New Mexico Public Education Commission Work Session Minutes

August 15-16, 2024

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

Link to Meeting Recording

Chair Patricia Gipson called the work session to order at 4:22 p.m. on August 15, 2024.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Commissioners in attendance in person:

Commissioner Patricia Gipson, Chair, District 7, Las Cruces Commissioner Steven J. Carrillo, Vice Chair, District 10, Santa Fe Commissioner Timothy Beck, Secretary, District 2, Albuquerque Commissioner Alan Brauer, District 3, Albuquerque Commissioner Rebekka Burt, District 4, Rio Rancho Commissioner Sharon Clahchischilliage, District 5, Aztec Commissioner Stewart Ingham, District 6, Deming Commissioner Michael Taylor, District 8 Roswell

Commissioners on Zoom:

Commissioner K.T. Manis, District 9, Hobbs

Commissioners not in attendance:

Commissioner Melissa Armijo, Secretary, District 1, Albuquerque Commissioner Sharon Clahchischilliage, District 5, Aztec

Also Present:

Julia Barnes, PEC Attorney Corina Chavez, Charter Schools Division (CSD) Director Dr. Brigette Russell, CSD Deputy Director Melissa "Missy" Brown, CSD Consuelo Constantine, CSD Jorge Gonzales, PED IT

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

Martica Davis, CSD Dr. Kimberly Faulkner, CSD Julianna Montoya, CSD Diana Serna, CSD Lucy Valenzuela, CSD Bianca Olona-Elwell, CSD Ken Norris, CSD Samantha Ramierz, CSD Kelli Renken, CSD Cheryl Rowe, CSD Ted Farnath, CSD Valery Ratliff Parker

Samantha Gonzales

1. Discussion and update on Performance Framework templates

a. Status of posting corrected templates to the PEC website

Chair Gipson inquired about the template for Middle College. Deputy Director Russell confirmed that the template changes for Middle College have been confirmed.

b. Preparation of templates for 2024 renewing schools

Deputy Director Russell reported that the templates for these schools are still in development.

Ms. Barnes inquired about charts in meeting materials (2b.1 and 2b. 2) and Deputy Director Russell presented a brief overview of those documents. For context, examples referencing some renewal cohort schools and their interim assessments were mentioned.

Ms. Barnes asked a follow up question related to the CSD process and timeline for supporting schools with finalizing their template selections and template creation. Director Chavez reported that she and Missy Brown have engaged the schools regarding template readiness. Director Chavez also mentioned that conference sessions were offered on template choices, and that template development has been added to the CSD team work plan and assigned to CSD Team Member, Dr. Faulkner.

Chair Gipson requested updates from CSD regarding templates for the renewal cohort schools. Chair Gipson requested to have the November renewal cohort have templates prepared prior to November hearings. Deputy Russell gave assurances that school would have templates in advance of their hearing dates.

2. Discussion of options for Indicators of Success

Chair Gipson began the discussion by providing context to the Commission regarding the intent of the suggested policy related to Indicators of Success: "self assessment and improvement for all schools".

Commissioner Burt recommended alignment of Governing Board self-assessment questions and results directly to support and technical assistance resources; a menu of options/ support added to the document.

Ms. Barnes raised concerns about complete Governing Board self-assessment results being shared directly with CSD, but not PEC.

Chair Burt solicited specific legal advice from Ms. Barnes on how schools can be shielded from having the self-assessment results used against them in a punitive manner.

Commissioner Manis agreed that clarification by the commission is needed for the intended requirement.

Discussion on the matter was suspended at 5:32 p.m.

Meeting recessed at 5:33 p.m by Chair Gipson until August 16, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

3. Report from Chair on reimbursements

- a. Commissioner per diem for meeting attendance, other travel reimbursements, guidance on submission and plans for travel and update on response from DFA and PED budget offices.
- b. Ability to have Commissioners submit reimbursement requests for virtual attendance at

subcommittee meetings.

- c. NACSACON 2024 Conference in Houston, TX, October 20 24, 2024
- d. Updates on grants payment and timing of grant award letters remaining over 30 days

4. Subcommittee Updates

- a. Charter Performance
 - I. Authorizer Software: update on status of rollout
 - II. Discussion of logo
- b. Budget, update on budget for this fiscal year
- c. Policy
- d. Food Service: update on rule, if available
- e. Legislative

5. Reports from PEC Liaisons and members who attended conferences

- a. Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) Commissioner Gipson
- b. Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) Commissioner Gipson
- c. NM Indian Education Advisory Council Commissioner Clahchischilliage
- d. NM Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC) Commissioner Ingham
- e. NM Public School Insurance Authority (NMPSIA) Commissioner Manis
- f. NM School Boards Association (NMSBA) Commissioner Carrillo
- g. NM State Library Commission Commissioner Taylor
- h. Charter School conference reports regarding nationally recognized principles and standards for quality charter authorizing (NMSA 22-8B-5.3.H.)

The work session ended at 10:48 a.m.