New Mexico Public Education Commission

Work Session Minutes

October 9, 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](https://youtu.be/dSQ8-FQvxRw?si=CHAxgSNoH2FQlIeB)

Chair Patricia Gipson called the special work session to order at 1:32 p.m. on October 9, 2024.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Commissioners in attendance on Zoom:

Commissioner Patricia Gipson, Chair, District 7, Las Cruces

Commissioner Steven J. Carrillo, Vice Chair, District 10, Santa Fe

Commissioner Stewart Ingham, District 6, Deming

Commissioners not in attendance on Zoom:

Commissioner Melissa Armijo, Secretary, District 1, Albuquerque

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 Michael Taylor, District 8 Roswell

Commissioner K.T. Manis, District 9, Hobbs

Also Present:

Members of the Public on Zoom are listed on the attendance document.

Julia Barnes, PEC Attorney

Corina Chavez, Charter Schools Division (CSD) Director

Dr. Brigette Russell, CSD Deputy Director

Melissa “Missy” Brown, CSD

Consuelo Constantine, CSD

The purpose of the work session is to provide input to the Chair for PEC letters to schools applying for renewal at the November renewal hearings.Chair Gipson reminded commissioners that if it is in school’s application, including Part A, or if it is in the CSD preliminary analysis, it is already on the record and does not need to be included in the PEC letter of concern.

Concerns identified for renewing school applicants:

1. 21st Century Public Academy: No concerns

2. ACES Technical Charter School: Any additional questions to this letter - Director Chavez stated that the school should be assessed for capacity. Capacity currently is for the entire building not the part that is being occupied by the school. Commissioner Carrillo agreed.

3. Albuquerque School of Excellence: No concerns

4. Albuquerque Sign Language Academy: Any additional questions to this letter - No concerns

5. Amy Biehl High School: No concerns

6. Las Montanos Charter High School: No concerns

7. SouthValley Preparatory School: No concerns

8. The MASTERS Program: Any additional questions to this letter - Chair Gipson stated she would like the school to discuss the new hire to oversee IEPs as the school is still receiving a performance framework rating of “Working to Meet Standard” on protecting the rights of students with disabilities.

The work session ended at 1:44 p.m.