

New Mexico Public Education Commission
Work Session Minutes

October 17, 2024

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

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

- Time: 9:03 a.m.

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 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 Clahchischillige, 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
Julianna Montoya, CSD
Samantha Ramirez, CSD
Ken Norris, CSD
Samantha Ramierz, CSD
Kelli Renken, CSD
Cheryl Rowe, CSD
Wayne Sherwood
Priscilla Frisca
Karen Woerner
Estefanita

2. Discussion and update on Performance Framework templates and status of posting of corrected templates to the PEC website (Second reading)

- a. Corrected Business Rules associated with Performance Framework
 - Reviewed updates to the Performance Framework Business Rules from October 10, 2023.
 - Key Changes
 - Revised technical language and criteria for student growth measurement.
 - Replacement STARS data references with statue data.
 - Discussed concerns about schools defaulting to "no rating" if testing participation is low, with suggestions to amend the business rules to avoid unintended penalties.
 - Next Steps:
 - Voting on these changes at the next PEC meeting.

3. Status of Corrected Templates

- Templates will be posted by October 25, 2024.

4. Discussion of the New School Application Process (Second Reading)

- a. Key Points:
 - Added requirements for original thought and citations in applications, use of plagiarism detection tools, and specific plagiarism thresholds.
 - Discussed challenges of compliance language and how to avoid overly punitive measures.
 - Timeline Concerns: Emphasized the importance of informing applicants early if they are disqualified due to plagiarism.
 - Next Steps: Refine the process and discuss whether to make plagiarism checks part of the technical review phase.
- b. Peer Review Process:
 - Added clarity to the role of external reviewers.

5. Discussion of 2025 Calendar:

- 2025 Calendar updated and posted to PEC website.

6. Discussion and status of rollout and budget of items approved:

- a. PEC logo: completion of work from State printing and use of logo
 - Concerns about delays due to the Secretary reviewing the PEC logo.
 - Next Steps: Pursue external graphic design and state printing options.
- b. Contract with Naomi DeVaux for PEC support
 - Contract halted due to budget constraints; Director Chavez has reached out to Deputy Secretary DeBell,
 - Next Step: A scope of work will be needed. A discussion with the Budget Subcommittee would be productive.
 - Vice Chair Carrillo stated moving forward no budget changes should be made without discussion with the PEC Executive Committee and Budget Subcommittee.

- c. Board Acknowledgement awards
 - o Some PEC Commissioner have volunteered for this, a subcommittee meeting will need to meet to setup guidelines – what is going to be awarded – what is it going to look like – and what is the criteria for it.
- d. Indicators of Success project, REC contracts and how awards will be determined
 - o Significant funding available for mini grants to support schools, with a cap of \$10K per sub grant.

6. Discussion of charter school challenges and legislation put forward by others

- a. Transportation
 - o Legislative push for first-year transportation funding for charter schools.
 - o Discussed logistical challenges, including bus driver shortages and district negotiations.
 - o Next Steps: Legislative changes to address first-year funding and regulatory adjustments for charter school transportation.
- b. State Charter Lottery Rule
 - o Currently a lottery guidance document but no New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC)
 - o Commissioners want to promulgate NMAC for state charter schools
 - o The Policy Subcommittee will meet and bring back to the full Commission
 - o Director Chavez will reach out to PED leadership to see if they would like to make an overarching rule for district charters and state charters.

7. Report from Chair on reimbursements

- o No updates.

8. Subcommittee Updates

- a. Charter Performance: No updates.
- b. Budget: Update given.
- c. Policy: Discussed the upcoming meeting regarding the state charter lottery rule.
- d. Food Service: Final report on Healthy Food Rule, with softening of punitive measures.
 - o Next Steps: Disband the Food Service subcommittee and create a Transportation subcommittee.
- e. Legislative: Has not met.
- f. Board Acknowledgement awards: Meeting planned.
- g. Indicators of Success: Early planning stages, with roll-out expected in FY26.

9. Reports from PEC Liaisons and members who attended conferences

- a. Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC): Chair Gipson did not attend.
- b. Legislative Finance Committee (LFC): Chair Gipson did not attend.
- c. NM Indian Education Advisory Council: No update, Commissioner Clahchischilliage not in attendance.
- d. NM Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC): Commissioner Ingham, discussion of lease reimbursements and inflationary pressures.
- e. NM Public School Insurance Authority (NMPSIA) – Commissioner Manis attended, noting significant to add from the meeting.
- f. NM School Boards Association (NMSBA) – Commissioner Carrillo will reach out to Joe Guillen to see what it they will put in relative to the upcoming legislative session.
- g. NM State Library Commission – Commissioner Taylor, missed meeting nothing to report.
- h. Charter School conference reports regarding nationally recognized principles and standards for quality charter authorizing (NMSA 22-8B-5.3.H.): No reports, will have report next month.

The work session ended at 2:40 p.m.