations of its performance, provided that the chartering authority shall approve the quality and rigor of such proposed indicators and the indicators are consistent with the purposes of the Charter Schools Act.
- D. The performance framework shall require the disaggregation of all student performance data collected in compliance with this section by student subgroup, including gender, race, poverty status, special education or gifted status, and English language learner.
- E. The chartering authority shall collect, analyze and report all data from state assessment tests in accordance with the performance Framework set forth in the charter contract for each charter school overseen by that chartering authority.

NMAC 6.2.9.11 – 6.2.9.13 provides further direction regarding how this Performance Framework and the performance indicators will be incorporated into the CSD annual reports and possibly form the basis for corrective action issued by the PEC to the school.

Framework, Categories, and Performance Indicators

Framework	Category	Performance Indicator
Academic	State Accountability System	1.A. State Accountability System
		1.B. Outcomes for Special Student Groups
		1.C. Participation Rate
	School-Specific	2.A. Mission Goal
		2.B. Education Program Implementation
		2.C. Conducive Learning Culture
Organizational	Governing Body Membership, Training, and Responsibilities	3.A.1. Membership
		3.A.2. Training
		3.A.3. Meeting Transparency and Documentation
	Equitable Enrollment Process	3.B. Non-discriminatory enrollment process
	Compliance with Legal Requirements	3.C. Annual Compliance Requirements
Financial	Financial Health	4.A. Days Cash on Hand
		4.B. Annual Financial Audit
		4.C. Financial Reporting and Compliance
		4.D. Fiscal Oversight
		4.E. Enrollment Variance

For each performance indicator, the PEC has determined the performance measure and performance criteria. For a number of performance indicators in the Academic Framework, the PEC has embedded school choice in selecting performance measures. This provides flexibility for a school to demonstrate academic performance that is directly aligned with its mission, vision, and educational program and meets the needs of its families.

Annual Evaluation and Reports

Schools will receive an annual evaluation based on their performance on all three areas of the Performance Framework combined (Academic, Organizational and Financial). The annual evaluation provides the PEC and the public with information about the school's overall performance in the previous school year. The evaluation provides the school with useful information on their performance and transparency into their strengths and areas for improvement. The purpose of providing this evaluation is to set clear expectations, promote continuous improvement and provide clear results contained in the school's record of performance as required by NMAC 6.2.9.11.

The CSD may recommend, and the PEC may provide a notice of exemplary performance, a notice of satisfactory performance, a notice of unsatisfactory performance or a notice of uncorrected unsatisfactory performance based on the Annual Report. A school may receive a notice of unsatisfactory or uncorrected unsatisfactory performance for any indicator that scores below a "Meets Performance Expectations" even if a school earns an overall evaluation rating of "On Track for Expedited Renewal" or "On Track for Renewal."

PEC will then accept the annual reports, issue corrective action as it deems necessary during the term of the charter contract and make a decision on renewal at the end of the charter term on the full record of performance and consistent with § 22-8B-12, NMSA 1978 and NMAC 6.2.9.11, 12, 13, 16 and 17.

Overall Evaluation		
Tier Status	Likely Renewal Outcome ²	Description
Tier 1	On Track for Expedited Renewal	The school earns Meets or Exceeds for all performance indicators in all frameworks.
Tier 2	On Track for Renewal	The school earns a Meets or Exceeds in all performance indicators in the Academic Framework and earns Working to Meet or Meets for all performance indicators in the Financial and Operational Frameworks.
Tier 3	On Track for Renewal with Conditions or Possible Non-Renewal	The school earns Working to Meet in one or more performance indicators of the Academic Framework but does not meet the criteria for Does Not Meet Performance Expectations .
Tier 4	Not on Track for Renewal	Earns a Does Not Meet in 1.A or 1.B. or in three (3) or more performance indicators of the Academic Framework. OR The school earns (8) eight or more Does Not Meet ratings across the Academic, Organizational, and Financial Frameworks.

² While the Overall Evaluation provides a likely renewal outcome to provide transparency and clarity on the performance of a school, the designations are intended as an acknowledgment of positive performance or a warning and should trigger action on the part of the school to improve its performance. Actual non-renewal is a determination made by PEC only at the time of renewal based on a school's record of performance across the entire contract term.

Individual Performance Indicator Ratings

Each Performance Indicator will receive one of the following ratings based on the criteria established. Failure of the school to provide data will result in a "Does Not Meet" Performance Expectations.

Performance Indicator Rating	Definition
Exceeds Performance Expectations *Academic Framework Only*	The school's outcomes are exemplary in this academic performance indicator.
Meets Performance Expectations	The school's outcomes meet expectations in this performance indicator.
Working to Meet Performance Expectations	The school is showing inconsistencies in the performance indicator that may warrant oversight to ensure outcomes are met.
Does Not Meet Performance Expectations	The school is not meeting the expectations in the performance indicator, which warrants oversight ensure outcomes are met.
Not Applicable	<p>Academic and Organizational Frameworks: The school is in its first year and lacks sufficient data to be rated.</p> <p>Financial Framework: The school is in its first two years of operation and lacks sufficient data; financials will be reviewed, however, and feedback provided.</p>

Part I: Academic Framework

The PEC and CSD provide a fair and equitable academic oversight process for the public charter schools within PEC's portfolio. Therefore, this Academic Framework embeds choice for each school in determining the assessments used. Each school will negotiate with the PEC to include mission-specific measures and optional assessments. Results for each performance indicator will be determined annually and included in an overall performance rating.

Option ³	Performance Measure	Performance Criteria
1.A. State Accountability System: The school ensures students meet or exceed the expectations established by PED for all New Mexican students, including sufficient academic achievement and academic growth. ⁴		
1.A.1.	The school's overall performance on the state accountability system as compared to all other public schools.	Exceeds: 76 th to 99 th percentile Meets: 51 st to 75 th percentile Working to Meet: 26 th to 50 th percentile Does Not Meet: 25 th percentile or below (intervention category)
1.B. Outcomes for Student Groups: The school ensures the following student groups demonstrate academic excellence through individual growth: male, female, low-income, English learners, students with disabilities, and race/ethnic groups: Native American, White, Black, Asian, and Hispanic.		
1.B.1.	The school's performance on the state accountability system for student groups with ten (10) or more students using the state-generated rating, if applicable. ⁵	Exceeds: In reading and math, each student group has an (Student Growth Percentile) SGP of at least 60 Meets: In reading and math, each student group has an SGP of at least 45 Working to Meet: In reading and math, at least half of student groups have an SGP of at least 35 Does Not Meet: In reading and math, over half of the student groups have an SGP of below 35

³ One option will be chosen by each school for 1.A., 1.B., and 2.A. only. Options 1.A.1. and 1.B.1 are the default options; schools may negotiate options 1.A.2., 1.A.3. 1.B.2., and 1.B.3. during contract negotiations. The academic performance indicators negotiated as part of the charter contract and associated performance framework are intended to remain unchanged for the duration of the charter contract.

⁴ If the school selects Option 1.A.2. or 1.A.3. and fewer than 85% of students identified to be tested are tested on school-specific assessments, the results are considered invalid, and the school defaults to Option 1.A.1. If testing data are not provided to CSD for review by the timeline established by CSD, the results are considered invalid, and the school defaults to Option 1.A.1. If the school wishes to change assessments or growth targets, it is considered a material change of the contract and requires PEC approval prior to the change through a contract amendment.

⁵ When a school does not have at least 10 (ten) students in any state-recognized student group, the school receives no score for that group, which does not impact positively or negatively their overall outcome for this performance indicator. If the school has ten (10) or more eligible students in a student population and tests fewer than 85% of the students, the untested students will be considered "not meeting their growth target" and will impact the overall percentage for that student group.

1.C. Participation Rate: The school assesses student progress and achievement annually.	
The school complies with state and contractual assessment requirements.	Participation in all state-wide assessments: Exceeds: ≥ 95% of all students AND of every student group Meets: ≥ 95% of all students Working to Meet: < 95% but ≥ 85% of all students Does Not Meet: < 85% of all students
2.A. Mission Goals: The school's education program effectively supports mission implementation, student academic success, and overall student well-being that supports the community in which they serve. ⁶	
2.A.1.	Within the charter contract, briefly describe what the school is doing to meet its mission and how it will be measured ⁷ to demonstrate that students are better off as a result.
	Supporting Narrative: Using Results-Based Accountability (RBA) as a model, reflect on the following questions: How much did the school do? How well did the school do it? Is anyone better off as a result? How do you know? Exceeds: exemplary performance as set forth in this Performance Framework Meets: meets performance as set forth in this Performance Framework Working to Meet: earns working to meet performance as set forth in this Performance Framework Does Not Meet: does not meet performance as set forth in this Performance Framework
Students at Taos Academy who are enrolled on the 40th and 120th day of each year will successfully complete (i.e., receive a grade of 90% or higher) at least one 21st century or College and Career Preparation class per semester. The targets and manner in which this goal will be assessed are contained in the Mission Specific Tracking Spreadsheet attached to the Contract. The school will complete the Tracking Spreadsheet annually to support the rating of “Exceeds”, “Meets”, “Working to Meet” or “Does Not Meet.”	
2.B. Education Program Implementation and Compliance with Statutory and Regulatory Provisions: The school's education program fulfills a need in the community in which they serve, as documented in their charter contract and PEC-approved amendments.	

⁶ If fewer than 85% of students identified to be tested are tested on the mission-specific assessment, the results are considered invalid, and the school's mission goal will be considered "Does Not Meet." If the testing data is not provided to CSD for review by the timeline established by CSD, the results are considered invalid, and the school's mission goal will be considered "Does Not Meet." If the school changes assessments or the way in which the measure is calculated, it is considered a material change of the charter contract and requires prior PEC approval.

⁷ All students at the school should participate in the mission of the school, so the goal should cover and assess all students at the school. The assessment can vary by grade and certain assessments can be more rigorous than others (i.e. if a school's mission culminates in a senior-year capstone project, the senior year assessment can be the most rigorous, and the assessments of 9-11 grade students could be assessed showing that they are gaining the building blocks necessary to be successful in their senior year capstone project such as learning and practicing interview skills needed for the capstone project.)

<p>The school is implementing the program as outlined in its charter contract and the statutory and regulatory provisions in law.</p>	<p>During the annual site visit conducted by CSD:</p> <p>Meets: All elements of the education program as outlined in the charter contract are implemented when CSD does its annual site visit review.</p> <p>Working to Meet: Due to lack of observable evidence, CSD is unable to confirm that all elements of the education program as outlined in the charter contract are implemented at its annual site visit review, but the school is able to submit evidence within 90 days of the review to confirm implementation.</p> <p>Does Not Meet: One or more elements of the school’s education program as outlined in the charter contract are not implemented when CSD does its annual site visit review nor submitted within 90 days of the review.</p>
<p>2.C. Conducive Learning Culture: The school’s culture meets the needs of the community in which it is located and equitably encourages all students to thrive in their learning environment.</p>	
<p>Eligible student re-enrollment (recurrent enrollment) in the school from the 40th day count of the previous school year to the 40th day count of the current school year.⁸</p>	<p>Percentage of eligible students who re-enroll:</p> <p>Exceeds: ≥ 90%</p> <p>Meets: < 90% but ≥ 80%</p> <p>Working to Meet: < 80% but ≥ 70%</p> <p>Does Not Meet: < 70%</p>

⁸ The combined re-enrollment rate for all eligible students for elementary, middle, and high school grade bands. For each school, “eligible students” are defined by enrolling at the start of the previous school year (or Year 1) in one of the “starting grades.” Starting Grades are: K, 1, 2, 3,4, 6, 7, 9, 10, and 11. Students enrolling at the start of the previous school year in grades 5, 8, or 12 will not be considered in this measure, as students tend to switch schools for middle and high school and leave high school after 12th grade. A “re-enrolled student” is an “eligible student” who is enrolled in the school in the fall of the current year. CSD may take into consideration extraordinary circumstances and evaluate schools based on information as provided.

Part II: Organizational Framework

The PEC and CSD are dedicated to providing a fair and equitable organizational oversight process for the state charter schools within PEC's portfolio. Therefore, this details the organizational requirements of state charter schools. Results for each performance indicator will be determined annually and included in an overall performance rating. The Organizational Framework has three categories and six performance indicators designed to encourage transparent, compliant public schools.

Performance Indicator	Performance Measure	Performance Criteria
3.A. Governing Body Membership, Training, and Responsibilities: The governing board effectively oversees the school's management to ensure that the school is financially responsible, compliant with applicable laws, and fulfilling its mission and the academic success of students.		
3.A.1. Membership	The number of governing council members stays within the range designated in the school's bylaws.	<p>Meets: The number of governing council members stays within the range designated in bylaws during the school year, or if it drops below, all vacancies are filled within 45 days (or 75, with an extension provided by the CSD)</p> <p>Does Not Meet: The number of governing council members during the school year is below the number designated in bylaws for more than 45 days (or 75 with extension)</p>
3.A.2. Training	All members of the governing body have completed all training hours required by law by the end of the fiscal year.	<p>Meets: All members of the governing body have completed all training hours required by law by the end of the fiscal year.</p> <p>Working to Meet: At least 80% of required total training hours combined for the governing body have been completed as required by law by the end of the fiscal year.</p> <p>Does Not Meet: The school did not meet the criteria for Working to Meet.</p>
3.A.3. Meeting Transparency and Documentation	The school is in compliance with publicly posting meetings, minutes, and calendar of meetings.	<p>Meets: The school provides an accurate board calendar. For EVERY meeting in which a quorum of the governing body is present, the school (1) publicly posts a notification with the agenda at least 72 hours prior to the meeting and (2) publicly post on their website a board-approved copy of the minutes within ten (10) days after approval, which must occur at their next regularly scheduled board meeting.</p> <p>Working to Meet: The school provides an accurate board calendar. For at least 75% of the board meetings in which a quorum of the governing body is present, the school (1) publicly posts a notification with the agenda at least 72 hours prior to the meeting and (2) publicly post on their website a</p>

		<p>board-approved copy of the minutes within ten (10) days after approval, which must occur at their next regularly scheduled board meeting.</p> <p>Does Not Meet: The school fails to provide an accurate board calendar. For more than 25% of the meetings in which a quorum of the governing body is present, the school did not (1) publicly post notification with agenda at least 72 hours prior to the meeting or (2) publicly post a board-approved copy of the minutes within ten (10) days after the approval.</p>
<p>3.B. Equitable Enrollment Process: The school ensures that all families have the opportunity to learn about, apply to, and enroll in the school.</p>		
Non-discriminatory Enrollment Process	The school has an Enrollment Policy consistent with Lottery Guidance and with two distinct sections: Lottery Form/Lottery Process and Enrollment/Registration	<p>Meets: The school's Enrollment Policy is consistent with the Lottery Guidance criteria on the CSD website or lottery/enrollment laws and rules, if promulgated.</p> <p>Does Not Meet: The school does not have an Enrollment Policy, or the Policy does not meet all of the Lottery Guidance criteria or lottery/enrollment laws and rules, if promulgated.</p>
<p>3.C. Compliance with Legal Requirements: The school creates a safe environment and is in compliance with the charter contract, federal and state statutes and rules, and PED guidelines unless waivers preserving charter autonomy are in place.</p>		
Annual Compliance Requirements	List of Annual Compliance Requirements, as approved annually no later than July 1 by PEC, and distributed by CSD to schools by that time.	<p>Meets: In compliance with all requirements, is timely with submissions and does not have to resubmit due to errors.</p> <p>Working to Meet: In compliance with all requirements but may be late with submissions and may have to resubmit due to errors in the initial submission.</p> <p>Does Not Meet: Out of compliance with one or more requirement or one or more compliance requirement is not submitted.</p>

Part III: Financial Framework

The PEC and CSD are dedicated to protecting school autonomy while holding public charter schools within PEC’s portfolio to high standards. The Financial Framework has four performance indicators. Results for each performance indicator will be determined annually and included in an overall performance rating.

Performance Measure	Performance Criteria
<p>4.A. Days of Cash on Hand: The school demonstrates its financial health by having sufficient cash to ensure operations can withstand an immediate need.</p>	
<p>The school has the cash available to pay bills that meet or exceed the expectations established by PEC.</p>	<p>The school’s unrestricted days cash ratio is: Meets: ≥ 60 days OR > 30 days with a positive increase in the most recent fiscal year Working to Meet: > 30 days but does not meet the criteria for “Meets” Does Not Meet: ≤ 30 days</p>
<p>4.B. Annual Financial Audit: The school follows the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), financial management, and internal controls.</p>	
<p>The results of the financial audit demonstrate that the school meets basic expectations of financial oversight.</p>	<p>Meets: The school’s received audit has an unqualified opinion, is devoid of significant deficiency and material weakness findings, and does not include a going concern disclosure. Working to Meet: The school does not meet the criteria for “Meets” but demonstrates improvement from the previous year’s audit. Does Not Meet: The school’s received audit has a qualified opinion, includes a significant deficiency or material weakness finding, has a going concern disclosure, or the school does not submit a financial audit.</p>
<p>4.C. Financial Reporting and Compliance: The school demonstrates its ability to oversee public funding designated for New Mexico's students.</p>	
<p>The school and its governing board effectively establish and approve the budget and meet all financial reporting and compliance requirements. (NMSA 22-8-6.1 and 10)</p>	<p>Meets: The school submits all budget request documents and budget approval documents to the PED according to PED's established deadlines; submits quarterly reports according to PEDs established deadlines without frequent, repeated errors; and publicly posts all required reports. Working to Meet: Sometime during the fiscal year, the school was required to do monthly reporting; OR the school does not meet the criteria for "Meets" but does not meet the criteria for "Does Not Meet."</p>

	<p>Does Not Meet: The school consistently fails to submit required budget documents or reports according to PED’s established deadlines; submits reports with frequent, repeated errors; or fails to publicly post required reports.</p>
<p>4.D. Fiscal Oversight: The school and its governing board effectively provide fiscal oversight by establishing, approving, and monitoring annual budget execution and safeguarding the financial health and activities of the school.</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The school has employed financial expertise and/or contracts with a licensed business manager and licensed procurement officer. <p>The governing board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. has adopted and maintains financial-related policies. 3. reviews financial reports and statements, including a statement of net position, a budget to an actual statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance, and a cash flow statement at all meetings. 4. annually reviews the audited financial statements, related reports, and management letters and ensures all findings are addressed. 5. has an audit committee that fulfills its requirements as described in statute. 6. has a finance committee fulfills its requirements as described in statute. <p>At least annually, the finance committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. tests internal audit controls. 	<p>Meets: The school and board provide evidence of compliance with the requirements of all seven indicators during the fiscal year.</p> <p>Working to Meet: The school and board provide evidence of compliance with the requirements of at least five of the seven indicators during the fiscal year.</p> <p>Does Not Meet: The school did not meet the criteria for Working to Meet.</p>
<p>4.E. Enrollment Variance: The school's budgeted enrollment is close to its actual enrollment, requiring no or slight budget revisions.</p>	
<p>The school makes accurate enrollment assumptions, resulting in a budget that is sound.</p>	<p>Enrollment variance (actual enrollment/budgeted enrollment) is:</p> <p>Meets: ≥ 95%</p> <p>Working to Meet: < 95% but ≥ 85%</p> <p>Does Not Meet: < 85%</p>

Mission Specific Goal: Data Tracker				
School Name	Taos Academy	Academic Year	2024-2029	
School Mission	The mission of Taos Academy is to support and promote academic achievement, strong leadership skills, and social responsibility through the use of innovative curriculum, 21st century-learning skills, and college and career preparation programming opportunities for students in grades 5 through 12.			
GOALS				
Students at Taos Academy who are enrolled on the 40th and 120th day of each year will successfully complete (i.e., receive a grade of 90% or higher) at least one 21st century or College and Career Preparation class per semester.				
MEASURE OF SUCCESS				
Name of Assessment	21st Century Classes for grades 5-8/ College and Career Preparation (CCP) classes for grades 9-12			
How often Assessed	Twice per year, at the end of each semester			
Definition of how students successfully meet the goal	<p>Staff will continue supporting students in 21st century classes and CCP classes and courses. While some students struggle to meet the pass and earn a 90% or better in these unique offerings, the School has many supports in place that ensure student success, such as mandatory in-person classes, tutoring, and clear expectations as outlined in individual student plans.</p> <p>Goal Calculation Process:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The School's progress towards this goal will be tracked and reported annually, at the end of each school year. 2) Staff will generate a list of students enrolled for that year on both 40th and 120th day using NOVA and PowerSchool data. 3) Staff will generate a list of all CTE courses taken by these students using PowerSchool. The classes will align with the eligible course list above and provided separately in our folder. 4) The School will create a spreadsheet showing each eligible student's class grade for both Semester 1 and Semester 2. Students with a 90% or higher in one eligible CTE class each semester will qualify to be counted towards Taos Academy's mission specific goal. 5) The number of qualifying students will be divided by the number of eligible students to arrive at a percentage of TA student meeting the mission-specific goal. <p>21st Century/CCP Classes at TA include: 21st Century classes for grades 5-8 (Leadership, SmartLab, Global Studies, & Health and Wellness). College and Career Preparation (CCP) for grades 9-12 (dual credit, internship, STEM Institute classes, CTE electives, honors classes, 21 century communications).</p>			
TARGETS				
Exceeds	85%-100% of students meet the goal.			
Meets	75% - 84% of students meet the goal.			
Working to Meet	60% - 74% of students meet the goal.			
Does not meet	0% - 59% of Tstudents meet the goal.			
Mission Specific Goal Outcomes				
Grade Level	FAY Count	Tested Count	Number Met	Percent Met
5th grade (for informational purposes)				
6th grade (for informational purposes)				
7th grade (for informational purposes)				
8th grade (for informational purposes)				
9th grade (for informational purposes)				
10th grade (for informational purposes)				
11th grade (for informational purposes)				
12th grade (for informational purposes)				
All students (for scoring purposes)	0	0		
Outcome				
WHO IS BETTER OFF AS RESULT OF THIS GOAL ? HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT THE MISSION GOAL IS WORKING?				

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Board of Finance designation

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION BOARD OF FINANCE DESIGNATION

The governing body of TAOS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL has maintained the following:

- An affidavit of a business manager and a copy of the business manager's license.
- A statement signed by all the current governing body members that they agree to consult with the Public Education Department
- An affidavit from each current governing body member that they are not currently a member of any governing body of any other charter school and have never been a member of any other charter school that was suspended or failed to maintain their board of finance designation.
- A certificate of insurance that indicates that TAOS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL is adequately bonded and insured.

The Public Education Commission has designated TAOS ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL'S governing body as a Board of Finance.

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Alan Brauer

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ALAN BRAUER, CHAIR, The New Mexico Public Education Commission

1/4/2024

Date Signed

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School and Governing Board approval

BEFORE THE PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

April 19, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Jerry Apodaca Education Building, Mabry Hall

300 Don Gaspar Avenue

Santa Fe, New Mexico

-AND-

Via Zoom Webinar

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287	<p>1 THE CHAIR: There's a motion by 2 Commissioner Carrillo and a second by Commissioner 3 Taylor. 4 SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Gipson. 5 THE CHAIR: Yes. 6 SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo. 7 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. 8 SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Ingham. 9 COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. 10 SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner 11 Clahchischilliage. 12 COMMISSIONER CLAHCHISCHILLIAGE: Yes. 13 SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. 14 COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. 15 SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. 16 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. 17 SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes. 18 There are seven votes for, zero votes 19 against. The motion passes. 20 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: And next, and, 21 finally, Taos Academy. 22 I move that the Public Education 23 Commission approve the Charter Contract and 24 Exhibits, including the Performance Framework, for 25 the Taos Academy, identified in Agenda Item 17, for</p>	289	<p>1 SECRETARY BECK: There are seven votes 2 for, zero votes against. The motion passes. 3 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: And before we move 4 on to what's next, for all the work that everybody 5 did, and for all of these schools, congratulations. 6 And we just look forward to the next five years for 7 all of your schools. 8 THE CHAIR: So I just want -- for the 9 record, I apparently received a number of e-mails 10 during the meeting that were evidently sent to me 11 asking for it to be -- for them to be put on the 12 record in support of Dr. Amador. 13 We do not accept -- I want it on the 14 record that we do not accept written comment to be 15 included in our record. So I will simply respond to 16 those e-mails with that comment, that, you know, we 17 do not accept for public record. You have to 18 provide that comment -- 19 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Well in advance. 20 THE CHAIR: -- at the meeting. Yes. 21 Thank you. 22 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Thanks for letting 23 us know that. 24 THE CHAIR: We are on to Item No. 18, 25 Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize the PEC</p>

Meeting Minutes
Taos Academy Charter School
Governing Council Meeting
110 Paseo Del Canon Taos NM 87571

Date, April 8, 2024

5:30pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ccx-kvho-bcc>

Or dial: (US) +1 929-277-6767 PIN: 210 345 036#

Live stream <https://stream.meet.google.com/stream/5854bd0e-1c74-49ee-b14f-9e383302b29e>

A. Call To Order – 5:32 p.m

B. Roll Call – Dean Caldwell (President) Present, Karen Shannon (Treasurer) Present, Lara Heister (Vice President) Present, Samantha Gonzales (Secretary), Martin Molz (member) Present,

NON-VOTING STAFF ATTENDANCE - Traci Filiss (Executive Director), Jamie Lucero-Martinez (Community Coordinator), Elizabeth LeBlanc (Director Teaching and Learning), Deanna Mooney (Contracted Finance Director/Business Official), Pamela Rodriguez (Assistant Finance Manager). Karin Moulton (Foundation), Lisa Joseph (Community School’s Coordinator), Ashley Trujillo (Minutes)

C. Pledge of Allegiance- 5:33

D. Approval of Agenda (Action)- Approval of April agenda: Karen moves as modified to approve agenda, Martin seconds, Roll call, Dean yes, Lara yes, Martin yes, Sam yes, Karen yes, Motion carries.

E. Approval of Minutes (Action) – Approval of March minutes: Martin moves to approve minutes, Karen seconds, Roll call, Dean yes, Lara yes, Martin yes, Sam yes, Karen yes, Motion carries

F. Governing Council Input - May 6th @ 5:30 Special meeting for Budget & May 13th is normal meeting.

G. Public Input (See below)- N/A

H. Financial reports (Discussion & Action)

a. Business Services update

Financial Update: Financials and Bank Statements were provided to all Governing Council members. In addition to regular work, we are working on FY2025 Budget preparation. PED Budget Conference was held March 20th - 22nd. Taos Academy's budget is due to PED on Tuesday May 21st.

b. BAR Approvals (Action) - NO Bars presented

c. Finance/Audit Committee update- Questioned Several expenditures during Finance Committee and visited about upcoming expenditures.

Approval of unaudited financial reports: Karen moves to approve the unaudited financial reports as presented, Martin seconds the motion. Roll call, Dean yes, Lara yes, Martin yes, Karen yes, Sam yes, Motion carries.

I. Operations & Instructional Reports (Discussion & Action)-

a. GC Training - review training hours needed - Laura did 10 training hours and passed within the last couple weeks.

b. Foundation Report - The next TAF quarterly meeting will be in April 2024. Financial reports will be sent prior to the May TA Governing Council meeting on May 13, 2024.

c. TA Community Council Report (PAC/EQ/CS) - Ms Joseph presented that she turned in the CS grant today. The grant application was submitted and will be awarded on April 22. We submitted three fully developed initiatives with needs assessments, root causes, outcomes and continuous improvement, community partnerships, and funding descriptions. May 8 is a focus group meeting from 4:15-5:30. Community members are invited to attend and have their voices heard and help with decision-making for next year's planning to implement our Initiatives. Strategic Plan Submitted in the Community School Grant Application SY 2425

INITIATIVE 1 NARRATIVE: Powerful Student and Family Engagement Through Collaborative Leadership Strategies: We will build responsive and continuously improving structures for distributed leadership with the entire TA community, resulting in multiple opportunities for participation, shared voice, and representation to powerfully engage students and families. Specifically our target will be to increase family participation in school decision-making structures that have been difficult to access given our unique curriculum and program.

INITIATIVE 2 NARRATIVE: TA students experience high-level content and instruction that is connected to the community and their identities through multiple pathways and partnerships: We will continue to develop multiple pathways and partnerships for our students to access rigorous community connected instruction. Specifically, one target will be to increase the number of students participating in volunteer and internship opportunities for career exploration and increase their capacity for employment and education in the local community. This will be accomplished through our CS coordinator and teaching staff partnering with UNM, Employers, Government Entities, and Non-Profit Organizations to make more opportunities available to our students from grades 5-12 for volunteer, internship, and employment. We will also support Career Technical Education and workforce enhancement by building these skills for both students and community members through resource sharing with our partners and offering more Technology Literacy training and use of our facilities for Technology.

INITIATIVE 3 NARRATIVE: Taos Academy Students will develop healthy relationships, feel safe and comfortable navigating conflicts, and contributing positively to our school community: Our Integrated Systems of Support will help to improve student health, behavior, social well-being, and

academic achievement. The safety and consistency of our school community will allow our students to learn and develop as they take risks, explore new experiences, and develop their identities.

d. STEM+ Director's Report - Seventeen students will be competing at the NM State Science fair at NM Tech April 12-14, One student (Mario Vargas) will be at the National STEM Challenge in Washington, D.C. April 11-14th. MS Student Council will be hosting a social event on Wednesday from 5:30-7 at TA. NHS will host a campus clean-up on April 20th for Earth day. HS Student Advisory Council hosts "A Starry Night" Prom on April 27th from 8-11p.m. Celebration of Learning will take place on May 3rd, 2024 from 4-6:30pm. CTE presentations begin at 4pm. contact Steve Falconi if you are able to participate as a panelist. HS Student council will also host a blood drive with Vitalant on May 9th from 10-2pm. Graduation Events: Robing Ceremony is May 14th @5:30pm, 8th grade promotion May 15th @5:30pm, 16th senior lunch/rehearsal, Friday, May 17th @2p.m.

e. District Testing Coordinator's Report -NM MSSA 1.Math 5th-8th grade 95% complete 88 students of 92 have completed assessments
2. ELA 5th-8th grade 96.7% completed 89 of 92 have completed assessments. Make-up testing is ongoing throughout the test window.
SAT 11th grade 95% completed 43 of 45 students completed. Remaining two students are scheduled for Wednesday. We are hoping for completion of all MATH and ELA tests to be complete by the 18th. This will allow us to receive our general data before the school year lets out. NM-ASR Science test is scheduled for Next week for 5th, 8th, and 11th graders. A total of 93 students are scheduled for this test.

f. Director of Teaching & Learning (Principal's Report) - We submitted our Community Schools grant application as well as our ECHS designation application today. Staffing - Looking ahead, most staff and teachers have indicated they plan to return. Letters of Intent came out at the end of last week. We have hired an incoming Tech Director who will overlap and be training with our current one and we are interviewing two teacher candidates this week. A lot of work has been done on developing our CCP curriculum and alignment in preparation for increasing engagement in our dual credit and CTE courses in the coming year. End of year Leadership Days will be trips to Bandelier and the Great Sand Dunes.

g. Executive Director's Report - Facility- The Wellness Building has been designed. Waiting on the engineered plans. Groundwork and other utilities are being researched. Land purchase -Waiting on lot split., 24-25 calendar - Still working on final draft.

- h.** Monthly GC Calendar Development and Strategic Planning Review -Staff Lunch during finals week (May 13-15). \$50 Pitch in from GC Members for Chalupp's Pizza. We need 12 pizzas to feed the entire TA staff.
- i.** Incentive Pay Program IPP (Action) __Martin__ moves to approve the IPP as presented, __Lara__ seconds the motion. Roll call, Dean yes, Lara yes, Martin yes, Sam yes, Karen yes, Motion carries
- j.** Community Schools Resolution (Action) __Martin__ moves to accept Community Schools Resolution as presented, __Karen__ seconds the motion. Roll call, Dean yes, Lara yes, Martin yes, Sam yes, Karen yes, Motion carries
- k.** Performance Framework (Action) __Martin__ moves to approve Performance Framework and Mission Specific Goal as presented, Motion to approve Dean's signature __Sam__ seconds the motion. Roll call, Dean yes, Lara yes, Martin yes, Sam yes, Karen yes, Motion carries
- l.** Charter Contract (Action) __Martin__ moves to approve Charter Contract as presented, __Karen__ seconds the motion. Roll call, Dean yes, Lara yes, Martin yes, Sam yes, Karen yes, Motion carries
- m.** FMP (Facility Master Plan) change (Action) __Karen__ moves to approve FMP Change as presented, __Masrtin__ seconds the motion. Roll call, Dean yes, Lara yes, Martin yes, Sam yes, Karen yes, Motion carries
- n.** Policy (action) - __Martin__ moves to approve Policy GAT- GAX as presented, __Karen__ seconds the motion. Roll call, Dean yes, Lara yes, Martin yes, Sam yes, Karen yes, Motion carries
- o. Closed Session - Personnel** p.m.6:58 - __Karen__ moves to go into closed session __Martin__ seconds the motion. Traci, Elizabeth and Ashley are invited to stay. Roll call, Dean yes, Lara yes, Martin yes, Karen yes, Sam yes, Motion carries.

7:23 pm __Karen__ moves to come out of closed session. __Martin__ seconds the motion. Roll call, Dean yes, Lara yes, Martin yes, Karen yes, Sam yes, Motion carries.

Matters discussed during the closed session were limited to those specified in the motion for closure.

p. Interim Head Administrator (action)- Tabled

q. Next Board Meeting Agenda- N/a

r. Adjournment - __Martin__ moves to adjourn, __Karen__ seconds the motion. Roll call, Dean yes, Lara yes, Martin yes, Sam yes, Karen yes, Motion carries

Adjourned: 7:27 p.m

Public Input: Persons from the same group and having similar viewpoints are asked to select a spokesperson to speak on their behalf. Taos Academy Governing Council asks that any and all public input be limited to a reasonable amount of time, three to five minutes. No action will be taken on items presented and comments regarding matters under litigation will not be allowed. Individuals with a disability who need any form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate at this meeting are to contact Director Traci Filiss at tfiliss@taosacademy.org at least one week prior to the meeting.

Meeting Minutes
Taos Academy Charter School
Governing Council Meeting
110 Paseo Del Canon Taos NM 87571

Date, May 13th 2024

5:30pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ccx-kvho-bcc>

Or dial: (US) +1 929-277-6767 PIN: 210 345 036#

Live stream <https://stream.meet.google.com/stream/5854bd0e-1c74-49ee-b14f-9e383302b29e>

A. Call To Order – 5:31 p.m

B. Roll Call – Dean Caldwell (President) Present, Karen Shannon (Treasurer) Present, Lara Heister (Vice President) Present, Samantha Gonzales (Secretary) Absent, Martin Molz (member) Present,
NON-VOTING STAFF ATTENDANCE - Traci Filiss (Executive Director), Jamie Lucero-Martinez (Community Coordinator), Elizabeth LeBlanc (Director Teaching and Learning), Pamela Rodriguez (Assistant Finance Manager). Karin Moulton (Foundation), Lisa Joseph (Community School’s Coordinator), Ashley Trujillo (Minutes)

C. Pledge of Allegiance- Done

D. Approval of Agenda (Action)- Approval of May agenda: Karen moves as modified to approve agenda, Martin seconds, Roll call, Dean yes, Lara yes, Martin yes, Karen yes, Motion carries.

E. Approval of Minutes (Action) – Approval of April & May Special May Meeting minutes: Martin moves to approve minutes, Lara seconds, Roll call, Dean yes, Lara yes, Martin yes, Karen yes, Motion carries

F. Governing Council Input - None

G. Public Input (See below)- Amy Trevino (Parent): Enjoys the school for her two children, Her kids have thrived here and she really enjoys her kids attending TA. They have learned about being active in their community.

H. Student SEL presentation: 5:39 Introduction by Mark Richert.

Students presented items to work through with Administration and GC for possible future policy changes. Following are the categories presented:

- Dress code enforcement according to policy
- Input into Wellness Building use and services
- Amount of time for lunch and food equity concerns

I. Financial reports (Discussion & Action)

- a. Business Services update - Tabled
- c. BAR Approvals (Action) - Tabled
- d. Finance/Audit Committee update-(Action):. Talked about Christie Berg will be interim Head Administrator and Jamie Lucero-Martinez will be interim CPO . Karen moves to approve the unaudited financial

reports as presented, __Martin__ seconds the motion. Roll call, Dean yes, Lara yes, Martin yes, Karen yes, Motion carries.

J. Operations & Instructional Reports (Discussion & Action)-

A. GC Training: Training is completed for the year. Meetings will now need to be recorded, available to the public on TA's website, and saved for 3 years.

B. Foundation Report - The regularly scheduled quarterly meeting was held April 24, 2024. The current bank balance is \$29,172. Expenses for the annual audit, accounting, and administrative services have all increased in the last year. It is necessary to revise the current MOU between TA Foundation and Taos Academy to reflect these increases. During the coming school year, income from Smith's/Kroger will be deposited into the Taos Academy bank account and governing council snacks will be purchased from these funds through the school.

C. Foundation MOU (Action): Due to increases in accounting and administrative fees, TA Foundation is requesting that the MOU for services fees be increased to 7.5% of each monthly payment of \$15,044.66. This is a monthly payment of \$1,128.35. __Martin__ moves to approve Foundation MOU as presented, __Lara__ seconds the motion. Roll call, Dean yes, Lara yes, Martin yes, Karen yes, Motion carries.

D. TA Community Council Report (PAC/EQ/CS)

CS: After submitting the original grant application, NMPED requested all budgets be resubmitted for only \$75,000 from PED funding, half of what we originally were allowed. The requirements for the grant involve extensive reporting, the coordinator position needing to be staffed as full-time with reduced funding from the grant, and extensive oversight by newly employed NMPED consultants. Given the smaller amount of funding, TA has decided to continue our Community School work without the grant money - we are essentially operating independently of NMPED funding as we would need to a year from now. Our Coordinator will now be part-time and have more time to make connections in the community, explore funding opportunities, and spend less time on NMPED reporting requirements.

Our Community School Focus Group and Needs Assessment was a success. On May 8th a group of 18 participants including students, staff, families, and community partners met for over an hour. During this time they heard about our SEL in Action Project, learned more about our Strategic Plan Initiatives, and conducted a Needs Assessment. The needs assessment involved responding to questions that evaluate how our Community School Initiatives meet the needs of our stakeholders and where we need to improve. This work will help with decision-making for next year's improved implementation of our Community School Initiatives as well as give us information that will help us to create new initiatives to address the needs raised at this Focus Group. We hope to continue these

conversations next year with more student and community voices represented in our current decision making structures. We are ending the year with a strong Community School Strategic Plan and preparing for dynamic involvement of all of our stakeholders in the Fall.

PAC/EQ: Feedback from parents at last Parent Advisory and Equity Council meeting: Concern for bilingual education and ways to build more support for live instruction in language study; SEL in Action is a positive and parents want to see this continue; culturally relevant and aligned curriculum for our Native American students.

E. STEM+ Director's Report- STEM+Arts institute programming for the 23-24 school year has ended. The Celebration of learning on May 3rd, 2024 included performances, presentations, and an art show. The final theater performance on May 8th, 2024 was well attended by families. Looking ahead to next year: Science, Music, Theatre, Art, Culinary arts, Coding/computer programming, and Science in nature instructors are in place for the fall.

F. District Testing Coordinator's Report- Summative assessment window has officially closed. All eligible students were tested. 80th day enrollment does impact our percent completion. With student mobility at the end of fall semester we will have an overall 96% participation rate. Scores will not be accessible until June. Short cycle assessments MAP window is still open. We are currently at a 93% participation rate for the spring.

MAP preliminary reports - Overall growth reports place us at the 51st percentile in math. Overall achievement in math is at 50th percentile, an increase from the 48th percentile. Overall growth reports place us at the 47th percentile in reading. Overall achievement in reading is at 56th percentile, a decrease from the 58th percentile.

G. Director of Teaching & Learning (Principal's Report)

We are in Final Exams week with many students completing their work and classes early.

Outdoor Ed/Spring Leaderships Days - Monday, May 20th - trip to Bandelier National Monument; Tuesday, May 21st - trip to the Great Sand Dunes; both days, offering our very first TA Mountain Bike Club trips out at the Rift Trail.

Summer Session - Our five week summer session supports students who are working ahead, in credit recovery, or are building skills. Kicks off on Tuesday, May 28th!

Taos Academy was recognized by UNM-Taos at their graduation ceremony for our dual credit program; two students received their Associates Degree and one received her Certificate.

H. Executive Director's Report - Moving forward with transition planning. Christie Berg will be interim Head Administrator and Jamie Lucero-Martinez will be interim CPO .

I. 2024-25 Title 1 Federal Grants \$103,887.28 (Action): __Martin__ moves to approve 24/25 Title 1 Federal Grants as presented, __Lara__ seconds the motion. Roll call, Dean yes, Lara yes, Martin yes, Karen yes, Motion carries

J. 2024-25 Title IV \$10,000 (Action Taken on letter I.)

K. 2024-25 Fine Arts Grant (Action Taken on letter I.)

L. 2024-25 Matthews Fox, P.C. Agreement shall not exceed \$60,000. - Professional Services Agreement (Action): __Martin__ moves to approve 24/25 Matthews Fox, P.C Professional Services Agreement as presented, __Lara__ seconds the motion. Roll call, Dean yes, Lara yes, Martin yes, Karen yes, Motion carries

M. Monthly GC Calendar: Development and Strategic Planning Review -Staff Lunch during finals week.

N. Policy (action) - NA

O. Closed Session - Personnel (6:40) p.m. - __Martin__ moves to go into closed session to discuss Personnel matters. __Karen__ seconds the motion. Traci is invited to stay. Roll call, Dean yes, Lara yes, Martin yes, Karen yes, Motion carries.

__7:11__ pm __Martin__ moves to come out of closed session.

__Lara__ seconds the motion. Roll call, Dean yes, Lara yes, Martin yes, Karen yes, Motion carries.

Matters discussed during the closed session were limited to those specified in the motion for closure.

P. Interim Head Administrator (action): __Martin__ moves to approve Christie Burg as Interim Head Administrator for 90 days beginning July 1st, 2024, and as presented, __Lara__ seconds the motion. Roll call, Dean yes, Lara yes, Martin yes, Karen yes, Motion carries

Q. Next Board Meeting Agenda - interim discussion and plan, contract, budget.

R. Adjournment - __Martin__ moves to adjourn, __Lara__ seconds the motion. Roll call, Dean yes, Lara yes, Martin yes, Karen yes, Motion carries

Adjourned: __7:19__

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