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1	(No response.)	1	THE CHAIR: Okay. Do we have no, five.
2	SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo.	2	Right.
3	VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Here.	3	SECRETARY BECK: We have five.
4	SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, here.	4	THE CHAIR: We're on to Item No. 3, which
5	There are six Commissioners present. We	5	is Public Comment.
6	do have a quorum.	6	Missy, do we have anyone signed up?
7	THE CHAIR: Thank you. So I'm going to	7	MS. MELISSA BROWN: We do, indeed. We
8	ask people to please stand, and we're going to do	8	have five people online signed up. Our first
9	the Pledge, the Salute, and then Commissioner Beck	9	speaker is Shelly Richard. Please remember to spell
10	will lead us in the Mission and Values.	10	your name for our court reporter and try to limit
11	(Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the	11	your comments to two minutes.
12	New Mexico Flag conducted,	12	FROM THE PUBLIC: Hello. Can you hear me?
13	Mission and Values recited.)	13	Good morning. Hello.
14	THE CHAIR: Thank you. We're on to Item	14	MS. MELISSA BROWN: Yes, we can hear you.
15	No. 2, which is Approval of the Agenda.	15	FROM THE PUBLIC: Okay. Great. My name
16	VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: So moved.	16	is Shelly Richard. S-h-e-l-l-y. And Richard, like
17	COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Second.	17	a guy's name, R-i-c-h-a-r-d.
18	THE CHAIR: There's a motion by	18	This morning I would like to address you
19	Commissioner Carrillo and a second by Commissioner	19	guys about the Alma board.
20	Taylor.	20	It is clear that this board has some sort
21	Any discussion?	21	of agenda that isn't making Alma thrive. There are
22	(No response.)	22	less than 50 students enrolled in Alma d'Arte, and
23	THE CHAIR: Commissioner Beck.	23	half of them don't even show up to school.
24	SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor.	24	I don't know how we can use public funds
25	COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.	25	to support a school that is so clearly failing its
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1	SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis.	1	students and whose board does not take their
2	(No response.)	2	responsibilities seriously.
3	SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Ingham.	3	There are board members who have not shown
4	COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Here. Yes. Sorry.	4	up in months and months as the school falls apart.
5	SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo.	5	When you go to the meetings, they make it
6	VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes.	6	sound as if everything is hunky-dory, and they're
7	SECRETARY BECK: Chair Gipson.	7	doing all these great things. But no real issues
8	THE CHAIR: Yes.	8	are ever addressed, and, if they are, it's in
9	SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis.	9	passing.
10	(No response.)	10	They had a meeting it was supposed to
11	THE CHAIR: Is he still on?	11	be a public meeting to they're going to do
12	SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes.	12	some sort of subleasing to another school, inside of
13	Commissioner Clahchischilliage.	13	the school. But they did not post anything on or
14	(No response.)	14	anything on the front door about it. And when I
15	SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer.	15	showed up, the door was locked.
16	(No response.)	16	They I was not online. But people who
17	SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Armijo.	17	did show up online were not allowed into the
18	(No response.)	18	meeting. And it wasn't posted that it was an online
19	SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt.	19	meeting only.
20	(No response.)	20	I would really encourage you guys to take
21 22	SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis.	21	a hard look at how you address schools in crisis,
22 23	(No response.)	22 23	because just letting a school fail looks really bad
23	THE CHAIR: Motion passes. He's here.	23 24	for all charter schools, not just this one.
25	SECRETARY BECK: Okay. Motion passes. We	25	Thank you. Bye-bye.
23	have	23	VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Thank you.

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MS. MELISSA BROWN: Our next speaker is Jana Holguin.

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FROM THE PUBLIC: Good morning. My name is Jana Holguin. H-o-l-g-u-i-n. I apologize if my connection goes out. I am on the way to the hospital.

(Connection dropout) -- tactics and lack of transparency from the administration and governing council.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Jana, start over. We didn't hear anything after you said you your name.

FROM THE PUBLIC: Okay. I said I hope my connection doesn't go out, because I'm on the way to the hospital.

Good morning, esteemed members of the Public Education Commission. There are serious and ongoing issues at a Alma, which demonstrate a clear pattern of intimidation tactics and lack of transparency from the administration and governing council.

Alma claims to offer seven content areas under academics; yet many of these are not available to students.

As of today an art teacher is still listed

only to later receive notification that the host had ended the meeting. This deliberate gatekeeping resulted in the public being excluded from a meeting that was supposed to be open to all.

After the meeting, I noticed the principal filming me on two separate occasions, an obvious attempt to intimidate and harass me. The principal had no justifiable reason to record me, and it was clear his actions were intended to discourage public participation.

Alma has consistently violated guaranteed public access to meetings. Alma does not webcast its meetings, as required, nor do they allow public comments through the webcast interface, which is another violation.

There is no law requiring people to identify themselves to attend a public meeting. Alma's administration has demonstrated a rules for thee, but not for me mentality, failing to uphold themselves to the same standard, as evidenced by Alma's business manager attending a PEC meeting under (inaudible) name.

I reviewed other public and charter schools, all of which make their meetings available to view, along with all financial and other related

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under staff, even though they will not be returning. This misleading information creates false expectations and misrepresents resources available to students.

I filed a complaint regarding a special meeting about La Academia subleasing from Alma. The meeting violated OMA, and I was subject to bullying and intimidation by the principal.

Neither the notice, nor the agenda, stated the meeting was a virtual only, which I discovered after the meeting when checking on the school's website. I attended in person and was the only person of the public present.

Prior to the meeting, someone inside the school took pictures and/or videos of me. The door was locked. And had I not been there prior to a council member's arrival, I doubt I would have been granted access.

During the meeting, the principal selectively allowed participants to join. He permitted a council member, but denied access to the public based on lack of name identification, even though Alma's system doesn't require names, only e-mail addresses.

Others tried to join, but were ignored,

attachments. Alma, however, remains secretive and exclusionary, hiding information that should be publicly accessible.

Why is Alma withholding information that is supposed to be available to the public? There is a history of (inaudible) violations. This raises serious questions of where the funding allocated for SpEd students is going, and no one is answering this question. The problems at Alma extend beyond special education.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Wrap it up now. FROM THE PUBLIC: Since the current administration -- yes, I'm almost done.

Since the current administration took over, 19 staff members have left the school, and enrollment has plummeted from around 130 to approximately 50 or 60 this year, despite the school's claim that it's thriving.

If these issues, combined with everything else presented to the governing council and to the PEC do not indicate a significant problem, then I ask what more needs to be shown.

The PEC is an authorizing and compliance body. I am urging the body to fulfill its role by holding Alma's administration and governing council

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accountable. Alma has been given chance after chance. But years of non-compliance have been allowed to continue without consequences.

The time for accountability is long overdue. Thank you.

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VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Thank you, Ms. Holguin.

MS. MELISSA BROWN: Our next speaker is the high school student council member, Major Sky Johnson. If you can please remember to spell your name for the court reporter and try to limit your comments to two minutes.

FROM THE PUBLIC: All-righty. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Can everybody hear me?

MS. MELISSA BROWN: Yes, we can. FROM THE PUBLIC: Let me spell my name, first of all. The way you spell my name is like the regular major, M-a-j-o-r, S-k-y. And same thing for Johnson, J-o-h-n-s-o-n. All-righty. Thank you.

My name is Major Sky Johnson, and I am a senior at Six Directions Indigenous School. Six weeks ago, we organized as a school because of a board meeting we witnessed on September 27th.

The reason we are here today is because we

about us as students, but also as people. They teach with excellence, and we, as students, excel. We have risen at our school, and our school is a safe place.

However, we witnessed a meeting on September 27th, where our board chair stated she is receiving concerns directly from students here at our board, made several comments about actions that violates their own bylaws, the Open Meetings Act, and we, as students, decided we need to act.

FROM THE PUBIC: Hi. My name is Lakyn Yazzie. I'm also a student council member. On September 27th, 2024, our governing council met, and --

THE CHAIR: Whosever talking needs to introduce themselves for the record, if there's someone else. This is a new person speaking; correct?

FROM THE PUBLIC: Yeah. My name is Lakyn Yazzie. L-a-k-y-n. And I'm a student council member as well.

THE CHAIR: Thank you.

FROM THE PUBLIC: On August 27th, 2024, our governing council had met. Public comment was made by a parent, who is also a staff member here at

love our school. This is our voice as students, and this is our right as young people, who have descended from a vote, we bring support from our families, the history of our ancestors, and the love of our school to bring these demands today.

We have had several head administrators here at the school, as well as multiple staff members. Our most recent head administrator came last year.

Before she came, the school was hectic. She made positive changes. The school became fun. It's a happier place. The teachers are better, our scores have risen. We are a family here. And we can say our head administrator did her best.

Last year, we protested here at our school as a high school body. We demanded a truly indigenous education that was decolonized. We had education that was just mimicking public schools. We had education that was in the ghost of a boarding school.

We demanded that the teachers elevate themselves to reclaim sacred ways about our experiences here.

After the protest, many staff left, but many new teachers came, better teachers. They cared

the school. She had a concern because a report had been released stating that the governing council had only one board member in compliance with the board's trainings.

She stated the governing board had been out of compliance with its training hours for the last three years. She asked if there was a comment about it, and the board declined.

On September 27th, 2024, the governing council met again. They opened the meeting, and then stated that they wanted to strike the public comments from the record, because it's a conflict of interest that a staffer member, who is a parent, had said this.

They voted this is a violation of the Open Meeting Act. A governing council cannot take action on anything that is not on their agenda.

And in the same meeting on Friday, the board publicly declared that the chair had met with its two newest members to conduct a three-hour onboarding training. This is a violation of the Open Meeting Act.

A governing council cannot meet with a quorum present and not publicly post the meeting. There was no notice.

The Charter Schools Division must approve all people who can onboard a board member. We do not know if the board chair is approved to onboard members. Onboarding is one hour. The public does not know what was discussed during the three-hour meeting.

During the Friday's meeting, a council member expressed discomfort with the staff member, who is also a parent -- parent's public comment, and decided to state that she has to come to the school and feels that you can tell the staff are related and that they are in cliques.

She added, "If we have to weed people out, then we will."

During the same meeting, governing council chair publicly admitted to being involved in the day-to-day operations of the school, specifically regarding the handling of student transcripts. This admission directly violates the council's bylaws, which states the board shall not be involved in the day-to-day operations of the school.

Another concerning issue that arose during this September 27th meeting was the public discussion surrounding an e-mail, said by the head administrator, in which she requested that The high school students of Six Directions Indigenous School demand all governing council members resign.

Thank you for giving us the time to speak.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Thank you.

MS. MELISSA BROWN: In the future, let me know how many speakers are going to be speaking.

Our next public speaker is Michelle Griego-Trujillo.

I'm finding you. Please remember to spell your name and try to keep your comments to two minutes, Michelle.

FROM THE PUBLIC: Okay. Can you hear me? MS. MELISSA BROWN: Yes, we can.

FROM THE PUBLIC: Okay. Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Michelle Griego-Trujillo G-r-i-e-g-o hyphen T-r-u-j-i-l-l-o.

My son Justin used to attend Alma d'Arte. He has since started going to New America. And I just have to tell you it's been amazing. My son hasn't had one panic or anxiety attack.

He has actually even participated in classroom projects.

He's so comfortable talking to his teachers and the administration there.

communication between herself and the governing council be conducted through official channels. The board chair publicly criticized the e-mail and indicated that the governing council would be drafting a letter of direction to our head administrator.

FROM THE PUBLIC: It's me, Major, again.

As an entire high school body, we organized. We went to a room and read the bylaws of our board line by line. We read our past minutes and agendas. We learned about the Open Meetings Act, the laws, policies. We learned about the PEC Charter School Division.

We put this list together. We collected student interviews to see exactly what all of us think of our school. We wonder why our board are allowed to continue this level of violations without direct intervention or oversight.

This has been three consecutive years. Our board did not post videos on our school website for the past three months. The videos were posted this week, but requires a password to view, making it inaccessible.

We are only here to make this public comment heard, as we understand your role as PEC.

New America has been really welcoming to both of us. He was even excited and talked about colleges.

While attending Alma, he hated school. He had so many panic attacks, so many anxiety attacks. He didn't trust administration. But at New America, he's excited about going to school. He gets up early. He gets ready.

He has complete respect for all the administration at New America and is so comfortable talking to every single one of them.

So I am pretty confident in saying that the problem was not my son, but the problem was administration at Alma Arte [verbatim].

One teacher, also at Alma, was amazing, and he was so comfortable with her. But, unfortunately, she was very limited to what she was doing -- what she could do.

But New America has been awesome and amazing. And I just wanted the PEC to hear that it wasn't my son that was the issue; it's the administration at Alma Arte. And I really hope that you guys see this and start taking action.

Thank you.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Thank you.

22 1 1 it was awesome. So it was great. And Dr. Martinez MS. MELISSA BROWN: Our final speaker 2 2 is present here today. today is Janet van Coblijn. Oh. And -- thank you. 3 You have the floor. 3 4 4 FROM THE PUBLIC: Hi. My name -- good Commissioner Brauer and Commissioner Burt 5 morning, Commissioners and fellow meeting 5 are present, by the way. 6 6 participants. THE CHAIR: Commissioner Brauer. 7 7 My name is Janet van Coblijn, v-a-n space COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Thank you, 8 C-o-b-l-i-j-n. 8 Madam Chair. Commissioner Beck, thank you for 9 9 We meet again. stealing my thunder. Is this how you get back to me 10 I was -- wanted to just -- to comment that 10 about my boomer comments yesterday? Well-deserved. 11 the issues, of course, continue. They've been 11 It was great to be with you-all on that 12 documented or mentioned by previous commenters for 12 day. It's always a pleasure to be there with your 13 public comment. 13 young people. And, you know, I'll just add just one 14 We continue to speak for those who will 14 element. 15 not speak up, but have spoken to us. New issues 15 There was a special -- Special Olympics 16 still keep coming to the fore by alums, by people 16 was there as well. And there were, like, Special 17 who have left the school, by teachers, by former 17 Olympics e-sports that were happening there. And it 18 staff. It goes on and on. 18 was -- just, to see the joy of the young -- your 19 Kudos to the high school students who made 19 young kiddos there, it was just really great, Rafe, 20 public comment just a little while ago, as they are 20 so thank you for that. 21 kind of going through the same thing a lot of us 21 I also wanted to share. I had a chance to 22 have gone through of having to research and slog 22 go see ACES Technical -- is it ACES Technical High 23 through all the different things about the Open 23 School? There is also an Aces other charter school, 24 Meetings Act which Alma continues to violate: the 24 too. 25 lack of video access, of recording, and so on. 25 So I had a chance to visit with 23 1 1 So I just want to say that I listen to Dr. Campbell. It was actually the first time, 2 2 your meeting statement -- or your mission statement 3 at every meeting. And I think that's admirable. 3 4 4 And yet every time, this is not what's happening at school director. 5 5

Alma d'Arte.

And to have to, for years, go through this, continue to go through this, is just as frustrating for us as it may be for you.

So somebody somewhere needs to take action.

Thank you.

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MS. MELISSA BROWN: Commissioners, that is everybody we have.

THE CHAIR: We are now on to Item No. 4, which is School Spotlights and Highlights.

Commissioner Beck?

SECRETARY BECK: Yeah. I just wanted to say that Commissioner Brauer, Commissioner Burt, Commissioner Ingham, and myself attended a wonderful awards ceremony and a pep rally at Albuquerque Sign Language Academy. It was really, really incredible. I learned a lot about the school and the history of the school and the reason why the school exists and

how important it is to the community. And Dr. Martinez gave us a real tour, and Chair, that I went to that school since -- I became

very intimately connected to it when I was a charter

It was great to see the school. Jeron was -- was very open, and I had a chance to go and see a lot of the different classrooms and engage with the young people and learn about what's happening at that school.

So that was also something I just wanted to lift up as a spotlight, for me to see that school, finally, and to see that students are thriving there.

So thank you.

THE CHAIR: I did a Special Olympics golf tournament. And it was -- it was just fun. We laughed so hard all day, that just -- it's golf like I like it. Yeah.

Anyone else? (No response.)

20 2.1 THE CHAIR: Okay. Thank you.

22 So we are on to No. 5, the Consent Agenda.

Does anyone need anything off? If not, I'll

entertain a motion.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Motion to approve.

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26 1 THE CHAIR: Second. 1 you. 2. 2 There's a motion by Commissioner Carrillo So Equip Academy has completed all of the required documents for their Board of Finance. So 3 and a second by Commissioner Gipson. 3 4 4 SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. they are all set. 5 5 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. THE CHAIR: Okay. So I just have an 6 6 SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. overarching question. 7 7 COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. Now that there -- assuming there's 8 SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Ingham. 8 approval, they're all boards of finance. So the 9 9 COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. expectation is, as of now, from going forward, that 10 10 SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis. they will be holding public board meetings, because 11 11 they will be voting on things like head (No response.) 12 SECRETARY BECK: Chair Gipson. 12 administrator contracts, the expending of funds from 13 13 THE CHAIR: Yes. the CSP grant, which is public monies, because it's 14 14 SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo. federal monies. So that that's the -- am I correct 15 15 in that assumption? VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. 16 16 SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes. MS. MELISSA BROWN: You are correct in 17 17 Commissioner Burt, yes. (Verbatim.) that assumption. They will be having board 18 Okay. There are seven yeses, zero noes. Motion 18 meetings, posting, having minutes. 19 19 passes. THE CHAIR: Which includes -- and I know 20 20 this is -- so that -- so that includes website's up, THE CHAIR: Thank you. 21 SECRETARY BECK: I'm having a hard time 21 hopefully recordings. And I know schools are -- I 22 today. 22 know that's a struggle this year with a number of 23 23 schools with doing recordings and posting them. But THE CHAIR: Is Commissioner Manis -- I 24 hate to say "with us." It kind of sounds like a 24 that's all encompassed in that? 25 25 Okay. Thanks. passing. Exactly. 27 29 1 1 DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: He is on. DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: We have been 2 2 THE CHAIR: I'm sorry. Did you say -working with both the existing charters and the new 3 3 okay. Okay. charters to ensure that that -- I think it was House 4 4 We don't have anything for No. 6. Bill 137 that talked about the live-casting, 5 5 No. 7, Discussion and Possible Action on webcasting their meetings and recording the 6 the Board of Finance. 6 meetings, posting them on their website. We have 7 7 We have the three new applicants for this been working with the schools so that they know 8 8 year. And they've all completed -- they've all about that expectation, and then giving feedback to 9 received their -- they all received a CSP grant, so 9 those where we don't see it yet. 10 10 THE CHAIR: Right. Yeah. And I they need to be the Board of Finance so they can 11 appreciate that. And I know for, you know, a number 11 begin accepting that money and using that money. 12 12 So the first school that we have is Equip of schools, you know, they had to get the equipment 13 13 Academy. and figure it out. 14 14 MS. MELISSA BROWN: Correct. So --And it's been, you know, challenging. And 15 15 some are in areas where Internet isn't that great. THE CHAIR: Can we do these all together, 16 16 So it -- there's been a lot of challenges involved or do we have to do them separately? 17 17 Okay. No problem. with it. 18 18 MS. MELISSA BROWN: So -- I'm sorry. I'm I appreciate all the schools and what 19 19 just letting Commissioner Manis know that we're not they're doing to get that done. But -- okay. 20 20 having a quorum problem. He still has somebody in 21 21 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Can I make a motion his office. 22 22 THE CHAIR: Okay. here? 23 MS. MELISSA BROWN: So back to -- I am --23 THE CHAIR: Correct. 24 THE CHAIR: We have a quorum now. 24 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I move, then, that 25 MS. MELISSA BROWN: Seven. Seven. Thank 25 the Equip Academy of New Mexico -- okay. I move

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2 Academy of New Mexico be approved, that the Chair 2 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Ye	-
3 will provide the school with a certificate showing 3 SECRETARY BECK: Commission	
4 that the governing board has been qualified as a 4 COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Ye	
5 Board of Finance, and the board will comply with the 5 SECRETARY BECK: Commission	
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14 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. 14 (No response.)	mer mams.
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16 COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes. 16 There are seven votes for, zero vot	
17 SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Ingham. 17 against. The motion passes.	
18 COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. 18 THE CHAIR: Thank you. And ou	ır final
19 SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo. 19 applicant is Sun Mountain Community S	
20 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. 20 MS. MELISSA BROWN: Sun Mo	
21 SECRETARY BECK: Chair Gipson. 21 School has turned in all of their required	•
THE CHAIR: Yes. 22 for their Board of Finance and are ready	
23 SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes. 23 approval.	ioi youi
24 Commissioner Manis. 24 THE CHAIR: Oh. Sure.	
25 (No response.) 25 COMMISSIONER INGHAM: I h	ad a question
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1 SECRETARY BECK: Okay. There are seven 1 about that one, why their application	was so
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THE CHAIR: Thank you. 3 insurance and all that. I'm just not us	•
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5 is Sacramento School of Engineering and Science I 5 MS. MELISSA BROWN: We	ell part of the
6 was going to say "Sciences." 6 Implementation Year Checklist, they	
7 MS. MELISSA BROWN: So the Sacramento 7 in things that they oh.	ingin or willing
8 School of Engineering and Science has turned in all 8 So we require we require the	e we
9 their required documentation for their Board of 9 require to know that the business ma	
Finance, and will, as soon as they're approved, be 10 liability insurance. The schools will	_
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13 THE CHAIR: Thanks. So I move that the 13 to that requirement for the Board of I	
Board of Finance application for Sacramento School 14 they have an overall insurance certification for Sacramento School 15 they have an overall insurance certification for Sacramento School	
of Engineering and Science be approved, that the 15 know that they will be having it, because the second of the se	
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with the Open Meetings Act and relevant statutes. 19 THE CHAIR: The liability instance of the control of the c	
20 I was 20 COMMISSIONER INGHAM:	
21 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Second. 21 was the first part of the whole propose	-
THE CHAIR: There's a motion by 22 read through it, it's all, like, 50 pages	=
23 Commissioner Gipson, a second by Commissioner 23 insurance.	
24 Carrillo. 24 MS. MELISSA BROWN: Ye	s. Well, I believe
25 Commissioner Beck. 25 the school just likes to be thorough in	

(inaudible due to simultaneous speaking.)

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: If there's no more discussion, I move that the -- I move that the Board of Finance application for Sun Mountain Community School be approved, that the Chair provide the school with a certificate showing that the governing board has been qualified as a Board of Finance, and

board has been qualified as a Board of Finance, and that the board comply with the Open Meetings Act and relevant statutes.

application. So it's -- some of the stuff is

THE CHAIR: Second.

There's a motion by Commissioner Carrillo, a second by Commissioner Gipson.

14 Commissioner Beck.

SECRETARY BECK: Chair Gipson.

THE CHAIR: Yes.

17 SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes.

SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Ingham.

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes.

SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer.

22 COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes.

SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor.

24 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

(No response.)

25 SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt.

THE CHAIR: Thanks. We are on to Item No. 8, which is the Discussion and Possible Action to Accept the Short Cycle Assessment change for Cesar Chavez Community School.

I remind Commissioners they were on the -they weren't on the agenda last month because we
received the information a little late. Their Short
Cycle Assessment tool is no longer going to be
available that they contracted with, so they have to
change.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Yes. That is correct, Chair Gipson, Commissioners. Also Nathan Everett representing the school is in the audience if you want to promote him.

But in the materials, you have both the application, 8.a., and the CSD analysis, 8.b., on this item. And CSD recommends that the PEC approve this requested amendment because both the old and the new assessment rely on Lexile scores, which are pretty common across assessments.

And I'm sure that Nate will be a lot more articulate about that. But we do recommend approval of this amendment. Thank you.

THE CHAIR: Good morning, Nate. Do you want to introduce yourself for the record? And any

SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt.

COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes.

SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis.

(No response.)

SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes. There are seven votes for, zero votes against. The motion passes.

THE CHAIR: Thank you. And thanks for all the schools for getting this all in. I know -- they've got their first drop in November with Implementation Year Checklist. So there's a lot.

But I also know that they want to start using that money.

MS. MELISSA BROWN: I just wanted to give a shout-out. I forgot to mention that the Equip Academy, all board members have completed all of their required board training hours; so...

THE CHAIR: Wow. Yeah. That is -- maybe they can get a gold star.

MS. MELISSA BROWN: They are the first board to complete this fiscal year. So I think it's --

THE CHAIR: That's great. That's great.

(Off-mic comments.)

information that you feel the Commission might want to hear, you're free to give us that information.

MR. NATHAN EVERETT: Yeah, definitely.

Thank you, all, for having us today. I am Nathan Everett. N-a-t-h-a-n E-v-e-r-e-t-t. And I'm the dean of students at Cesar Chavez Community School.

As Chair mentioned, unfortunately, our assessment that we were using was phased out. That was the Houghton Mifflin reading assessment. It has now been replaced by the NWEA MAP reading assessment, which I'm sure a lot of you are familiar with.

They both use Lexile as a universal measure. So we will be able to continue with our goal with only our assessment changing.

THE CHAIR: Commissioners, any questions? (No response.)

THE CHAIR: Okay. Thanks so much. Thanks for taking the time out to be here today. We really do appreciate it.

And I appreciate the fact that the school let us know in a very timely fashion so that we can move forward. So I appreciate that communication as well. So -- yes.

38 1 COMMISSIONER BURT: I move that the PEC 1 2 2 accept the Short-Cycle Assessment change for 3 3 Cesar Chavez Community School in the meeting 4 4 materials as No. 8, and that the change be reflected 5 in the Performance Framework and as an amendment to 5 give --6 6 the charter contract. 7 7 VICE CHAIR CARILLO: Second. 8 THE CHAIR: There's a motion by 8 9 9 Commissioner Burt and a second by Commissioner 10 10 Carrillo. If there's no further discussion? 11 SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. 11 12 COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. 12 13 13 SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt. 14 COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes. 14 15 SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Ingham. 15 16 COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. 16 17 SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. 17 18 18 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. 19 SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Gipson. 19 2.0 20 THE CHAIR: Yes. 21 SECRETARY BECK: Chair Gipson. Sorry 21 22 about that. Vice Chair Carrillo. 22 23 THE CHAIR: I answer to anything. 23 24 SECRETARY BECK: I know. 24 25 Vice Chair Carrillo. 25 39

R-a-p-h-a-e-l. Martinez, M-a-r-t-i-n-e-z. I stand for any questions. THE CHAIR: So I don't.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Do you want me to

THE CHAIR: If you want to do a quick analysis, that's fine.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Chair Gipson, Commissioners, Albuquerque Sign Language Academy is asking for an amendment to add some additional square footage of a building that is right next door to the existing facility -- it's 5,900 square feet -- that will be used for administrative offices, gym, and cafeteria.

And the Charter Schools Division recommends that the PEC approve the proposed square footage amendment request, given that the school is located near the intersection of Fourth Street and Griegos. There's a lot of traffic volume.

And we are interested in the details of the school's plans for how the school will ensure safety across the proposed facility from the current site. And, otherwise, we are -- we are certain that the school will use the facility well and to support what is happening at the existing facility.

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1 THE CHAIR: Did you want to kind of --2 yeah.

> MR. RAFE MARTINEZ: Yeah. Chair Gipson, members of the Commission, yeah. So it's -- it's ambitious, for sure. But we're always ambitious; right?

So what it is, it's a -- it's a theater, actually. It's a performing arts theater that backs up to the current location of the school.

So we're now in the old -- what was the old La Luz Elementary. And the back of the playground connects to the -- this new facility. And it's -- it's a facility that is going to give us the opportunity to move our entire -- it's actually built for a fine arts program.

So what the facility was back in the -- I want to say the late 1990s, maybe early 2000s, it was the old program that was -- it was called the VSA Initiative, the Very Special Arts Initiative.

And it was a program that was funded out of the Kennedy Center to serve the disability community in the world of fine arts.

So it was a pretty prolific program that ran '90s -- late '90s into the 2000s, and then COVID ended up getting them.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes.

SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis.

(No response.)

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THE CHAIR: One of the better things I usually do.

SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes. There are seven votes for, zero votes against. The motion passes.

THE CHAIR: Thank you. We are on to Item No. 9, which is Discussion and Possible Action on Albuquerque Sign Language Academy Additional Square

Footage Amendment Request. The red light has to come on -- green. I'm sorry. Keep pushing it. Try the other one.

There.

MR. RAFE MARTINEZ: Good morning, Chair Gipson and members of the Commission. I stand for any questions. I guess I'm here to -- well, do you have any questions? I guess --

THE CHAIR: You need to introduce yourself for the record.

MR. RAFE MARTINEZ: Thank you. My name is Rafe Martinez. I'm the executive director of the Albuquerque Sign Language Academy. Rafe is spelled -- well, Raphael is my full name.

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And so in this really serendipitous way of the way things kind of happen to this little school we had the opportunity to take this over. It's built out to serve disability and would help us in our current location to create the space for -- it's a black box theater that's built for disability. We can house our music program. The fine arts program is all -- would be there.

And we're working with APS, because it's a -- great point. We're working with APS to cut a gate at the back of the playground to allow us to not even be on the street. They go straight from the back of the property that we're on now into the building directly.

So we're thinking about all that. And it's a very, very nominal charge. It's owned by the City, so they're renting it at almost nothing to us.

So it's all to serve the community that we're invested it. So I hope -- please pepper me with questions, if you have them.

THE CHAIR: Commissioner Ingham.

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yeah. I happen to have a connection with the Very Special Arts Program. One of my friends was -- built a lot of sets with them, was very involved with that program.

connected very closely to the community and the arts communities, specifically, right?

So that is the intent, that it would be a multi-ability space for the arts community in Albuquerque to convene. Nominal charges. We want to be able to sustain the place, because it's going to be very community-minded, community schools-minded, a way that we will deliberately connect our student population to the larger community.

That's the forefront of what we were thinking. So, yes, we're there.

THE CHAIR: Thanks. Commissioner Burt.

COMMISSIONER BURT: Very supportive, obviously. This is easy. Great. Good for you, to always be looking out and figuring out how you can use every resource available to you.

My only question -- it may not even be for you. I don't know how much the sticking point is of not actually having the -- how much the additional square footage is in any of the documentation. So I don't know if that's something -- do you know what the square footage of that, where we can just amend it in here and, like --

And I was just wondering -- it was -- in fact, I went to a play there not very long ago where it was a different organization used it for putting on some performances.

So I'm wondering, are you going to continue with -- is the community at large going to be able to continue to access that? Are you guys going to be hopefully working with the -- the theater community?

Because there is, you know, very few places for people to perform. And I know APS has -- the Public Academy for Performing Arts is always looking for places to have performances. So I just was hoping that you guys would be open to a more community aspect with that.

MR. RAFE MARTINEZ: Commissioner Gipson, members of the Commission and Commissioner Ingham, absolutely. That's -- you described exactly what our intent is, you know.

So in the spaces where we will use it for the school, it will be used for the school, independent of anything else. But because we have -- we're building out this -- we have really big thoughts, big ideas, around our transition program, it allows us to have our older kids be MR. RAFE MARTINEZ: I want to say it's somewhere around 9,000 square feet. And it has the occupancy -- it has this massive -- it's not an E-occupancy, the gigantic everything occupancy. It has the sprinklers, it has all the things, all the exits. So it doesn't -- I know it's kind of the story of the school right? We don't cleanly fit the formula but it has all the things that surpass what the requirements are; so --

COMMISSIONER BURT: My only concern is just, like, making sure we're not doing something to, like, hinder you, because -- well, I guess us probably wouldn't -- I don't think our approval would hinder anything. I'm just worried about making sure that, like, the i's are dotted, the t's are crossed kind of thing.

That's my only -- it may be more for you or the CSD to talk about, like, what we need to add, maybe, into here to make sure we're on the right page to make sure it's done correctly.

THE CHAIR: That was kind of a question tied in that I had. Because you don't have E-occupancy for that. So do you -- it has E-occupancy?

MR. RAFE MARTINEZ: Yes. Commissioner

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1	Gipson and members of the Commission, and	1	COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes.
2	Commissioner, it was a great question. So the	2	SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt.
3	occupancy it has an MXM occupancy, which	3	COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes.
4	incorporates the E-occupancy standards. So it has	4	SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer.
5	it so that's it's a way more useful zoning	5	COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes.
6	designation, right?	6	SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor.
7	And as far as compliance with larger	7	COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.
8	systems, we PSFA we've been working closely	8	SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo.
9	with PSFA somewhat because of the new building, but	9	VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes.
10	they were involved in this. So the documents we	10	SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes.
11	submitted shows their approval as well. We have	11	Commissioner Manis.
12	all the larger entities are there.	12	COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes.
13	THE CHAIR: Okay. Okay.	13	SECRETARY BECK: There are eight votes
14	COMMISSIONER BURT: Yeah. Because I did	14	for, zero votes against. The motion passes.
15	see that PSFA everything looked good. It just	15	THE CHAIR: Congratulations. And
16	was the only thing that I saw, even in the CSD	16	Commissioner Carrillo?
17	analysis, it's, like "We're approving an additional	17	VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. If I just
18	square footage," but I don't know how much that is.	18	thank you very much for coming up here. It's always
19	There's nothing in the paperwork that's, like, "This	19	great to see you. You could have Zoomed in. People
20	is how much square footage we're approving."	20	do. But we just really love it when people just
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22	"It's that building," if there's, like, a	22	doing, and thank you very much for everything you
23	specific I'm okay saying just 9,000. But I don't	23	do.
24	know if it matters. But if it	24	MR. RAFE MARTINEZ: Just as a quick note,
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that would be terrific.
 THE CHAIR: Is there anyone else with her?
 DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: We will let her
 let us know if there's anyone else. That's the only
 person that I noticed in the audience.

And you have several documents, starting between the letter that was sent from the -- the Chair to the school and to -- oh, no, I'm sorry -- sent to the Secretary, our office of General Counsel, and to the program manager at PSFA around approving the charter contract.

That is item No. 10.a. 10.b. -- or excuse me -- 10.a.1. is the governing council meeting minutes.

As you recall, Commissioners, we had not been able to find any evidence that the school had voted on the contract between you and the school.

And so they held a meeting on September 26th. And you'll see that the special board meeting agenda does have an action item to approve the contract.

That would be item 3.a. And so that is part of the materials for today.

And is Ms. Creel on yet?

MS. MELISSA BROWN: She is.

1 And I didn't hear anything. So, finally, 2 at about 4:00 in the afternoon on Monday, I sent the 3 letter out.

And then right after that, I heard from the -- I heard from Ms. Creel that, "Yes, we had the meeting, and I'll get the minutes to you by the end of the day tomorrow."

And I responded back and said, "I really need the minutes by 10:00 tomorrow morning, that we're supposed to have them, and I didn't get them."

Tuesday morning I sent an e-mail saying, "If you can't get the minutes to me, give me the link to the recording. Our lawyer can look at the recording and have it verified, and then we can get the copy of the minutes later."

And I didn't hear anything.

I sent two other e-mails throughout Tuesday saying, "Are you aware that you fully understand the seriousness of the consequences of us not having this, that you don't have a contract right now?"

And my last e-mail was, "I need the name of someone I can contact, because this just isn't working."

And then I got a call from someone else.

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MS. MARGIE CREEL: Yes. Yeah.
DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Go ahead.
VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I have a question.
I'm looking at the materials here, the agenda.
There's no minutes. Is there someplace that we're going to get -- there's no minutes of who was

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Okay. So I don't

present, who voted, how they voted.

THE CHAIR: We did receive those, yeah, because I did receive them.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: All right.

THE CHAIR: So just to give Commissioners a little info, because the school had been here. We asked them to send us the minutes by that Friday.

They scheduled the special meeting on Thursday. And I had not received the -- anything by the end of the day on Friday, which was what the request was.

So I waited. And Monday morning, I still didn't have anything. I sent -- mid-morning, I sent an e-mail to the school. Because I didn't want to send that letter out, I sent an e-mail to the school asking for, you know, "Did you have the meeting, and, if so, did you -- you know, I need the minutes."

And then I did receive the minutes late Tuesday. So those minutes are now uploaded.

So we do now have the minutes. They came in late on Tuesday.

MS. MARGIE CREEL: This is Margie Creel. May I be able to speak?

THE CHAIR: Sure.

MS. MARGIE CREEL: Okay. Thank you for letting me talk to the Commission. And good morning, Commissioners.

I just wanted to let you know what transpired on my side. After your meeting on September 20th, and I got ahold of the school that following Monday to call a special meeting with 72 hours' notice, that would have been on the 23rd. And so we did post a meeting to meet on the 26th.

We did meet the evening of the 26th. And that was on the agenda to -- because we did not have an action item that we approved the school's contract between the PEC and San Diego Riverside.

So we voted. We did approve it. We went on. I had the principal -- I let the principal know that the minutes and the recording and all needed to go to the PED. I had no idea that it did not transpire that way.

On September 30th was -- I don't know if anybody knew, but I was involved in a Verizon glitch where 150,000 Verizon customers were out of service, beginning, like, at 8:00 a.m. And my service came on back on close to 5:00 p.m. that day.

There was news reports. We had tried to see what happened. I did not see any e-mails or anything on Monday.

And then that, like Commissioner Gipson said, that it started through on Tuesday, and that was the first time that I realized that she did not receive anything. I didn't see that letter that she sent at 10:00 a.m. or anything. So I was actually texting her back. And on -- I think it was on October 1st, or the evening of the 30th, I think it was -- at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th was when I started to text her, because I got a text message from her.

So I got everything together. I contacted the school. And all -- and you're right. You're correct.

We got her the information, but it was, like, Tuesday at 4:30 in the evening. We got the information that we were supposed to provide to you on the 27th, we got it in on October 1st.

That's what happened. That's what

Commissioner commented to me there were three there. But, anyway, I just wanted to let you know that I

3 found that kind of concerning.

But also, just in general, in general, how difficult this has been, how long it's taken, the amount of -- and lack of communication -- not on our end -- but that some things -- something has got to give here if we're going to be having a quality partnership, if you will.

That's all for now.

MS. MARGIE CREEL: Thank you, Commissioner Carrillo. I would just like to let everyone know an upstanding member of our community passed away on September 26th. And two people from the board were related. One was an uncle, and one was a cousin of the person that passed away. It was LaDonna Sando and Kiyanie Toya. His name was Lawrence Toya. And they said that I hope we have a quorum, because we can't make it. An uncle passed away. And that's why everybody wasn't present.

I had told them all week since they posted it, and they were going to be there, but that, unfortunately, happened. Thank you for bringing that up so I can explain that to you.

THE CHAIR: Okay. Thank you.

transpired. It wasn't that we just flippantly disregarded you or anything. I am working with people that I need to stay on top of and make sure that things get taken care of, like, today, and make sure that we're in line with you all.

And I haven't seen anybody else online, either. I sent them the link that you said to me, and that's what I'm working with right now.

But I appreciate you giving me the opportunity to send everything in. And if there's anything else that you need, I'll be glad to help see if I can get it and take care of it for you.

Thank you.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Ms. Creel, how many members do you have on your board?

MS. MARGIE CREEL: We have five, five members of our board.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Okay. So -- and I'm just looking at the minutes -- I mean, it's just something that popped into my mind -- that three people attended. And I'm glad you had a quorum, you know. It meets the OMA requirements and everything else.

I would think that all five would, given the seriousness of this. And so -- and even another

We are now on to b., which is "Condition compliance, including presentation of baseline data."

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Chair Gipson, I'm wondering -- so Dr. Russell will speak to the analysis of the baseline data.

I'm wondering, while Ms. Creel is on, if you want to ask about the status of the head administrator, item c., at this point.

THE CHAIR: So we're skipping b.?

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: No, we would go to it after. I'm just wondering, since -- if you wanted to address the first -- just because

Ms. Creel is on and ready to speak. And she has --

THE CHAIR: She's not staying on for --DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: I don't know.

MS. MARGIE CREEL: I can stay. I can stay. You guys can finish. You guys don't have to

stay. You guys can finish. You guys don't have skip. I'll be here. Thank you.

DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: Thank you. Chair Gipson and Commissioners, I can share screen and discuss the baseline data submission from San Diego Riverside. So, initially, the school submitted NWA reports that showed student scores and distribution.

These were submitted only for --

THE CHAIR: The only thing we have here is the school submitted baseline data. We don't have the baseline data here.

DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: No. I have not provided actual files. I was going to share screen and show you an overview of --

THE CHAIR: Okay. All right. Thanks. DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: -- what was submitted.

So, initially, the school submitted NWA MAP and i-Ready reports. I-Ready is not going to be used for their baseline data, because it's only for grades 6, 7, and 8. So we requested NWEA data, not as PDFs showing the distribution, but since we didn't have an NWA template ready, I created a modified template just so they can submit their BOY, MOY, and EOY data and their demographics.

The spreadsheet that the school submitted only contained EOY data. It was only the Spring 2024. So I can see grade-level proficiencies, but I cannot see growth from BOY to EOY.

Moreover, there were some issues. Let me get to the Zoom and share my screen.

Okay. So one issue was that the number of

EOY math students tested. They didn't make anywhere close to 95 percent for either -- granted this is a small school. So one student being absent affects it.

But it's not a State assessment window. It's the school's assessment window, and they can retest them whenever they need to. So I think the school is going to need a lot of technical assistance to provide the data in a way that we can analyze.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: So is this the information that we waited so long for from Dr. Kommander? She was finally the person that did this work and submitted it?

DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: Chair Gipson, Commissioner Carrillo, yes, Dr. Kommander is the one who submitted this. Originally, she submitted PDFs. And I looked at them, and it wasn't all rolled up together. And I requested -- I sent them a spreadsheet and said, "Fill this in." And they did it for EOY, for spring, but they didn't provide BOY and MOY.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: So based on that, I would have to say that they didn't meet their requirement of getting us the data. Is that

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students shown per grade on the demographics tab did not match the number of students on the tested results tab. So the demographics tab showed a total of 50 students, K through 8. And the test results tab showed 57 students, grades K through 8.

All of the State student IDs were different on the demographics tab and the results tab.

Also, I was not able to check all of the data in the results data, in the results tab. But just glancing over it, I could see that the Grade 8 numbers were way off; so -- because I know what the -- what the NWA scale is.

And the numbers that were in the eighth-grade file were in the 400s, and they should have been in the 200s. So I went into the actual NWA report and looked at the numbers, and, yeah, they're -- I don't know where these numbers came from.

So there are errors in the data. It's only Spring 2024, the number of students on the demographics tag don't match the number of test results.

And the number -- the percentage of students tested -- so this is EOY students tested,

DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: That is correct. They got us data, but not the correct data in the format we asked for.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: And just as a matter of a point to make, they've had plenty of opportunity to do this and plenty of time to do this. And I know they finally brought in Dr. Kommander, because they weren't able to get this together.

And then they said -- and I remember -"I'm going to work on it on the weekend, and I may
be able to get this to you the beginning of next
week."

And this is what was turned in.

DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: Correct. And -- sorry?

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: This is an analysis of what was turned in.

DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: Yes. This is my analysis of what was turned in. Honestly, for a large school, it would have been a heavy lift. But if there's only 50 kids, it shouldn't have been that hard to put together.

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COMMISSIONER BURT: When I was a teacher. I used NWEA for interim assessments. I had 160 students to myself. We tested three times a year. I did all their data, as an English teacher, and I was able to present it to my administrators, present it to my team of teachers.

It's not -- this is not difficult work. And I -- I'm -- feel like -- I have incredible concerns, which is why I would support moving to a Letter of Concern for this school and starting on the Intervention Ladder.

If you cannot have baseline data in a manageable way from a vendor who gives it to you in a manageable -- you don't even have to -- you could have just given reports from NWA, and they would have been more concise and accurate than whatever I think you ended up receiving.

DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: I do have the reports from NWS, but it would take me an afternoon to go through what's in the spreadsheet. And it's not.

COMMISSIONER BURT: No. Absolutely not. I definitely -- I think we were clear that they needed to send -- I understand -- I totally

I'm so concerned about what other things are happening at the school that we don't even -that we haven't heard about. I feel like this is a very narrow item. I imagine there being actually a lot more that we should be looking at and considering with this school.

But from what I have, the evidence I have right now today is basically just to continue doing this, that they -- the lack of responsiveness, providing the inadequate condition baseline data, and submitting information late.

And we literally said that unless the school provides minutes on that Friday, that the school will be placed on the next agenda to begin action under the Intervention Ladder.

So to me, it's very clear. And I'm ready to just move forward, start the Ladder of Intervention process.

THE CHAIR: Commissioner Brauer, you and me.

COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Thank you, Madam Chair. I appreciate the sentiments Commissioner Burt just said. I feel the same way. I'm really concerned about the school.

As you all know, I have a bias towards

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understand the Monday thing. But that was already too late, as far as I'm concerned.

We did have very specific -- I actually pulled up the motion from last month, that if it was not submitted on that Friday -- which thanks to Commissioner Taylor, he was showing me, like -like, those minutes could have been done as the meeting was going and submitted 20 minutes after the meeting was over on Thursday.

I mean, it definitely should have been done by Friday. That was a very simple document to be able to send by Friday. So, for me, that's, once again, a lack of responsiveness, a lack of any kind of -- if these things can't be done, to me, these are simple school processes; these are the simple things.

So when I think about complex school processes, I have no faith that the school is doing anything appropriate in any way that's actually serving these kids. And I just don't have that confidence right now.

So I would support moving to the -- to the Ladder of Intervention, sending a Letter of Concern and starting the process of -- and I don't -- I wonder if there's other things that we need to add.

giving people the benefit of the doubt and finding harmony with what we want, what's right for kids, what's right for the school, and showing -- showing good faith, humility, and our values towards our schools, and, at the same time, ensuring that our schools are thriving and complying and doing some of the basic things.

I get a little bit worried -- I see that Ms. Creel -- I know that you're carrying a lot more, honestly, than what you need to for the school right now. I think we need to get the school in order on that and have other people sweat the details.

I'm just going to just be a little bit straightforward here. I just think about if I was in anyone's shoes at this school last month, my feet would be on fire right now. I would have met September -- whenever -- to have this meeting, to right-size the issues, to work and hustle as much as I possibly can -- there are 21 people on the website as staff members. There is a testing coordinator.

How many of our charter schools have testing coordinators? That's their job title. I don't know. I think that's a very special thing, especially for how small this school is.

Why do we have this type of baseline data?

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I -- it's hard for me to understand. It's hard for me to understand the mindset right now of the school.

Again, I've been in situations with charter schools, indigenous charter schools, where something like this happens. And our feet are on fire to fix it. And I don't understand. I can't understand.

And I know that there are tragedies that happen for all of us. And I sympathize, and I empathize with that. And there are 21 other people at this school that could help out with some of these things.

So those are the things that I -- that I just -- I feel like -- I'm suffering right now inside thinking about what do we do next. I do not want to do an intervention process. I don't want to do that. We've got so many other things that we need to do, and this school just needs to step up. But they're not.

And it's hard. It's hard to see. This is what we get when you have staff that could do this. It's just, like -- I'm having a hard time with it. So I just want to share that, Commissioner Burt, I'm in the same situation, and I just think that we need

me to see. This is the current mindset and what we're seeing in terms of actions. So I think we have -- in my opinion, we have only one option right now, and that stinks. It stinks.

THE CHAIR: Commissioner Carrillo.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Thank you. So it was four days after the due date. Because we didn't get it time- -- and it was, like, the third due date. That's the thing in terms of -- I remember there was a counsel here for a school. We all remember the hearing with one of the schools out of the Española Valley.

And the counsel was, like -- the whole argument was, "Please, please, please give us a second chance."

And it's like, to the counsel, we had to say, "We've already given you second, third, and fourth chances."

He wasn't there for that. But that's why we're at this point.

I agree with you. It's unfortunate we are at this point. All of the data was supposed to be received also by that Friday. It wasn't received till, I guess, the beginning of the following -- not the following week, but the following week after

to see some things happening.

And, Chair, I just don't -- I think that we gave -- we lived out our values in giving them more time. "Well, it's Friday. It's a little bit later. Maybe some of us didn't like that -- deadlines are deadlines."

But, like, we gave -- we gave extra. You went through extra reaching-out. And I understand that sometimes systems fall apart. You know, I didn't have Xfinity for the last weekend, and a lot of Old Town didn't for Balloon Fiesta. And it was terrible for those businesses. I get it. Things happen.

But at the same time, I think about if I was in this situation as a school leader, and I knew what we said last month, that we need to get this stuff done, and you're getting a naughty letter from us, and it's going out to everyone, that I need to be the one who's communicating. I need to be the one who's doing the extra effort. I need to be calling everyone under the sun at the PED and the PEC to make sure we're doing our stuff and not waiting for somebody to follow up three days after the due date.

And that's the part that's really hard for

that, because I remember seeing that communication from Dr. -- where Dr. Kommander said she may be able to get this to us at a certain time.

So, again, it's like extension after extension.

And in building on what Ms. Burt --Commissioner Burt -- said, you know, if this is what's happening, there's 50 kids here in data, and she has 160 kids in her class, if this is what's happening there with that, what's not happening?

The very second she said that, I wrote down "IEP." We haven't looked into IEP compliance. There have been no complaints brought to us. But it made me think it's often a place where schools miss several beats if they don't stay on top of that.

I'd be curious about that, given the shape that their data was in when we received that.

And as I said a long time ago, you know, this -- I know that Ms. Creel, you're doing what you are able to. You're one person out of four -- out of five. And I remember stating it when you all came here, that the school is in the situation it's in not because of the past year or two, but because of the past two decades, and that the board and the community have not lived up to their responsibility.

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And so I would echo -- and this is how I heard it -- Commissioner Burt saying not having the confidence in the ability to run the school. I hope I'm not paraphrasing that incorrectly or being too harsh. And I hold that view and absolutely support steps on the Intervention Ladder, probably more severe -- not as severe as you think I would, but more severe than others would, only because we've been here -- it's October. You know what I mean?

Sometimes I think, like -- the thing I think about often is, "Okay. Well, here's another whole year gone by with kids perhaps not getting the attention they rightfully -- so rightfully deserve with taxpayer dollars in a public school."

And then another year goes by, and another year goes by. And then -- and then what? Okay. That's all for now.

THE CHAIR: Thanks. And I want to say thank you to Ms. Creel for being here. And I fully understand that is not your job to be here talking about the baseline data. And I thought we made it pretty clear, the request for Dr. Kommander to be here.

And I get maybe only person would tour the school. But it's the governance council that's supposed to be hiring this and participating in the interviews.

So you're just one person. And I think, from my perspective, you're taking on so much. And it's not all on you. And I think that's what's also creating issues with the -- with the school.

You can't -- you're not supposed to be running this. And it doesn't appear that the board is actively involved in this, and they need to be.

And I'm going to say that because this is such an imperative move that you have to make. The fact that you haven't reached out before today, you know, I understand that after a week and a half.

But if -- you know, if this was my school and I wanted this person, I'd be touching base and saying, "Hey, just making sure. We're really interested. We really want you here. You know, hopefully, you're going to make the decision soon. Please let us know," so that, you know, the school is still showing that interest.

Because that could be the difference with this person. "Do they really want me?"

"No, they're just going to let me..." -you know.

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The idea would be a head administrator. So I am going to ask at this point in time where you're situated in terms of getting a permanent head administrator on board, because this is what is also helping to keep the school from not moving forward.

You're just -- you're stagnant at this point in time because you don't have leadership that's working properly with your -- with your staff.

MS. MARGIE CREEL: I agree. Thank you. Yes. I have interviewed a potential candidate to be the new principal at our school. And I actually met him up at the school on Tuesday, October 8th, and he toured the school and looked around and said that if I could give him a week to a week and a half for his decision to be made, and then he would let us know.

So I was going to check in with him today, because I had not heard from him since October 8th, and see if he did make his decision. That's the person I'm praying for, hoping for. And if he could become our new administrator, I know that things would start to turn around for us.

THE CHAIR: So I'm going to tell you what's concerning me with what you just told me. Number one, you said, "I interviewed."

And you're -- this is now ten days have gone by since you had the interview. And, actually, you've had that interim head administrator since last spring.

So that's even more concerning to me, that you've not moved forward for a permanent head administrator. And this is what's leading -- so I am also going to ask the director if you can look at the other conditions that were -- with renewal, and help us with our motion, if there's anything else that -- I'll give you a couple of minutes -- if there's anything else that is -- that hasn't been met in that document for conditions with renewal. I'd appreciate -- I'd appreciate that.

MS. MARGIE CREEL: I'm looking at -- while they're looking at conditions, I just wanted to mention one more thing.

This particular person says, "I'm being transparent with you. I'm at another school right now. I have another interview besides you."

And you're right. The whole board needs to be involved in interviewing and everything. But it was mostly not so much an interview, but just a two-hour tour and talk is what it was.

And he did say, "I will get back to you

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You're right. I was sitting on pins and needles last night. I wanted to call him. But I thought he said he'd get back to me, but I'll call him today, yes.

THE CHAIR: So I guess I need clarification. Did you say you have another interview?

MS. MARGIE CREEL: It was the same gentleman. He had another interview with a different school. So he said, "I'm being very transparent with you. I have an interview with a different school. I will get back to you in a week or a week and a half."

I said I would like to hire him. I said I would meet the salary that he was making right now, because it was his middle-school salary. We were able to do that. I checked with our business manager and all. So those were the things that I was offering for him to come to our school.

THE CHAIR: And I'm going to just express this one more time. It's the "I" word that's being used and not the "we" word. It should be the governance council. It shouldn't just be, "I've

is. Because, once again, without anyone here -- because I'm going to express this again.

I do not expect Ms. Creel to talk about the baseline data. That's not her role. But the fact that no one is on with her when this has been on the agenda, and it's been expressed to the school how important this is, that there's no one here from the school, that worries me.

Commissioner Carrillo.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Thank you, Chair Gipson.

So building on just that one last part, we've probably been on Zoom for at least 20 minutes. Clearly, Dr. Kommander could have joined the Zoom call at this point. She knows this meeting is happening. She's the one responsible for the data. I would consider that, well, unforgivable that she's not here.

So I have a couple of questions just to make sure I'm hearing correctly.

Did any -- you referred to meeting this person, that you went on, like, a two-hour tour of the school, and you talked about the school. Was that just you? Or was anybody doing that with you?

MS. MARGIE CREEL: No, it was -- it was

interviewed him, I'm making the offer, I've checked."

So that -- and then you said something that was even more concerning. "It really wasn't much of an interview; it was really just like a tour of the school."

So the process concerns me in terms of the hiring, but -- and the fact that -- and I appreciate the fact that the person was being transparent with you, said they have another -- but, to me, that even makes it more, "I need to be on top of this. I need to make sure we're his number one, and not that other" -- the other school that he's going to doesn't become the last word for what he remembers, that it's you.

So that's -- you know, it is -- someone had expressed to me and asked me to take a leap of faith with this school.

And I said, "We did. In December, we did."

And I said, "There's only -- I'm getting old. There's only so far I can leap."

And I'm -- I think that -- I worry that I'm more concerned about the progress in the school and making sure it's moving forward than the school just me with -- from the board, yes. The board was informed about it, and they knew they couldn't make it down -- down to the school for the tour. And they just told me to give them the feedback, like, what I thought about everything.

And then we spoke about the school. We spoke to the current administrator and toured the school, saw the classrooms, spoke to some of the staff and things of that nature. But it was just me from the board, yes.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Okay. And so I heard you say that you informed this person of what the salary would be. Was that correct?

MS. MARGIE CREEL: Yeah. We agree--- I did speak to the board in a board meeting in an executive session about hiring a new principal and what we were willing to pay. And we checked with our business manager, and they said, "We are able to pay the middle-school salary."

And so that's what I offered -- as the board agreed, though. Yes. Yes.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: That's the question here. Did you actually make an offer to this person to be your head administrator?

MS. MARGIE CREEL: No. I did speak -- I'm

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I did speak to this person when they left me on October 8th and said, "I'm very interested in you being our head administrator for our school. And just to let you know, I checked with the board prior and our business manager, and we are willing and able to make the middle-school salary to you, of course, prorated for the year."

And he said, "Thank for you that."

And that was it. I'm being very transparent. He said, "I have another interview," and da-da-da. That's what I had spoke before. I wasn't giving him an offer. "We're very interested, and this is what I'm willing to do."

That's what I said.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I want to make sure my notes reflect correctly. So when you did say you would be able to meet kind of a middle-school salary, he was happy you said that.

He said, "I have another school I'm going to be interviewing with."

But no formal offer was made. When I say "offer," my experience in public ed and, actually, in the private sector as well, that's where you're giving somebody a written offer.

be able to -- if he does even have the courtesy -because I find these days, people lack manners.

If he does have the courtesy to call you back either way, he may not take this position. So what have you been doing in the last ten days to continue to search for a head administrator?

MS. MARGIE CREEL: Praying. We had a meeting, a board meeting on October 10th, the second Tuesday of the month. And we did speak in executive session about still -- still on the search for a head administrator. We're looking up people and seeing where they were that we knew that would be potential candidates for -- to be our principal.

And I did find out that several other people that I had met before, and they already have positions at other places. And that's what we, as a board, have been trying to do that we spoke about on October 10th at our executive session board meeting.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: My experience -- I know it's hard hiring a head administrator for a small school. I can tell you that when I was on the Santa Fe Public Schools board, I was part of hiring two superintendents. Every board member was present at the meeting. Of course, it was executive session. There were some things that were asked in

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All of this stuff is built into any offer, especially for a head administrator. So I'm correct in saying, then, that this kind of offer was not made. Was that the case?

"This is your salary schedule. This is

your benefits. This is your paid time off."

MS. MARGIE CREEL: That's correct. I misspoke by using the word "offer" in those terms. I did say, "I will match a middle-school salary, because I do really want you."

But no offer was made; no written offer, no board offer, or anything of that nature.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Okay. And then -so a concern that I would have as well -- and I'm sorry that it always sounds, Ms. Creel, that when I'm speaking with you, I'm always, like -- I don't mean to be interrogating you.

But this is so serious. It is October. We renewed last December. So my question is, October 8.

So you find a guy that you're interested in. What did you do between the 8th and the 18th in trying to find a head administrator, knowing this guy was interviewing with somebody else, and the very real chance that this person was not going to

I'm sorry. I can't even hear myself talk. You guys?

And so I would hope that when it was time -- or is time -- to find somebody, that all five people, regardless of circumstance, make themselves available to interview anyone that's a potential candidate.

I mean, that's essential. That's -- I mean, that's one of the main things that your board does is hire an administrator. So I would hope that you all take that piece of your board responsibilities as serious as absolutely anything you all do.

That's all for now. And if anyone feels like texting from your school, texting Dr. Kommander and saying, "We'd sure love to have a word with her about the data," we would love to.

MS. MELISSA BROWN: Dr. Kommander is here. VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Thank you, Dr. Kommander, for being present. I'll turn it back over to the Chair.

MS. MARGIE CREEL: Thank you, Commissioner Carrillo. I don't feel interrogated by you. I know

you have to ask hard questions, and I respect you for that. So I thank you. VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Thank you very much, Ms. Creel. THE CHAIR: If Commissioners don't have any further questions, we can move back to the data. And can we move Dr. Kommander up? MS. MELISSA BROWN: She's available now.

THE CHAIR: Good morning, Dr. Kommander.
MS. MELISSA BROWN: Yes, Dr. Kommander,
you just need to unmute yourself.
DR. KOMMANDER: Can you hear me? Good

THE CHAIR: Thank you. Just to remind you, if you could just identify yourself and spell

you, if you could just identify yourself and spell your last name for the record.

DR. KOMMANDER: Yes. Good morning. My

name is Kristina Kommander. K-o-m-m-a-n-d-e-r.
THE CHAIR: Thank you. So we have a lot

of concerns regarding the data -- or, actually, the lack of data that was provided.

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And so my understanding is that you have an MOU with San Diego Riverside, and it is Walatowa that is overseeing sort of a school improvement plan.

THE CHAIR: Can you clarify that? Because we -- Charter School Division does not have the beginning of the year, say, from 20- --

DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: You don't want growth? Okay.

COMMISSIONER BURT: This is actually -- this should be super simple. And I have the contract up with the performance framework. It's four numbers. There's four numbers. It should be really simple.

Condition 1 -- and so it's asking '23 to '24, end of -- end-of-year student proficiency and growth results on NWA to be used as a baseline.

Right now, they're just blank. This is what we've been needing since we agreed to a performance framework back in March.

There's four numbers: The percent of students proficient in ELA; the percent of students proficient in math; the percent of students meeting individual growth targets for ELA; the percent of students meeting individual growth targets for math. There should be four numbers given. It should not be complicated; it should not be complex. There shouldn't be Excel sheets.

It is four numbers that this school should

And part of that is participating in -- I'm not 100 percent sure if I'm correct with this -- participating in the administration of, or you're just collecting the data San Diego Riverside provides to you.

DR. KOMMANDER: We actually -- we have -- we had facilitated the testing that was in April at the end of the -- of the last school year. So we -- and I submitted the data of last year and of this year, beginning of the year. That was the NWEA from last year, '23-'24. And the i-Ready testing data, I submitted that into the Excel, and it's located in the Google Drive folder.

THE CHAIR: So I think we just need a little clarification, because, Deputy Director, did we get --

DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: Chair Gipson, I -if I understand Dr. Kommander correctly, she is
saying that they previously submitted the BOY data.
The sheet -- the spreadsheet that I received only
had end-of-year NWEA data.

We don't need i-Ready data, because i-Ready isn't going to be used for Option 2. It's only NWEA MAP, because that's administered across grade levels.

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I have not seen -- none of us has seen those four numbers. Do you have those four numbers, Dr. Kommander, from your end-of-year NWEA assessment from 2024?

DR. KOMMANDER: I can submit -- I can submit that file to you. But the last file that was submitted --

COMMISSIONER BURT: Excuse me. I apologize. We do not need a file. We need four numbers in an e-mail for Dr. Russell. This is -- I do not want to overcomplicate it. It is four numbers to Dr. Russell. That's it.

And you should have those numbers. Like it should almost be top of head. Most school administrators, especially test administrators, know these numbers off the top of their head for last year.

You know what your students' proficiency rate is. You know their growth rate. That's an expectation for every school leader that I've ever encountered. And I would say almost all of them do know those numbers. So there's four numbers that need to be put into here.

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DR. KOMMANDER: I have those numbers, but I did not use that file format. I used the file format that was submitted to me that I was supposed to use that was the Excel file submitted to me by Melissa. So that's the one that I used. And that's the one that I submitted.

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But I can, once I get back home, I can submit, you know, the file format which you are requesting. I can put that in tonight. The data exists.

COMMISSIONER BURT: I hear you. So it sounds like -- I don't know. Was a form -- or a template given to the school that is more complicated?

DR. KOMMANDER: It is an Excel workbook. And so this is the one that was submitted to me, because the last time that when we had our meeting, I had submitted a data report. And then, based upon that, I was informed that you thought that the data was inadequate.

So then the Excel file was sent over to me. It's a workbook. And that is the one that I completed to have it in your format. So that is why -- that is why I submitted that format, that Excel file, into the Google Drive.

The students -- the student IDs are different on the demographics page. The numbers of students are different on the demographics and the results page. And -- yeah; so...

THE CHAIR: And I thought -- so I know that we have to get to just those four numbers. But to get to just those four numbers, I need to double-check and make sure if they actually did beginning of the year.

DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: Because without the numbers, how do we know those four numbers are right?

Because when I'm looking at, for example, the eighth grade, Dr. Kommander, I'm looking at the eighth-grade data that you submitted. The numbers are all in the 400s for eighth-graders' EOY math scores. And the RIT scores, the median grade level is 230.

All of the students are reported in the 400s. And when I looked in the individual student score PDF, the students are in the 200s; so...

DR. KOMMANDER: There are two -- we used the NWEA. That was for the end of the year. And then the i-Ready scores. So I'm not --

DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: That shouldn't have

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had any i-Ready scores in it.

DR. KOMMANDER: We --

THE CHAIR: The i-Ready scores don't -- we don't need any submission for them. It's just the NWEA scores that we need. And we don't even need all the scores. We just need --

DR. KOMMANDER: We used the i-Ready scores, because that is the assessment -- that is the diagnostic assessment that we were using for Walatowa. And in order, you know, to be able to compare, you know, to have a direct comparison between the different software platforms, we decided, you know, that it's best that we're sticking, you know, with the i-Ready, so that we know exactly at what grade level and proficiency the students will then be transferring at, you know, from Riverside to Walatowa.

So then we opted out of the NWEA for the beginning of the year testing for this year. We were only using i-Ready.

THE CHAIR: Okay. So you don't have beginning of the year NWEA from -- this year.

DR. KOMMANDER: Not for this school year, no. Only from the end of last year. Only from the end of last year.

But if it is this form that you are requesting, I'll get that in by tonight.

COMMISSIONER BURT: Okay. Thank you, Dr. Kommander.

DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: So I'm to blame for some of this miscommunication, because -- and I should have -- I should have sought clarification from the Commission.

What the school provided was a large zipped file with a lot of individual PDFs. It would have taken me all day to analyze it. I thought it would be easier to just -- because they submitted that much, I thought that's what the Commission wanted.

If the Commission wanted four numbers, I'm sorry. I did not know that. And, Dr. Kommander, I'm sorry I wasted your time.

DR. KOMMANDER: No. Actually, I'm grateful, you know, that you did send us that Excel workbook, because, actually, it straightened out our data. And it's actually very useful, you know, for the comparison of both schools. So thank you.

DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: I'm glad it was useful. But if you're looking at the screen, you can see that there are some discrepancies.

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THE CHAIR: Right. So -- and I appreciate the fact that to help support the transition to Walatowa, you want to continue with the i-Ready. We're not saying you can't do that.

But what we're saying is for the purposes of the contract, the i-Ready scores are not necessary, because it's the NWEA results that are applicable to the contract terms.

So if the school wants to continue with i-Ready, fine. And, you know, I appreciate that. But those scores don't roll into any score for performance framework purposes.

DR. KOMMANDER: Okay. In other words, we need to, then -- we need to get NWEA back on board, you know, for Riverside now for the -- for the fall semester and have the students tested.

THE CHAIR: You have a number of choices. Yes, you could get NWEA back on board. You could use i-Ready for all the kids. You could do that. And the -- it's a relatively simple contract amendment to do that.

But we're looking at -- because the purpose of the NWEA was you're doing that with all -- the school was doing that with all the students. So the assessment tool that's being used

don't know if this means that the board, the San Diego Riverside board, voted on it. But it's an update on the conditions of renewal dated August 20, with those three figures:

14 percent for proficiency in ELA and 0 percent on the other three items that Commissioner Burt was talking about.

There was no backup data -- and I think that maybe that's why the expectation shifted from instead of just giving us the percentages you wanted, we started to look at the data itself. And then we needed an analysis of the data.

And so because we got used to looking at analysis of the data through these very clear-cut templates that actually are helping Ms. Kommander keep track of the information, that's why Dr. Russell went down that path that she went.

So the situation has been evolving. And it's complex, because it's -- again, I think Chair Gipson articulated it well -- that without a leader at the school that is leading the compliance of this condition of renewal, the school is relying on contractors or partners at Walatowa and other entities to gather the information, set goals. And I think that that's -- that's what has led us to the

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needs to be used for all students at the school.

So the decision is for the school, the school at Walatowa, to figure that out. We're not saying you have to use this. We are saying is whatever tool it is has to cover all the kids in the school.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: And, Chair Gipson, and Ms. Kommander, do you remember the meeting that we had where we had this discussion? You know, I said that very thing that Chair Gipson said; and that is, your condition of renewal right now doesn't specify the assessment. We just need to get the data.

So if the school is switching over to i-Ready to be in alignment with Walatowa, that's a school decision. If the school is sticking with NWEA, which it had been assessing students with, then that's what we would expect.

But it sounds like maybe there hasn't been consensus reached on your end. And I would say "your end" is the San Diego Riverside end.

I also just want to acknowledge that at one point, unless you're looking somewhere else, Ms. Barnes, will you see that it's been identified? But we did receive a document from Ms. Shaw. And I

confusion right now.

MS. JULIA BARNES: I just want to clarify that the contract identified Option 2, using NWEA.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Thank you. But the condition tool didn't specify that. So thanks for that clarification.

THE CHAIR: Commissioner Burt.

COMMISSIONER BURT: So I think the one -for me, as a Commissioner, getting -- like, we're not involved in these extra meetings; right? We don't know what's going on behind the scenes.

So I think it's important that we get -the information I got is they haven't submitted that
information; right? So I've been frustrated because
I'm thinking, like, this is simple. Why haven't
they given it?

It's different that they submitted it.

And we're, like -- I understand that process of, like, those numbers -- let's, like, check on them.

But I don't think we should have been told that they didn't give us those numbers. I feel like we got -- maybe I'm wrong; maybe it's just me -- I got the impression we did not get -- like we have not gotten any data from them.

For me, if they gave those numbers, I

shouldn't be putting it down on here that they're not fulfilling their contract obligations; right?

That's what I'm concerned by is that level of miscommunication, because I feel like now, I'm, like -- I was so frustrated because I'm, like, this is so simple. They did give that.

But I think verifying it, that can be internal, you know, and what you guys have been doing. But I don't feel like that's what was communicated back to us.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: So, Commissioner Burt, if I may, I think one of the complicating parts to this whole thing is some communication that has been made to some schools about uploading things into PEC drive folders that are created, and then some people being communicated that that's how they submit the information for CSD to then take, analyze, and bring back to you.

And that's what happened here. Because you will see that the item that was uploaded August 20th was in one of the PEC folders within the drive. And so I would ask, moving forward, if we can ask schools to send things directly to CSD, and then we give you an analysis based on that, I think that would help streamline some of the processes and

That's the impression I'm getting more and more. And I actually think that's what's hindering the school more than the will of Ms. Creel and the board. I feel like the will to do these things is absolutely present from the board.

You also need -- I don't care if it's an interim or not. You need a person -- and there is someone that this board is paying to do work. And I don't see the fruits of that labor in this school. And I'm very concerned by that.

I definitely understand the complication of trying to find someone to come out to the school, a new head administrator to replace and actually, like, move forward. I wish the best for you in that, because I actually do think that's the support that Ms. Creel needs.

But what I'm looking -- what I'm frustrated by is I feel like some of these confusing points are because there's someone who's not doing day-to-day operations at the school. They're -- like, Ms. Creel is not responsible. The board is not responsible for day-to-day operations. I don't think there's anybody doing day-to-day operations.

Again, that is not on Ms. Creel and the

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eliminate some of the confusion for what we have.

COMMISSIONER BURT: I'm all for whatever eliminates confusion. I think -- I'm trying to figure out, in black and white -- like, what I'm worried about is that -- okay. So I think there's a couple of things.

So the first thing is I -- I mean,
Ms. Creel is an unpaid volunteer doing the work, I
feel like, of someone who is being paid at that
school to do day-to-day operations. And, to me, I'm
actually even more concerned about that process
right now than Ms. Creel and, like, what the board
is doing, because I do feel like, especially just
getting a grasp on, like, what information is coming
and going and -- I do think it was still
inappropriate to miss the Friday deadline. I still
stand by that. I don't think that's okay.

But at the same timing, like, I -- where is the interim head administrator? Just because you're interim doesn't mean you don't do anything. That is not the role of an interim administrator. And that's the impression I'm getting is, "Oh, it's an interim administrator, so we don't need to do anything -- like, he doesn't need to do anything substantive because someone new is going to come

board. I very much admire the level of effort for volunteer people to do this level of work. Once again, Ms. Creel is going above and beyond. Absolutely.

And so I guess I'm -- I don't know. I'm trying to find places in black and white where I can pinpoint what's not going right. Like, where exactly can I point out -- so I started trying to, like, look at the contract, look at the conditions.

I know the Implementation Year Checklist was completed by the school. I'm wondering -- I don't know. I'm open to other people talking about it. I'm wondering if maybe there could be another review of that, because I know there were a lot of issues from Jemez Public Schools and the transfer over there.

Because I'm just -- I have the sense that we -- we feel like the day-to-day operations of this school are not sufficient for their students. But I don't have anything evidence-wise to back me up on that.

And so, like, when I'm looking at today, and, like, what can we put in a Letter of Concern, it has to be in black and white. And, for me, I need to have evidence of something actually not

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happening in order to put it on there; not hearsay, not -- you know, those things. So I do want to see, like, the evidence to say, "These are the things that are going on."

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I still am going to support a Letter of Concern today for missing the deadline. I don't know if lack of responsiveness is a real issue or not, which I'm concerned by. Because I understand, like, the -- if it's the data, we're checking that and making sure it's actually right, and it's like wonky data and maybe we need some other stuff, is that being nonresponsive? I don't think so.

So what is the black-and-white term for What is going on? Like, what's the hindrance? Those are the kinds of things I'm looking at.

It's really hard, because, like, technically -- I look at this from a third party, never having experience with this school, never talking to them, never having been part of the renewal experience. And I just look at it from, like, a very -- outside looking in, and I just see like what's on paper in black and white.

I don't think there's a lot. And that's frustrating to me. So I'm going to say that. I don't think there's actually a ton to, like, be able

But, once again, I would -- one of the things that I did try to talk to Julia about how to, like, give CSD some time to do a little bit more digging and see what you can -- like, knowing -that's kind of like at least where my mindset is, is, like, what -- can we get a -- can we pinpoint exactly where things are going sideways?

So I would be open to, like, giving that leverage and time and directing CSD to go ahead and do some more in-depth work with this school to really get a grasp on it now, so that we can, you know, in 30 days, get that, like, report from the school, report from you guys, like, figure out kind of like the beginnings of that, and then be able to start moving forward after that.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: May I respond?

Thank you, Commissioner Burt. I really appreciate what you said. And CSD is happy to do a little bit more.

I am concerned about two things:

One, that we're super clear about the parameters of what you're asking us to take a look at. And I would hope that it is limited to the conditions of renewal and what's contained within that.

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to pinpoint. Other than not proving that contract, massive, and very clear.

Other than that, though, I'm very concerned about -- like, I know that there's issues, but I can't put my fingers on them. And so that's where I'm -- and, once again, I am going to -- my level of who I would prefer to be here speaking, Ms. Creel, I admire you as a board chair being here, being the one to conversate with us. We talk about that all the time, that we would love to have board chairs being the ones having the communication with us to be with us more.

But this is, like, the pendulum swung for you, like, way too far. Your interim head administrator should be the one up here speaking as well. He's being paid to do day-to-day operations. Once again, I just don't -- I don't see it. I don't see that work coming to fruition with us. And I think Ms. Creel is just -- it's -- I don't think it's a will; I think, like, a capacity, a competence issue.

Once again, that's not on Ms. Creel. Like, that is not on Ms. Creel. That is the people at the school doing day-to-day operations. That's where I see the lack.

And, two, when you say "30 days," I think you might be thinking the November PEC meeting. But if we're talking about the November PEC meeting, I'm not sure if you're aware that we actually have to have documents that are reviewed by EC and Ms. Barnes at least a week and a half before your

And so I don't want to disappoint. And I don't also want to put that kind of pressure in the middle of renewal when we are a little bit down on staff to turn it around that quickly.

So I would ask for a little bit more time leading up to the report back to the PEC. That, we wouldn't hesitate to get started right away, because what I want to do is say, okay, is what Ms. Shaw uploaded what the school is doing? Because now we are certain that NWEA is part of the contract. And has the board looked at it? Approved it?

There's a lot of things in that document that has the action plan for increasing student performance and for supporting teachers in their professional development.

And I was having once every other week meetings with Ms. Shaw, the interim head administrator and whoever else also showed up. And

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And I think the relationship with Walatowa is a contractual relationship that there's some interest in aligning with Walatowa.

And I -- I think that if there needs to be an amendment to the assessments, then it needs to go through a formal process of amending the assessments that are in the contract, Ms. Kommander, because we can't just say, "We're going to start using these assessments, because it works better, and we're in alignment with Walatowa," unless the PEC has agreed that that's the assessment that you're using.

And we're already past BOY. So we need to find out what has happened with the school in terms of beginning-of-the-year assessments.

COMMISSIONER BURT: I would be open to having -- and I do not -- yeah. It's the frequent turnaround -- I would say an update instead of, like, maybe a report. But just whatever -- I would definitely say, for me, I would like to see this school on the agenda every month definitely moving forward for a while, and then an update on progress, until we figure out some more stringent things that

shape, or form.

So I think that's an important process. For me, Ms. Creel, like, I do feel like it's an imperative -- your role as a governing council member, you're doing more than what -- in showing up to this meeting, you're doing part of your governing council role, but you're also -- are doing additional work.

And I think, for me, I -- I want to make sure that you're doing your major role, which is, like, you know, you're managing the administrator to do a lot of the stuff that you're carrying the water for right now.

And so, for me, I think -- although Commissioner Burt, you did mention something that I thought was important -- like, we need black-and-white information. We also know -- we see what's happening. We understand it. I feel it.

We know, with this school, like, we have a lot of, like, maybe not black-and-white, on-paper data that makes us all uneasy. Maybe that's not the right word. But I'm uneasy, because I feel like I see what's happening. The early warning signs have been present since last December. And I think that we just need to see this moving forward.

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need timelines. But just whatever does transpire between now and whenever we have to upload documents, that would be my, like, expectation right

now. THE CHAIR: Commissioner Brauer. COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Thank you, Chair. Thank you, Commissioner Burt and Director Chavez.

I appreciate Ms. Creel and Dr. Kommander joining us today. And I do agree with you, Commissioner Burt. Like, I do think that the school has done more than I thought they did.

And I think that it's still, like -- I still feel like it's important for -- you know, I don't know. I just -- we've all be in the situation, like, where, "Yeah, we did this, but maybe the information wasn't as clear as it could have been," or, "Maybe there's other information..." -- Dr. Russell, like, you mentioned there's still some irregularities in the data.

All of that is an important process to make sure we have clear understandings of where students are right now and how we're going to use that actually for baseline data. Because it would be sad to use irregular baseline data that we're going to use for the next five years, in some way,

So I hope this is now, Ms. Creel. I think it's imperative for the team at San Diego Riverside to hustle on this. Now we need a bunch of Charlie Hustles working hard to really be responsive.

Like, I don't know. Like I said before on my first comments about this, like, for me, when I've been in this situation, I'm, like -- if it was my -- whatever it was, whatever the situation was, now I need to, like, hunker down and get stuff done. So I hope there's going to be more responsiveness, not just normal responsiveness, but extraordinary responsiveness.

Commissioner Burt, I believe you're the Commissioner for this district. When I have schools that are in situations that are -- where they might have questions, I get calls. I get calls from even some of the people in the galley (verbatim) here right now, often, because they're in my district, and they call me, and they talk to me about things.

This is a moment where I want us to use this opportunity to be, like, profoundly different than what we've seen, because, yes, we have questions about what's been done. But we also -- we see where this is going and where it's been. And, like, I want to make sure that we start to see extra

effort and that we're not waiting -- I'm thinking about you, Commissioner Carrillo. I'm not going to steal your words.

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But how many times do we push the can down the road? I know, Commissioner Burt, that's not your intent in saying this. I do think we need a little more time.

But I also want to correct this. We're not asking for, like, heroics here, folks. I don't think we're asking for heroics. We're asking for basic. And our kids deserve heroics. We need to get to a basic level so we can keep moving forward.

I don't know what the Charter School Division thinks about this. But I do think that, given our schedule, it's just wild for us to think about what this might look like. But I do feel like we know where this is headed. Let's get additional information that we need.

I still feel in favor of a Letter of Concern. I think that -- and I just think that -- I don't know how to characterize this or quantify this as a goal for this school now. But I just hope that you're taking this -- and this is going to be the meeting, after several that we've had already, to say, like, we've got staff that need to, like, own of looking at two motions, one that's an intervention letter right now with your concerns, one that's asking CSD to look at things more carefully.

The -- the comment I want to make, though, is what happens in November so that whether you can move forward or not on that action.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: So I think I was next, according to the Chair. So let's just be real cognizant that that means CSD has two weeks to prepare something for your November meeting.

And I would ask for more time. And I would also say that, in a sense that the school is renewed with conditions, they already have an expectation for what they need for -- the deadlines and the actions that they need to take.

Now, whether what Ms. Shaw submitted to the PEC -- PEC's Google Drive has been sanctioned by the board, and all staff at Walatowa has that in their hands and is using it as their walking papers to complete, that's the part that I don't think is clear, and that I would want to take as a first step, like, "Look at this. Because it doesn't say NWEA, so you're going to have to edit it."

And then I think the board needs to

this and sweat this and be even heroic in the responsiveness, and saying, like, "If I'm not sure what's happening now or what we decided today in the motion that may be happening soon," you're talking to Corina and her team. You're talking to the Commissioners here to make sure you know exactly what is expected of you, so you're not in the situation a month from now. Anyway, those are just my comments.

THE CHAIR: Julia.

MS. JULIA BARNES: Just wanted to go back to the rule and what your options are. So if you get an update from CSD at the November PEC meeting, I don't think you will be in the position -- if that update is that there's twelve things that are not in compliance, you won't be in a position in November to act or to add to a Notice of Concern.

So if you get specific information from CSD at that time, which the rule talks about CSD drafting a proposed expected outcomes and deadlines and identifying deadlines by which the school has to say that they're going to comply, that allows -- that specificity in November would allow you to move forward in November.

So I've done two -- at this point I'm kind

approve that. And then I think that is what the school is held accountable for.

I'm not suggesting that today, the PEC shouldn't issue a Notice of Concern. I would be in support of that, because we hadn't had a signed contract up to now, and because this document had not been clarified; right? It doesn't sound like it was clarified.

It was created by a contractor working with the school. It was discussed during meetings with the team that Ms. Brown and I were meeting with once every other week. And last PEC meeting, I chronicled what those dates are.

But I put it back on them. I said, "You all need to meet and be ready to address the PEC in November, and you know what you need to do, because we have had it in black and white with the condition document."

So I think that that's where we are, that they need to clarify that's their action plan, that that's doable. And I would not open this up to everything, like special ed and facility and everything else and their brother. Let's focus on -- that is what I've asked.

THE CHAIR: So I have -- so I have a

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And so -- and I -- I know that's wrapped around, and I don't want to beat a dead horse with the head administrator. But this -- you know, this rests in the fact that there hasn't been leadership at the school. And that's deeply concerning.

But I do have -- I have big reservations with moving forward with anything but the lack of the response to the request for the minutes, because I don't think we have -- I don't think we have clarity on that. And I would -- I need to have -so that any communication that the Commission sends to this school and that any potential actions that the Commission is going to take, that we can put a finger on it, and that it's in black and white, and that we have backup for that.

At this point in time, I think we would be working with generalities. And that's not how we operate. That's not transparency. Because we're just going to throw stuff out there, and we're not sure if it's real or not.

to where the school is with all of those. And I think that's fair. The school is on notice that this is going to be what's looked at. We've made it more than abundantly clear that the school needs to move forward quickly with a head administrator because the school is headed on a path that's not looking good if they don't have a head administrator in there that's taking a leadership role in the

that's clear. So we get -- we get a report back as

And, once again, I'm going to -- you know, I said it several times. It's not up to Ms. Creel to be doing this. And she needs to be able to be supporting a head administrator that is leading the school. But it is on the shoulders of the board to move to get that head administrator in place. And that's what worries me, that that is not taking place.

Commissioner Carrillo, is your hand up? VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yeah. THE CHAIR: Okay.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I have a question, because I'm seeing Julia type away. So is there -is it likely we're going to be making two motions? One -- that's the first question.

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I don't want to do that. I do agree -sorry -- that there's -- November is not enough time. The turnaround is just way too quick for that. And I don't think it would be complete or comprehensive enough for us.

So I think it does have to be December for that, for the update for us, so that we know the status of -- and I wholeheartedly agree. We're looking at the conditions of renewal. Because now if we're going to -- we don't have any substantiation that there are any other concerns.

So lacking any other concerns that have been raised by any bureau in PED or, you know, any complaints that have been filed, then we -- we know we have the condition of renewal.

So we deal with that. And we're not going to open up to any, "Oh, let's see if we can find anything else," because that just opens up too much at this point in time.

And I don't want to be -- I don't want us to be looking like we're going on a fishing expedition to find problems. That's what I don't want -- I don't want to be looking like we're doing that.

We have the conditions of renewal, and

Just curious, Missy. Is Tony Archuleta on the call, their interim? On the Zoom? Just curious. It would seem like he would be.

MS. MELISSA BROWN: I do not see him. VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: All right. She's finishing motions. Yeah. And I --

THE CHAIR: Okay. We're going to take a short break. Oh. Did you have something?

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: All right. What I heard was the last data that was presented at all showed proficiency of 14 percent and zero in the rest; am I correct?

THE CHAIR: You may be correct in what was presented. The problem is Dr. Russell identified a discrepancy with students in -- so I don't know if that's reliable. That's the problem.

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Okay. I agree it's -- but in my world, that's gross negligence. I mean, if that's the proficiency of the students at this school, that's gross negligence. And I can't, in my mind, support that. I'm just going to say that.

THE CHAIR: So I'm going to say I 100 percent agree with you. But at this point in time, I can't rely on that data that was presented

114 1 1 SECRETARY BECK: Chair Gipson. to say that is the number. So that's why we need 2 2 that clarity so that we're sure. If that's the THE CHAIR: Yes. 3 case, I'm right behind you. 3 SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo. 4 4 (A discussion was held off the record.) VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. 5 5 (Recess held, 11:20 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.) SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Ingham. 6 6 THE CHAIR: COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. 7 7 Okay. All-righty. So thanks, everyone, SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt. 8 for your patience. I think at this point in time, 8 COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes. 9 9 we're ready for a motion. SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis. 10 10 So I will go. COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes. 11 I move that -- I think it should actually 11 SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. 12 say "San Diego Riverside," not just the -- I move 12 COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. 13 that San Diego Riverside -- what's the official 13 SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. 14 14 name? -- Charter School. COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. I move that San Diego Riverside Charter 15 15 SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes. 16 School be placed on the Intervention Ladder by 16 There are eight votes for, zero votes 17 providing a Notice of Concern due to: 17 against. The motion passes. 18 a., lack of responsiveness; and b., delay 18 THE CHAIR: Okay. And I further move that 19 19 in providing required documentation. the CSD, a., audit the items in the renewal 20 20 The Chair shall provide the Notice of conditions compliance document and identify all 21 Concern to the -- oh, wait a minute. I apologize. 21 items that should have been started and that are not 22 22 I should be doing Motion No. 2. Oh, I don't -on track; and, b., provide an update on the audit at 23 23 the December PEC meeting and provide a okay. I'm sorry. 24 24 recommendation as to whether there should be the b., delay in providing required 25 25 further action under the Intervention Ladder rule -documentation. 115 117 1 1 The Chair shall provide the Notice of or I'm sorry -- under the Intervention Ladder 2 2 pursuant to the rule. Concern to the school in writing. 3 3 The head administrator of the school and Do we need to --4 4 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Second. staff with relevant information on the condition 5 5 compliant -- on the condition -- the condition --THE CHAIR: There's a motion by 6 Commissioner Gipson, a second by Commissioner 6 that doesn't -- information on the condition --7 7 Taylor. There's no -- okay. Cindy, I apologize. 8 8 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Would you like me to COMMISSIONER BURT: Apologize. I mean, 9 9 I'm going to support this. I do think it's going to read the paragraph? 10 be one of those Letters of Concern that gets closed 10 THE CHAIR: I'm going to start this over. 11 11 out after. But I do think it's important for the The head administrator of the school and 12 12 record of performance to have it in the record. So staff with relevant information on the compliance of 13 13 that's why I'll be supporting this. the condition shall be present at the December 14 14 meeting to provide an update on compliance with the But I don't think there's any action from 15 the school at this point, because it has been 15 renewal condition compliance document. 16 resolved. But I still think that's why I'll support 16 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: That reads really 17 17 still going out to document it. funky. A friendly amendment. 18 18 THE CHAIR: There's a motion by THE CHAIR: Yeah. And I agree. But I 19 19 do -- to some extent, I'm going to say there is Commissioner Gipson and a second by Commissioner 20 20 perhaps actions shown by the school in terms of the Carrillo. 21 responsiveness to the next part. So that's -- you 21 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: And I have a 22 know, it's not -- it's indirectly related to that, 22 friendly amendment. 23 23 THE CHAIR: Oh, I'm sorry. Friendly yeah. 24 24 If there is no other discussion, amendment. Sorry. 25 25 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: My friendly Commissioner Beck.

118 amendment is, in section b., where it says "provide 1 now? an update on the audit at the December PEC meeting 2. and provide recommendation..." and so forth, I would 3 4 want that to say, "...audit at the December PEC 5 meeting and subsequent meetings of the PEC." going, how long it's been.

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THE CHAIR: So the only thing I want to say to that is I don't agree with that, simply because there's a possibility that this could be closed out; so that I don't want a monthly meeting if it's been closed out.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Then CSD could just say -- it can be a place-holder, and if the school -- first of all, these items can be closed out. But there's a lot of stuff on the renewals and the conditions.

There are a number of items in -- I don't have those in front of me right this second. But there are a number of items there for renewal that are -- that need to be reported out on how they're doing.

THE CHAIR: I understand that. But we don't know what the -- what the report is going to be. So we don't know how many -- and if we end up

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Not at all. You used the words "kick the can down the road." It's kick the kids down the road, the way things are

THE CHAIR: Commissioner Burt. COMMISSIONER BURT: I agree with you in spirit. I think for the motion, it just doesn't --I don't know if it's necessary, because I do think

this -- I said at the very beginning, I want to see a monthly. Like, I agree. I think -- but I think for the EC, CSD, I

think it'll be -- I don't imagine it not being on the agenda unless there's some good reason. And then I would want the flex- -- I just don't think it needs to. I think the EC can figure it out.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: The EC could absolutely say a report on this.

Thank for your friendly -- yeah, I get it. THE CHAIR: Okay. Roll, please.

21 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I seconded it and 22 withdrew my friendly friendly.

THE CHAIR: Roll, please.

SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Ingham.

COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes.

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putting -- sending them a Letter of Concern, they're going to respond to us in 30 days with that.

So they'll be present, and there will be a response in 30 days with the concerns.

If the Letter of Concern is the end result of that December meeting, they'll have a Letter of Concern, and they'll have 30 days to respond to that.

So saying that they have to be there -and, once again, I think it is the Charter School Division that gives us the update on the condition. It's not the school, because the school could say one thing, and the Charter School Division could be saying that's not true.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: That's what I said in my amendment was that the Charter Division gets -- on the side, we talked about it, and I wanted them individually. No, they give us the update. I just don't want all this time to pass.

THE CHAIR: It's not going to.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: It's going to be December. Then it's going to be January. Commissioner Brauer, you used the term "kick the can down the road."

THE CHAIR: You're blaming him for that

1 SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt.

COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes.

3 SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis.

4 COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes.

SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer.

6 COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. 7

SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor.

8 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.

9 SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo.

10 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. 11

SECRETARY BECK: Chair Gipson.

12 THE CHAIR: Yes.

SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes.

There are eight votes for, zero votes

against. The motion passes.

THE CHAIR: Okay. So I'm going to ask Commissioners at this point in time, do you want to take a break for lunch?

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I would say yes, only because we think that Item 12 -- there's going to be some things that are meaty.

THE CHAIR: Yeah. Half hour? 45 minutes? VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: The reason I would say one hour is we have two guests that are going to lunch in town, and it gives them time not to have to

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THE CHAIR: No offense. I don't care about them. That can go on the record. I'm not here to be accommodating -- no offense. Call ahead.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: What if we go to 10 minutes till 1:00? That's 40 minutes.

THE CHAIR: No, it's actually only 40. 12:35. That's 45 minutes. I don't, either. I'm going to stay here.

(A recess was taken at 11:49 a.m., and reconvened at 12:38 p.m., as follows:)

THE CHAIR: So I'm going to skip right now to my report, because I need to leave. I have a memorial service I need to attend this evening, so I need to get home.

So I'm going to do my report, and that way, I can head out. And the only thing I think I have at this point in time is an update on a new -- I think everyone got a copy of an e-mail concerning a data breach with Alma. So I just wanted to give a brief update as to what did transpire.

So I guess Friday evening, late afternoon, I guess about two weeks ago now, I received an e-mail from the school indicating that a member of the public had had access to a file in our -- our

back up.

That Saturday, Julia, Dr. De Leon, and I met to talk about next steps forward. And there was absolutely an agreement that that never should have happened. But it was not -- I'm not viewing it as a data breach. Someone did not break into the school's system and get access to everything.

I'm not diminishing the fact that there was personally identifying information that was there. It should not have been there. The school shouldn't have put it there. We did not know it was there.

But access was gained. We acknowledge that. It was decided that there would be an e-mail that would go out to those four individuals whose information was there, noticing them that there was a -- an individual that had access to that information.

The school identified to us a number of potential breaches. The first one was the school indicated to us that on the Save Alma site, they had uploaded that information. I went to the Save Alma site and went back six months, and there was nothing there.

We asked the school to please give us the

drive.

So I contacted the school back. I asked if I could get some clarification. There was a response back saying, "You need to talk to our attorney."

So I contacted Julia, and Julia contacted Dr. De Leon. And it was discovered that at the June meeting, there was a link for the meeting materials. And when a member of the public clicks on that link, a notice goes to Julia to get access to those materials. So she allowed access to the materials.

What we did not know at that time was that the contractor had uploaded -- had created a folder and uploaded into that folder information that, number one, the school never should have uploaded to begin with, because it had personal identifying information. The school has been asked time and time again to not upload it and/or redact it if they need to upload something. It needs to be redacted. This was not redacted, and it was uploaded.

It was a folder within a folder within a folder. But there was an individual from the public that had the ability to read that.

I -- that person was identified by an e-mail address. So I sent an e-mail -- well, let me

information to show that that had been shared on that site, and nothing has been provided to us.

The school then indicated to us that there had been a complaint to the Governor's Office based on information that had been identified in that -- in that folder.

I called the Governor's Office and spoke with someone. They asked me to send it in an e-mail so they'd have -- they'd have my information to respond back to me.

I asked them -- I contacted the Director, because I needed a -- I guess, a complaint number, a file number. And then I called the Governor's Office. I then followed up with the e-mail.

They sent me the information that they had forwarded, which was the complaint that was sent to the Governor's Office. And the complaint identified -- did not identify any individuals by name, identified a concern about the head administrator, which has been identified multiple times.

That's not something that was found in that folder.

There was also a concern about a staff member that may have a domestic violence charge, and

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that he also is part of public information, because there's a -- you know, court reports. And that was also not identified in that folder, but had been identified prior in public comment.

So we could not find any corroborating information. And the Governor's Office had a very, very, I think, measured response to the school, that it's being looked at through the Office of Special Ed, the CAP from the PEC, and please allow time for this to work itself out.

And I thought -- it wasn't asking the school to do anything. And, once again, it couldn't corroborate that that was generated from information from that folder.

The school then made a concern that there had unfortunately been a recent break-in at the school. And the school made -- was concerned and said that the break-in that occurred at the school mimicked a break-in that had occurred several months before, and that there had been information uploaded into that folder through a complaint that had been issued regarding the school that outlined that first break-in, and that the second break-in mimicked that first. So the person got the information on how to break into the school from information that was in

could have been shared anywhere, because she did not copy, paste, anything, that information.

So I am confident that that individual has not shared that with anyone. And I appreciate the fact that they did acknowledge that they saw it. They didn't have to acknowledge that they saw it.

So at this moment in time -- and that information has been moved to a very secure folder. I didn't even know I had access to it. But Julia, myself, and Dr. De Leon are the only ones that have access to it.

But, once again, it was extremely unfortunate. I think we've done the best we can to address it and give as much assurance to the school as we can that that information has not been shared and that this is not in any way a breach of the school's confidential information that someone could get into their school's information, which it's unfortunate that the school is trying to -- continues to maintain.

I understand there may be a level of distrust. But I think we've done everything that we can, because it was not us that put that information in there, you know.

And we will continue -- because we -- you

our drive.

There is no information that we can find anywhere that has any complaint like that. And we asked the school once again to show us where that is. And we -- that has not -- they have not responded back.

So, you know, at this point in time, it is unfortunate. We've addressed it. And -- oh. So let me add.

So I sent an e-mail to the individual that was identified in the drive and asked them, "Did you see the information? If you did see the information, did you share it with anyone, and, to your knowledge, has it been shared anywhere on a social media site?"

And I did -- I actually -- I sent a message back, because I didn't hear back the next day. And my phone number is on the e-mail.

So the individual did call me, and did say, "Yes, I did see it. I knew I shouldn't have seen it, and it's -- I left it there, and I did not let anyone else know about it. I didn't share it anywhere."

I haven't -- no, that information hasn't been -- to their knowledge, they don't know how it know -- we respect and we honor transparency, we are going to continue to allow the public access to see the information that we're using that day for our meeting materials. That's an absolute.

And we're -- we thought we were doing everything we could to try to secure that. We will continue to be diligent in looking at, you know, what's -- what is sitting there.

But, once again, we didn't know that was there. So if anyone has any questions, I'll gladly answer them, but that's kind of it in a nutshell.

Okay? Okay.

Thanks. I appreciate it.

(Chair Gipson leaves meeting.)

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: We are on Item No. 11, Presentation of 2023-2024 Preliminary Annual Reports.

Then we'll go to No. 12 and have Julia explain the process that we did last month relative to this agenda item.

MS. JULIA BARNES: So I think also that on 11, you should start with the CSD. And I think they will explain to you that you could not close out any section of the annual reports, because there are certain incomplete items.

So we are looking to kind of balance between getting you the information and confirming with Schools of Concern that they should look at something is early, with the desire -- with the knowledge that we cannot close out those annual reports.

So you're going to get every single one of these annual reports in a finalized version when that can happen. So you're going to take no action on 11 now. You're not going to -- there's nothing to accept; you're just being given information.

On 12, there are three schools that have been already identified. Even without closing out a section, they are going to have Unsatisfactory performance based on the number of reds that they've been given.

One of them is a school already on the Intervention Ladder. And in the past, you've allowed that Intervention Ladder just to continue to go ahead. You don't -- sending them another letter that says, "We're not duplicating efforts," before, you know, saying -- so you can decide if you want a letter to go out to that school or not. The school already knows; you're already talking to the school constantly about the Intervention Ladder.

write a letter to be attached to the final report, when is that going to happen? I think that when we do the final, that I just want to verify that.

And then with regard to the three schools that are listed under 12, last month, I promised that I would let these schools know specifically that they were on today's agenda and that there wasn't going to be a discussion with them. I shared with them last month's meeting minutes.

I do see the representatives from at least one of the schools. But I did send them today's agenda and let them know that they were on the agenda, but there wasn't really going to be a discussion.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Commissioner Burt. COMMISSIONER BURT: Yeah. That's actually my only question is about, like -- because I know we got an e-mail from one of the schools about the annual -- about the finding from last year's report.

So, yeah, I noticed it wasn't attached with the report in our drive. I do think whenever -- for me, when I'm reviewing any of this, that, to me, is just additional context. It's not -- once again, doesn't change anything. But when it comes to providing letters, doing, like,

next steps for us, I do think if they provided any response to any -- like, to the preliminary report and then we're going to review it and have any kind of action, even if it's just sending out a letter, I'd like to see that as part of it.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: So I'm not --COMMISSIONER BURT: When a final report comes, if there's more, attach that as well would be my preference.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: I'm curious which school that was. But if it's the school that I'm thinking about --

COMMISSIONER BURT: Alma d'Arte. Dr. Amador sent a response.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Okay. So then my response to him was, "Let me know if there's any evidence you have that might change an indicator." And I sent him a copy of the rubric, because, in his e-mail, I don't think he had looked at the rubric.

So that would -- and then we did not receive anything specific to the indicator ratings and any specific information about what indicator he might argue should be different and why.

And then, just real quickly, also you might have been cc'd in another school that did that

The other two schools did -- last month, you had the Chair send out two letters that said, "We haven't accepted this annual report. We will, but we did want to tell you that, you know, you already have things to work on. We hope that you will work on that."

In my view that would be appropriate on those two schools.

But, then, just to close, you're going to see all of these schools in a final version. You're going to do an Annual Notice letter. That's not now.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Yeah. Thanks, Ms. Barnes, for refreshing everybody's memory of what happened last month and where we're at right now.

One of the questions that remains in my mind, at least, is when we -- since we're outside of the rule, because there's not -- we can't close out sections because there's missing data; right? We're all clear about that. That's why we've named these reports not what's in the rule, which is whatever. We're calling these "Preliminary Annual Reports."

And so what's not clear in my mind is that section of rule that speaks to if a school wants to

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when we first -- when we sent the first draft. So then we took a look at that and updated it and sent it to the school. And, you know, their reply back was, "Thank you."

And maybe they mentioned another error, which then we corrected. And that was it with the school.

So they didn't extend anything saying, "We still want to" -- you know, anything that we hadn't taken care of.

COMMISSIONER BURT: I guess what I would say is if there's information that does not get resolved, then that's what we should see. That back and forth that you were just saying -- so, like, even if a school is not specific. If they say, "I don't agree with this," and -- I think that still should be a part -- and you're, like, "Okay. That's fine if you don't agreed with it."

And I like that your response was, "Actually, if you could be specific and show us," great. Totally fine.

But if it's, like, an unresolved piece, I think that information should be included. If you guys had that back and forth, and it ends up the score changes or stays the same, and you two come to thing. I think they're getting more oversight anyway. I'm less worried about Alma in particular. So the oversight is already there for them. I'm not worried about their letter or about that as much.

But I am -- it makes me wonder if there's other schools that did provide something, and I didn't know, because they didn't "cc" it -- as appropriate, they only maybe reached out to you but didn't reach out to us.

So it just makes me wonder is there other information that I don't have that I should.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I don't think we need all that now, because we're going to get all this information in the final report, aren't we?

COMMISSIONER BURT: To me, if I sent a letter to a school that says, "You have reds, please start fixing them."

But let's say they got a red in attendance, a red in a couple -- I'm not going to be specific with these schools today at all. But if they are able to articulate, like, "Well, we got a red in attendance because we had a fire, and it really suffered on our" -- I wouldn't want to pull that red out and say maybe they don't need that level for that year, because, like, there's some

terms with it, then we don't need it.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I call on Julia, and then if we need to continue.

MS. JULIA BARNES: Just wanted to add Dr. De Leon asked specifically for the school to be allowed -- Alma -- to be allowed to provide a specific response to what CSD indicated to them that they weren't going to change.

And the Chair allowed that. So they are sending -- but, again, the request was for it to be very specific and to identify what's going on -- I think both Brigette and Director Chavez were cc'd on that.

But that is due by the 25th. So that will be added to their document just as an attachment when that comes.

So back to what Director Chavez was saying --

COMMISSIONER BURT: So my concern with that, then, is that they probably shouldn't be here now. So my concern is sending letters without the information.

MS. JULIA BARNES: Yes. So you're -- well, let me -- let me tell you where we are.

COMMISSIONER BURT: Alma is a separate

context behind it that we could be, like, flexible on. And be like, okay, like, I would never, like -- like, CSD ratings will never -- like, I'm never concerned about how they're rating.

But that's where that's additional, like how the schools are responding, help me with the next step of, like, do we send a letter saying, "This is a problem, and you need to fix it," or I'm not going to send a letter to them if there's, like -- yeah, there was an extraordinary circumstance, and we did get a red, but it was an extraordinary circumstance," or whatever. I don't know what could happen. But I just want to know that information before I send a letter today in the next item --

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: As I'm recalling -- COMMISSIONER BURT: -- comparable to what we're send out today.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: As I'm recalling -- and this is really the preliminary annual report. It's just giving them basically a heads-up, "Hey, this is here."

COMMISSIONER BURT: To me, I don't want -- VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: The letter comes next.

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COMMISSIONER BURT: To respond, so that we're not tone-deaf. That's what my concern is is that -- that's the purpose -- that's the purpose of allowing a school to provide context. If I don't do that and I send out a letter, I'm ignoring the intent of allowing them to provide an attachment.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: And I would ask Julia and perhaps Director Chavez, isn't it always within their purview to send us a letter and say, "Look," you know, "I'm -- I see the preliminary thing here, and this..." -- whatever it might be. "This is" -- I'm sending this letter just so you're aware."

COMMISSIONER BURT: They shouldn't be having to send that to us. The process is they send it to CSD. 100 percent. And it's, like, a new thing, which I appreciate trying to figure out timing, because this is new. I totally understand. We've never done preliminary annual reports in October or September.

So I know this is a new process. And I'm totally open to, like, figuring out how to get it right.

But that's my, like -- I have an intention in my mind of the reason -- the purpose of getting

ask people in the field if they feel like we are sending information to the schools, giving schools an opportunity to respond, reviewing that information thoroughly.

And I would say that there are some times when maybe we would have to make a judgment call, which is, I think, what you might be suggesting, occurs, so that we are these Draconian raters of a school's performance.

But we passed -- you all passed some rubrics; right? And you did that for a reason. You wanted there to be consistency, transparency, and for us to be clear about why we're rating schools the way we are. So we are attempting to balance that -- right? -- like, follow the rubric as closely as possible.

I don't know if all the schools know exactly where to find them, because, quite frankly, I have had to e-mail a couple of schools to say, "Here's where you find them. It's in the -- the renewal monitoring document -- or the annual monitoring protocol; that's what it is. And they're attached to that."

So we are -- the renewal protocol; right? So we are taking into consideration what

the information from the schools is for context. It's not to be a rebuttal to CSD, at all. That's not how I see it. A school never convinced me of that at all. But to have that extra context to where -- I just don't want to sound, like, dumb to the school because we're, like -- we don't even care what's going on.

If they actually sent it to CSD. I mean, maybe they don't. They don't respond to it. They don't provide any information. That's fine, too. But if they do, then I want to see it.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Director Chavez. And then what we'll do is I think what we did last time is we just quickly went through each school and asked Commissioners, "Do you have any concerns?"

It was pretty quick.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Commissioner Burt semi-answered my question, which was what is the purpose of the letters that the school sends; right?

And so I will just say that CSD does its best job -- and I'm actually very proud of the work that we did with these reports, even though they're incomplete. That is because there's data, you know, that we can't appear out of nothing.

But we do a really good job. And you can

the schools say.

And I guess I did say that the letters that would be attached would be the letters where a school is not satisfied with what we finalized.

But I don't know. I'm hearing something different when you're saying that you would like to hear about context for -- maybe the ratings.

Because there was one with the renewal -- and, you know, now, in my mind, it's a little bit hard to conflate between the annual and the renewal -- but with one of the renewal schools that wanted to provide you context, we posted that online; right?

So I guess what I would like clarification in is everybody agreeing with what the rule is saying in terms of the school sending something and what you're hoping to see from that.

Because the other thought I had is, like -- I don't know -- could this happen during e-mail? What I don't want to do is confuse the public by attaching something to an annual report that then, you know, you read the annual report, and then you read what's below, and it's, like, "Oh, wait. What's going here?"

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: So, Julia, did you have your hand up? Because what I want to do is not

get any (inaudible) on this, (inaudible) schools.

COMMISSIONER BURT: So I think this is crazy important.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: No. I understand what you're saying. It is very important. So go ahead.

COMMISSIONER BURT: So maybe a way to -- I don't know. I don't want to complicate things. But I also think -- I actually totally understand where you're coming from. I wonder if there's a way to formalize it with, like -- I don't want to complicate it for you, for anybody.

I wonder if there's a way you can create, like, a template, where it's, like, they need to respond in, like, a very -- we don't want specific, too, like, not just, "I disagree." That's not going to help.

I wonder if there's a way to create, like, a little form that kind of guides them in how they need to respond to make sense for us. Because I think for you, you're -- you know for certain you all do an enormous amount of back-and-forth after site visits. That's just the start; right? And it's so much in between then.

I don't want to be involved in any of

after you give us that is to actually take action -right? -- like, to care about your annual reports,
all that work you're doing, and actually do
something about it.

So I don't know if there's a way you can formalize what that looks like from you all, to where like once you get to a public document in any way, if a school has anything they want to say about that public document, that somehow that gets recorded and presented to us.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: What I'd like to do is when we send that final document -- and I'm calling it "final," but, actually, in this case, it's the preliminary annual, or whatever document that's going to go before the PEC, that there is just a statement that says what you just said, which is, "This is the preliminary annual report that the PEC will review on such-and-such date," which we did.

But then say something to the effect of,
"If you would like to make comment or provide some
context for the rating, you may."

And I guess how they do that is -- I think that's really, really important, because I have -- I have concern about it being attached to a report

1 because of the confusion thing.

Because we have been in some meetings with -- people don't -- people that are associated with the school might not always be aware of how the school is performing. And, you know, these are parents. Like, are they keeping track of all our processes and all our indicators in the ratings?

So if a parent, for example, maybe came and read an annual report and then they read something from the head administrator or the board underneath it that was contradictory to that, I just wouldn't want them to be confused.

So I would say the PEC needs to discuss, like, do you want them to come to your meeting and say that? Do you want them to send a letter just to you that's not published.

But I would ask -- because we do send the report. We do send access to a form that they have to complete where they are able to, indicator by indicator, give any sort of additional evidence or statements about, you know, they'd like us to take another look at that indicator rating and why, and then we do, and then we send them this, and we say, "This is what's going to be at the PEC meeting."

So I would -- I don't want to do another

that, none at all, any of the back-and-forth. However, I would say if we get to -- whenever we're

reviewing them publicly, like once it gets to that point, and we're having any kind of public document,

and we're going to talk about it, we're going to

look at it in that way, I think there are two things that I would want schools to know they have an

8 opportunity for.9 They don's

They don't have to do, it's not a requirement. But I would say there's two things.

One, if they do disagree with the rating, file means they can say that. And that's fine. They can disagree. That's fine. We have a position as a Commission. We've never tried to pressure CSD in ratings. You do very thoughtful work in creating ratings following the rubric. Do not change anything you're doing at all. Literally nothing.

I think if they disagree, that they have that opportunity to disagree and be heard, and that's fine.

The second one would be, maybe they disagree with the rating, and they want to supply some context. "Yeah, we got a yellow, and we did this," just to give context.

I think when we move what our role is

form, because we're, like, we did the form.

COMMISSIONER BURT: That's why I said, I don't want to overcomplicate it. But I --

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: You had me hard-stop at may. But go on.

COMMISSIONER BURT: I understand 100 percent your perspective. I think I'm going to speak on behalf of a charter for the same exact perspective.

So I know you're saying -- I don't want a parent to be confused. I think if we spoke to a charter leader, they would say, "We would like the parent to see that."

And I would say, "I would like the parent to see"-- I don't think that's confusing for families. Then the family could go have a conversation with the school leader, saying, "What's going on? Why is there conflict?" I think the access to information is more important than -- I don't want this to come across -- I think this is important for us as well -- that the school's response should not be seen as a fight; that it's just additional information. That it's not a fight; it's additional information for us to consider -- Not for you guys. Once again, your

going to be other steps along the way. And so in the interests also of getting through all these

3 schools -- I liked your idea. Absolutely, they

4 should have a chance to respond. And they can.

5 There's nothing to preclude them from doing so.

That information can be made available. Even if

it's under a little tab that CSD has, "Responses to
 Preliminary Reports," boom. And then we'll move on

9 to what's next and just -- and, Corina, you can
10 present.

MS. JULIA BARNES: The only thing I want to say is the rule already articulates what's going to happen in the annual report. So how we resolve this preliminary issue, if it's going to continue to be ongoing, we can look at that.

In the annual reports, the school response is attached. So that's in the rule. So they -"Charter Schools shall consider the Charter Schools response and include a final annual report and included all unresolved charter schools' responses."

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: We always have access to any of that information. Mike.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Just real quick. If the school does respond to this preliminary report, is it possible that you're going to reevaluate that

processes ideally don't change. You keep doing what you're doing. I think it's after that it allows us to provide some additional options for us.

And then if families are reading through it, or a staff member is reading through it, actually, on the charter leader side, I would say they would probably think it's very fair and transparent to have them both together. Because I'm assuming the reason why they're writing that information is to have it documented from their side as well.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Then what I would suggest. You had said something about they have the opportunity to send something in -- right when you said "they may," I would have done a hard stop right then.

And so, yeah, they can send something in.
They can send something in to CSD. If some -- it becomes part of the file, if you will. That's not the right word, probably, but, you know, part of the record, if you will. If somebody wants to look at that, everything we have is open to the public. And they can do so.

But this is -- the thing I want to focus on is this is the preliminary. I mean, there's information? For the final report, you can make changes in that before they come out with the final report?

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: I think that the two indicators that are not rated yet would probably be fair to open up for consideration. But I think revisiting, revisiting, revisiting -- you know, we've already gone back and forth with the schools. But what we haven't done -- and that -- what I hear you all saying -- and we can do this.

Let's say this is in December. Let's say all the information is in December, or maybe it's in January. We be clear to the schools that should you wish to write, you know, in -- about this report or provide additional context to be considered part of the record, get it to us by "X" date, and it's included. That's what I'm hearing.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Michael? Okay.

I don't remember how we did it last time.

Whether it was you, Doctor, or Corina, or who presented this school by school. I'm not sure which one of you did that.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: I think we talked a lot about process; right?

DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: We did. I went

over the process. We did that last month. We did not go over each report school by school. We only looked at -- and I could share screen for the reports that are under Item 12.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yeah. I'm remembering this now. It was just -- basically, the question was put to the Commission, "Is there something you have particular concern with?"

And I don't believe any of us raised our hands.

So if it's okay with the Commission, we're going to move on to Item 12? Sure. Okay. Great. We're on Item 12.

This, again, is Discussion and Possible Action to Provide Notice to Schools With Concerns.

And we'll start with Alma d'Arte as Item

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: So we sort of discussed this already. But I'll just start out by saying that we sent the school a version of the report. They had an opportunity to complete the form. And we would look at any of the indicators.

And then we sent them this report and an e-mail, and I let the board and the head administrator know that this would be on the agenda

(No response.)
 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Let's move on, then,
 to Explore Academy-Las Cruces.

DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: Explore-Las Cruces, we do have Mission Goals for Explore-Las Cruces. They exceeded their Mission-Specific Goal. On the Performance Framework, overall, they -- as you can see, there's not as many reds as the last school.

This school had only three Does Not Meet Standard ratings, but that was enough to tip them to an overall Does Not Meet.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Commissioners?

I mean, in saying this -- and I see you out there. You don't have to respond at all. The only thing that I would hope is that, you know, someone with Explore says, "Oh, look. We have these three things all relating to finances. We have to jump on this."

That's all.
Anybody else?
(No response.)

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Great. Next we haveSix Directions.

DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: Six Directions, we have -- so for the school's Mission-Specific Goal,

for today.

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Looks like what Dr. Russell is showing is a copy of the report. And I'll turn it over to her.

DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: Yes. Thank you, Director Chavez.

As you know, we do not have '23-'24 academic data yet. We do have Mission-Specific Goals. The Mission-Specific Goals for Goal 1 is pending, because we do not -- we still do not have complete data from the school to rate that. The -- either one of them.

The overall rating on the Organizational and Financial Performance Framework is Does Not Meet, because the school does have three or more Does Not Meet ratings, even with the two pending ratings.

So on Page 7 of the report is the multi-year Performance Framework screenshot showing all of the ratings, Pending, Working To Meet, and Does Not Meet.

Below it is all of the explanations for the '23-'24 indicator ratings only, because last year's explanations are in last year's report.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Commissioners, any questions about Alma?

they are also Exceeds the Standard. Their overall rating is Does Not Meet, because this school also has three ratings of Does Not Meet Standard on the Performance Framework.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Commissioners?

The only concern I have -- and it's not related necessarily -- let's see. We have fiscal -- well, one of the Does Not Meets is governance requirements. And I would be sure that the two young students who spoke with us this morning are not on right now. But they even brought that up. And, actually -- one of them actually -- the young lady called me and left me a message, because she was very concerned about their board.

And I know that all of us have discussed in the past when boards, you know, start to go south, we've got to kind of get them -- our whole thing with the -- Indicators of Success -- got to turn them on the right track.

So, I mean, I would just -- I gave information to Sharon. I'm not sure whether she was able to -- Clahchischilliage, Commissioner Clahchischilliage, because that's her school. But I would just hope that also they paid attention to their two students this morning speaking out against

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1 the actions of the board. 2 DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: I should note, 3 Commissioner Carrillo, that even one of the finance 4 ratings, Indicator 2.e. -- this is for 5 non-functioning finance and audit committee 6 membership. So that's really -- it's a crossover. 7 It's a governance one, too. 8 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Right. So they get 9 this. I mean, they received this. So they should 10 be looking at the reds and saying, "Holy smokes." 11 And, hopefully, they listened to their students this 12 morning. Any other questions or concerns about b.? 13 Yes.

> COMMISSIONER BURT: I wanted to say how impressive those students were. Like, the work that they did to find out how that governance council functioned and how it's legally supposed to function and to be so articulate about it. I don't know if they're still -- I highly doubt they'd still be on right now. But that was extremely impressive.

They're probably more informed about how governing boards are supposed to work than maybe a lot of head administrators in this state.

I'm so impressed by those students. I just imagine how much better our education in

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Okay. You're right. I'm sorry.

MS. JULIA BARNES: In the past, if a school's been on a CAP, you haven't also sent an additional letter. It's up to you, though.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes, Commissioner Burt.

COMMISSIONER BURT: So I would suggest not doing Alma d'Arte. We talked to them -- we -- I don't know if we -- a couple -- like, maybe a month or two ago, we did talk to them about how they probably were going to have a lot of reds and vellows last year, because it was all going to be, like, looked at deeper. It was being looked at in a different way.

So I think it's not necessarily a surprise to get them. And, once again, I think they're oversight is already so --

19 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Uber oversight. 20 COMMISSIONER BURT: -- so much oversight. 21 I think, once again, it would be, like, tone-deaf, 22 saying, "Like fix your reds."

23 Like, "Thanks, guys." 24 So I would like to exclude them.

25 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: We are excluding

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New Mexico would be if every adult had that same level of passion and care about how boards were

operating in our state. If there was that level of intellect and -- like, being involved, like, I feel

like that could -- that would change the curve of education in New Mexico alone is just that level of

involvement.

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So just huge kudos to those kids for caring so deeply, for being so knowledgeable, and then to come back and articulate. Incredible. Just absolutely incredible.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: And then I would just ask Missy if there's anything you might be able to do to help support their board based on what we were told this morning. That's automatic. I know.

Okay. Thank you.

So let's move on, then, to Discussion and Possible Action -- this is Item 13 -- Including Action Under the Intervention Ladder --

SECRETARY BECK: (Inaudible.)

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Oh. Do we have to do a motion? I'm sorry.

MS. JULIA BARNES: You should look to see if you want to do a motion and confirm which schools you want to include.

1 them, and Mister to my right is going to make a 2 motion.

SECRETARY BECK: I move that the Chair of the Public Education Commission send a letter to Explore Academy-Las Cruces and Six Directions Indigenous School identifying the concern regarding their Organizational Performance, as described in the Preliminary Annual Report, along with a copy of the Preliminary Annual Report.

> VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Do I hear a second? I'll second.

Were you just going to do that?

So there's a motion by Secretary Beck and a second by Vice Chair Carrillo. Any additional discussion?

And we do have KT, so we have to do a roll call?

COMMISSIONER BURT: Wasn't there -- it's not just Organizational.

20 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Should we include 21 Financial, because that one --22

COMMISSIONER BURT: Or take that -- just regarding their performance. It's organizational and financial. There's financial for --

DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: There's a combined

160 158 1 framework; it's organizational and financial 1 meeting are in blue text. So since the last 2 performance. So there's five finance indicators 2. meeting -- the last time the CAP was reviewed, 3 that are included in it. And the way --3 Ms. Seeley reviewed the August school lunch claims, 4 4 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Secretary Beck, if and she still has the same concerns that she 5 5 you would just restate the motion, including -detailed above. And she can -- she can explain 6 SECRETARY BECK: I move the Chair of the 6 those more clearly than I can. 7 7 Public Education Commission send a letter to Explore Finding 2. This one, we can't rate until 8 8 the audit is out. Academy-Las Cruces and Six Directions Indigenous 9 9 School identifying the concern regarding their Finding No. 3, Ms. Seeley reviewed nine 10 10 Organizational and Financial Performance, as additional accounts payable packets. And some of 11 described in the Preliminary Annual Report, along 11 them did have issues. Some of them had POs that 12 with a copy of the Preliminary Annual Report. 12 were not in place before the purchase was made or 13 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: And I'll second. 13 were inconclusive, and she couldn't tell. So she 14 14 Any additional discussion? has rated that one as Working To Meet. 15 15 (No response.) VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: All-righty. 16 16 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: So a motion by Commissioners or Ms. Seeley? Commissioners? 17 17 Secretary Beck, seconded by Carrillo. And if you MS. BETTY SEELEY: So, yeah. I'm here if 18 could take roll, please. 18 you have any questions regarding this school. 19 19 SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor. VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I think Dr. Russell 20 20 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. did a fine job explaining things. We just have to 21 SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer. 21 make sure that -- when do we expect the -- when are 22 22 audits typically completed? COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes. 23 23 DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: In the spring, SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis. 24 24 COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes. around March-ish. They're complete in the fall, but 25 25 they're embargoed until the spring, and they're SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt. 159 161 1 1 COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes. released in the spring. 2 2 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: No. I understand. SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Ingham. 3 3 Is somebody here from the school? Okay. COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes. 4 4 Because I was just going to ask them about -- I SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo. 5 5 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes. mean, really it seems that these items in Working To 6 SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes. 6 Meet, they're little things. But when they all add 7 7 up, it's like when you write over a purchase order There are seven votes for and zero votes against. 8 8 form or something, we just need more clarity, The motion passes. 9 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Let's move on to 9 because with that clarity, you'll avoid an audit 10 10 finding. item No. 13, Discussion and Possible Action 11 11 So I would just hope that perhaps if Including Action Under the Intervention Ladder 12 they're watching, they're going to take this 12 Regarding Taos International School Financial 13 13 Corrective Action Plan. seriously. 14 14 Yes, Director Chavez. Yes, Dr. Russell. DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Yeah. So the way 15 DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: Thank you, 15 16 Vice Chair Carrillo. 16 that we structured the financial CAPs, we're asking 17 17 for a lot of information, as you all know, and sort Taos International School is under a 18 financial Corrective Action Plan for its three audit 18 of doing a mini-audit, if you will. That's sort of 19 19 findings. how Ms. Seeley has approached it, so that she's 20 20 checking and giving the schools a heads-up. Ms. Seeley is in the meeting, and 21 21 "This is, you know, where we're finding a Ms. Brown will be promoting her to the panel, if you 22 22 PO that -- that was not in place prior to purchase"; have any questions for her on the detail of the 23 23 right? So she's giving them the feedback that they Corrective Action Plan. 24 24 need to be able to be a little bit more vigilant For Finding 1, Food Service Program,

Ms. Seeley -- so the new updates since the last

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And that is the goal of the CAP. It's a lot of work for the schools. It's a lot of work on our end. But it's meant to be also a learning tool for the schools so that they have that awareness, and, hopefully, the next time that we see the audit results, that they're better.

And the audit is ongoing. Sometimes the auditor contacts us around things. And we are going back and forth with the school.

For example, just this week they checked in on whether or not transportation funding reverted or -- 'cause if the school was given a transportation grant, and they didn't spend it all, what happens to those funds; right?

So we quoted statute and gave that back to the auditors. So they have a number of schools that they're waiting for the final numbers to see if they're giving back money to the State or not.

And then the final thing I want to say about the CAP is that the schools find out, as Dr. Russell said, as early as maybe November/December is when they do the exit meetings with the auditors.

And so they have that information, and

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: I think, in totality, yes.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Some of these things are procedural, where they can catch them.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: There are some that are meeting. Like, there are some that we have determined that they meet. But because we have the audit item in each of the CAPs that is dependent on the fiscal '24 audit release, that's when -- unless you guys decide that you want to close them sooner than that.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: No. I just think the process seems a little wonky. If they're on a CAP for something they can't correct until March, and they can't come up with processes to correct that, I think that this is an indicator that they should come up with processes to correct it right now -- right? -- so they could be off of this prior to the audit.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: And that's a good point. You can make the motion.

Dr. Russell.

DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: Thank you Vice Chair Carrillo. For Finding No. 1, bear in mind that the FY24 audit that's going to be released

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they can start putting into place plans, passing new policies, preparing to already, within this school year, make some actions that would result in a better audit the following year.

And, actually, I think the State Auditor might publish -- last year it was in February. So by the time somebody e-mails it to us, it's maybe March. But I think it's posted to the State Auditor's website by February.

> VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Thank you. Commissioner Taylor.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you. So my question is, you know, in the first -- in the first category up there, the Food Service Program still had a Does Not Meet. And the update on 10/10/24 was the concerns stated still remain.

So will this just continue to go on until we get the results of the audit? Or what happens with this?

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Because there's an item in every one of these audits that talks about the next audit, that's my --

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: It's on a CAP that can't really be corrected at this point until we get the results of the audit; right?

in the spring is for the fiscal year that ended this past June. It's all done.

So corrections that they're making going forward are for FY25 the current fiscal year. So Ms. Seeley is reviewing -- when she reviews August 2024 data, that's new data for the new fiscal

So the Commission might wish to have an update, a quarterly update in three months, say, in January. And then Ms. Seeley can review the September, October, November, December data and report to the Commission in January on Audit Finding No. 1 around food service, to see if the school has developed a process during the current fiscal year to correct that.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: So relative to the motion, Julia, based on exactly what Dr. Russell said in that last sentence, "CSD is directed to review the CAP and determine...," it would be -- I would say -- see what you think, you guys -- adding language of -- ooh. Look at that. Yes.

22 Is there -- oh, okay. I'll call on Betty 23 in just a moment, Betty.

> But just adding the language saying, "We'd like a January report from CSD," does that sound

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1	good? And then Ms. Seeley.	1	COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes.
2	MS. BETTY SEELEY: I want to clarify or	2	SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Burt.
3	add to what was discussed.	3	COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes.
4	The schools, their audits are usually done	4	SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis.
5	by the end of October, depending on where they're	5	COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes.
6	falling with the auditor's schedule. They get their	6	SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer.
7	audit findings right away.	7	COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes.
8	So it would seem to me that and this is	8	SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Taylor.
9	the way I did it. I get my audit findings. And,	9	COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes.
10	immediately, I would be, you know, working on	10	SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes.
11	whatever I needed to do to clear the audit findings.	11	There are seven votes for, zero votes against. The
12	I don't start doing it when the audit is	12	motion passes.
13	released. I start doing it right away, because I	13	VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Terrific. Thank
14	know what my audit looks like.	14	you.
15	I just kind of wanted to bring that up.	15	The next item on the agenda is the 2025
16	So, you know, for last year, they knew, on	16	PEC Meeting Calendar. So we've done a whole bunch
17	this on these audit findings a year ago, that	17	of tweaking over the last couple months.
18	these were their audit findings. And, you know,	18	Is there anyone that has a concern right
19	they're still you know, as I review things and	19	now about the calendar?
20	it's been about a year, they're still you know,	20	I would just probably want to add I'm
21	they're still doing it the way they've always done	21	thinking one item. Because on October 29th, our
22	it. They haven't made any changes.	22	secretary turns 70, and it's a big deal no. We
23	VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Thank you. No, I	23	don't have to have it on there.
24	agree with you. So, Mike, I'm going to let you make	24	SECRETARY BECK: No, we don't.
25	the motion.	25	VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Is there anything?
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VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes.
 SECRETARY BECK: Secretary Beck, yes.
 There are seven votes for, zero votes against. The
 item passes.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: The next item, 15, is Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Indicators of Success Project, Budget and Determination of Awards.

I'm going to turn this over to Commissioner Burt and Commissioner Brauer to discuss and move forward.

I thought you were on the committee.

COMMISSIONER BURT: Commissioner Manis is.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I'm sorry. I apologize.

COMMISSIONER BURT: So the Indicators For Success Project, we will be continuing that work. There's another meeting coming up in Houston in NACSA that we'll be able to continue talking about what that looks like moving into the future.

Indicators of Success, if you remember, more concentrated on the governing board and governing boards really doing self-reflection.

That's still -- we're talking about how do we do this, how does it make sense? That work is

2 It allows them flexibility to look at 3 their Performance Framework, see where their areas 4 of opportunity are, and be able to apply for this 5 support program, which we are utilizing the 6 2 percent funds in order to help support them.

So, once again, the charters are paying an enormous amount into it. We do revert a lot. I mean, we just do. It's a lot of money. It's more than what CSD needs. It's more than what PED needs in order to function. We do want that money to support the charters.

So based off of the budget, we looked. And there's a large -- we revert a lot of money every year. So we looked at -- as the Budget Subcommittee, we looked at and we determined, we have about 60 charters. Our first round of support we want to allow for up to \$10,000 in support to be given to a charter school.

So we're requir- -- we'd like to have \$600,000 be put into the IGA so that schools could select some support.

So the way we envision this happening is we have a letter that the Chair would send out. And -- sorry. We have a letter to send out that

continuing.

Additionally, we're also -- oh -- and, actually, this is, like, a Budget Subcommittee thing now. So that's an Indicator of Success.

Then the Budget Subcommittee, we have created a -- which we talked about yesterday during our update. It's a Performance Framework support program.

This is twofold -- like, tackling two issues with one stone kind of thing. One, we want to be proactive with support. We want to be able to have, like, schools be able to look at their Performance Framework and feel like they can get some support, that's they're not just left on their own.

So that's the first thing this program tackles is allowing them to have some financial assistance in order to really take a look at their reds and yellows of annual report and be able to decide for themselves, using their own charter autonomy, which of those indicators they want to try to tackle. It might be through professional development. Maybe it's new software. Maybe it's new -- they can be really creative with whatever they think can help them move the needle from a red

basically opens up the applications.

And then we have a really simple Google form that basically directs the schools to give us their information, pick an indicator, and then what kind of support could you need.

If it's something really specific, they can be super specific. If they want to be general and have us like try to find vendors to fulfill that, that's also okay.

Then we would work with the REC to kind of create that menu of options for schools to go to the REC, say that they're going to receive the support, and the REC be able to get vendors -- be able to provide that support.

We don't think this takes any extra work from CSD other than amending the IGA, which we do know does take work and effort, especially going through any process is going to take work.

This relieves a lot of pressure from CSD, and allows it to kind of happen parallel to all the work that's happening through them as well.

So we have the letter ready. We have the application ready. It does require schools to tie what they need to an indicator. That's a requirement. It has to be directly related to an

174 1 indicator. 1 about \$600,000. 2 2 So that's how we came up with that figure. It must be an indicator that they rated 3 3 red or yellow on. And they also have to justify how It's not an arbitrary figure. It's based on the --4 4 they expect whatever the support they're applying yeah, exactly. So, I mean, we're solid with that 5 5 for, how they expect whatever support they're recommendation, you know. 6 6 SECRETARY BECK: The other thing I want to applying for to improve their outcomes. 7 7 That's really it. We really do want to say is that this invests the schools in the areas 8 provide the -- we want to get this money back out to 8 that they really want to include. So this isn't --9 9 them. So we don't want to make it too complicated this is the schools investing themselves, which I 10 10 for them. think is wonderful. 11 We are going to require an after-program 11 And, you know, we all strive to make these 12 survey to talk about the effectiveness of what --12 charter schools better. And this allows them to 13 the vendor of the program, to take a look at it and 13 make themselves better, which I think is really, 14 see what we can do better. That's basically the --14 really, really special about this program. 15 we're calling it the Performance Framework Support 15 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Ms. Chavez? 16 16 Program. DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: So the reason why 17 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Good. No, I'm glad. 17 I wanted a break is because I know some members of 18 COMMISSIONER BURT: That's all of it. 18 the Executive Committee met with the Deputy 19 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Okav. 19 Secretary earlier this morning. I'm curious about 20 20 COMMISSIONER BURT: Trying to keep it if -- whether you discussed this. 21 simple. Just any questions, yeah. 21 And I would respectfully ask that before 22 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I haven't made a 22 you pass a motion that directs me to do something, 23 motion yet. 23 Item No. 3, that's something that I might not be 24 I think it's brilliant. And a lot of us 24 able to do. I would like to know if this is 25 when we talked about this yesterday, there seemed to 25 something that you have had a conversation with 175 177 1 be a great deal of unanimity around this. It's very 1 someone about. 2 2 creative. And I think it -- I mean, the idea every Because I keep hearing that there was a 3 3 year of reverting, you know, well over a half a financial or a budget subcommittee meeting that 4 4 million dollars back of money that could be happened, but I, certainly, the staff person 5 5 servicing our charters never sat well with any of assigned to the Budget Subcommittee, was not 6 us, you know. So that you guys came up with this, I 6 included in this past month. 7 7 think, kudos. So I love the program. I love the spirit 8 8 and the idea. And I, you know, commend you all for The -- so I don't want to -- I'm ready to 9 accept a motion. I know -- Dr. Chavez, did you want 9 wanting to meet the needs of students in this way. 10 10 to comment at all? But I would respectfully ask you not to direct me to 11 11 DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: Yeah. I'd like do something that I might not be able to do unless 12 12 for the PEC to break for a minute and resume the you know something that I don't. 13 13 meeting after we've had a chance to talk about the VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: The answer is yes, 14 14 this did come up in our meeting this morning. And motion. 15 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I think all of the 15 I'm not being secretive about this at all. The 16 16 Executive Committee, we meet with Deputy Secretary discussion can be public discussion, you know. 17 17 So I think the reason we came up with Amanda DeBell from 8:00 to 9:00 before our regular 18 18 that, the -- there's about \$900,000 of that meeting, just to discuss what's up.

use it; right?

2 percent that's going to be reverted if we don't

So this is a -- this is an -- that's how

we came up with the number for the \$600,000.

Because part of that money we hope to use for

something else to help maybe with the audits, so

forth, in the future. And the balance of that was

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Oftentimes there's things we're working

on, things that she might hear, concerns that we

seeing what's going on.

might have. It's more of a touching base meeting,

with contracts, we bring these up to Amanda, and

And if we have certain concerns about what

might be happening with PED, what might be happening

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1	then she's moved forward. So the answer is	1	Is there any additional discussion?
2	DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: That's lovely.	2	(No response.)
3	I'm wondering if you discussed with her the	3	VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: All-righty. Roll
4	specificity of the amount that you're putting in	4	call, please.
5	this motion.	5	SECRETARY BECK: Yes.
6	VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: The answer is yes.	6	COMMISSIONER BURT: And I'm not I'm
7	So unless there's something specifically to be	7	going to say this to the world and people in the
8	wordsmithed and I don't think there is I don't	8	audience out there.
9	know that there needs to be any break.	9	VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Knock yourself out.
10	MS. JULIA BARNES: I had a technical	10	COMMISSIONER BURT: Please spread the word
11	question of whether it's an IGA amendment with the	11	to charters.
12	REC. Okay. Thank you.	12	Chair Gipson is going to send this letter
13	SECRETARY BECK: so what Ms. DeBell said	13	out and open it up. But unless the charters know
14	is that after we pass this motion, if, in fact, we	14	about if they don't read that, if they don't take
15	do pass this motion, she would want to make sure	15	advantage of it, we want them to be able to. We do
16	that we run it by their legal counsel to make sure	16	require there's good information in it.
17	that everything is kind of locked and loaded	17	And they'll have to be able to actually
18	correctly for that.	18	spend these funds in their spring semester at some
19	DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: All amendments to	19	point. So that's part of, like, the requirements of
20	IGA go before the GC.	20	it.
21	VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: That's fine. I	21	But I'm really so excited to see, like,
22	think that's probably why there was the name change,	22	creative options that these schools could do. We
23	too; right? It's all of these legal implications.	23	also like, so please, please help us get the word
24	So we took the "G" word out.	24	out about it, that there's money coming back to them
25	Yes, Commissioner Commissioner Ingham.	25	if they just apply for it.
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3	VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: And I want the	3	modify the MOU?
4	Commission to know Chair Gipson is not here now. I	4	VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: No. I understand
5	want to commend Ms. Gipson, Ms. Burt, and Mr. Manis	5	what you're saying. We need to get on this. I
6	on coming up with this and moving it forward.	6	would say and I think Ms. Gipson would agree I
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8	And Commissioner Taylor.	8	COMMISSIONER BURT: Maybe authorize the
9	I don't know who's on what committee. Who	9	Legislative Subcommittee to take action.
10	keeps track of that?	10	VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: I hear what you're
11	SECRETARY BECK: No. Me?	11	saying. I would say something along the lines of,
12	VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Okay. Next item on	12	"Authorize individual Commissioners to reach out to
13	the agenda is Item 16, Discussion and Possible	13	their legislators with the language that they've
14	Action Regarding the Regarding Legislative	14	been given," because they have been "to support
15	Action.	15	these initiatives." Is that something? Okay.
16	So the Legislative Committee is	16	So something like exactly. And you are
17	Mr. Ingham, myself, and Ms. Gipson.	17	speaking on behalf of PEC with regards to these two
18	I believe that yesterday correct me if	18	issues. Yeah. Sound good?
19	I'm wrong we pretty much decided we're going to	19	SECRETARY BECK: Yeah.
20	partner with PCSNM on that first-year transportation	20	VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Okay. Cool beans.
21	piece.	21	And so now, we need to do that, all of us; right?
22	Am I getting that right?	22	Let's make sure we start getting on the horn. I
23	SECRETARY BECK: Yes.	23	know you're on the horn. You're always on the horn.
24	VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: All right. Then the	24	It's a good thing. It is. Absolutely.
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VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Fantastic. All-righty. The next item is the Report from Charter Schools Division. And so Ms. Chavez.

DIRECTOR CORINA CHAVEZ: All right. So just want to start out by talking about the Charter Schools Division organizational chart. Is it uploaded as material -- sorry. I was in the middle of texting.

Update on staff positions.

The good news is that we have a staff person starting next week while some of us are in Houston. We have someone joining the Technical Assistance and Training team.

So we are happy that we will have Nicola Davis joining the team. And you will meet her at your next meeting.

And then updates on preparations for renewal and the list of schools who submitted

So we are in the middle of Round 2 -- or the second cohort of renewals. We did all the site visits and the preliminary reports for the renewal applicants that submitted in September. And for those that submitted in October, we are in the process of finalizing the site visits and also simultaneously working on the final reports and the preliminary reports for the November submitters.

So the authorizing team is extremely -has been extremely busy doing a really fabulous job. They are supported by members of Training and Technical Assistance. This year, we conducted the teacher and the governing board and the business manager focus groups virtually. And so there's been some support, again, by other members of CSD.

I've been -- it has been my pleasure to participate in some of those focus groups. And I think that everything has just gone really, really smoothly in terms of the renewal visits and the renewal reports.

And we have created a schedule that I've sent to the schools. They are very much interested in when their hearings would take place so they could organize their -- their staff members and their board and supporters.

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So on your website, you have a link to all submitted applications. And although there were 20 schools up for renewal, this year we received 19. So if you are at your website, you can see that there was one school authorized by the PEC that chose to submit a renewal application with Albuquerque Public Schools.

That is Albuquerque Institute for Math and Science at UNM, AIMS. And so you'll see that we made that notation on your website that there is not going to be a renewal hearing for that school.

I've already been in touch with Mr. Joseph Escobedo -- thank you -- at Albuquerque Public Schools to share with him reports that are in the charter record for the past four years and to share Part A, which is still posted to the PEC's website.

And if there is a need for any follow-up conversation about the school's performance, he knows that there is an open door within CSD. We have an excellent working relationship.

I know that he and his team has already -have already conducted a site visit to AIMS. So that process is underway, and that school will have a renewal decision.

So we have already created a schedule for the site visits that I've shared with the schools, along with the PEC's Executive Committee's approval of what the agenda would look like for those days that the PEC is holding its hearings.

So unless you all have questions, I just -- I think that everything has gone really smoothly in terms of the renewal process. And I don't have much more to share about the renewal process.

And I'll move on to -- I will move on to Estancia Valley.

And we're not doing a detail. This is not a stand-alone. I just wanted to give you an update on the financial CAP. We continue to work with them.

And, you know, that in the Fiscal Year '23 audit, they had nine audit findings, five material weaknesses, two significant deficiencies. And five were repeats. So Ms. Seeley has been working very closely with the school in the same way that you have witnessed her working with the other schools, by requesting items for the CAP that she's reviewing.

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And for the last item for the Charter Schools Division Report, Dr. Russell will talk about the Alma d'Arte school CAP, which has a lot of moving parts as well.

DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: Thank you.

Commissioner Carrillo and Commissioners, Alma d'Arte CAP has -- the school has met on both of the special education complaints. And the reports from the Office of Special Education are in the Intervention Ladder folder for PEC's review.

Office of Special Ed continues to monitor the two Corrective Action Plans, the Indicator 4 and the Indicator 13 one.

Most of those items are complete. The school has deadlines upcoming on November 8th for submission to the Office of Special Education.

The first thing is funding equity. We still don't have funding equity for schools. We'll begin with -- I know it sounds like a broken record -- but that size adjustment. The small school size adjustment, when you lose 30 percent of your budget, it's hard to make it up through other

And I know the State legislator has tried to come up with ways, like through the at-risk funding. And that's the next one is the at-risk funding follows the school. I believe that's already going to happen. They're going to get a

We're just going to have to deal with what we get right now. But we're going to continue to push that. And then on the funding equity is the first-year transportation funding. So we're going to be pushing for that, too.

.05. It's not even close to the small school size.

Another thing that really doesn't affect the PEC. But we would like the local -- the schools that are being locally-authorized schools to be their own board of finance. So right now, they are not their own board of finance. That's a big deal for charter schools, when, let's say, you're in APS

Ms. Seeley has been back and forth with the school requesting more documents on the -the -- how many of them are there? A lot -- of the financial -- the financial items.

They are a mixture of Meets, Working To Meet, and Does Not Meet so far. None of them are finalized and closed out yet.

And I'm not sure when the Commission -- if the Commission would like to continue to have monthly updates on the Director's Report.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes, please.
DR. BRIGETTE RUSSELL: Okay. Thanks.
VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: And on

Estancia Valley, too, just until things get in better order.

Ms. Chavez, anything else for your report? (No response.)

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: All right. That would mean you, Mr. Wayne.

MR. WAYNE SHEPHERD: All right. Thank you, Vice Chair and Commissioners.

Today I'm just going to talk about PCSNM, Public Charter Schools of New Mexico -- that's the PC part -- it's our legislative agenda also. And what we want to do -- and some of our things or whatever. You may not get any title, Title I, Title II, none of those grants go directly to the charter schools.

And I know that's not something we need to discuss in this setting. But that's pretty important for PCSNM, too, because we support all the schools.

The other one is additional funding for the Revolving Loan Fund. We would like to see an additional \$30 million for the Revolving Loan Fund and to push the NMFA to apply the federal facilities grants which would double the size to the fund to \$40 million.

All those numbers sound big until you build a school, and then they're, like, okay, one school could take all that money in a year.

But we still need to -- we're moving in that direction. And there has been established money in the last couple of years. And thanks to your guys' support, too. And we just need that to be increased.

Another thing that was taken away a few years ago was charter schools served overaged, under-credited students past the age of 22 and that went away. And we're still -- I think charter

schools do a great job of supporting those individuals, and we would like to see that come back to charter schools, in addition to universities and other institutions. We're still pushing for that.

And legislative funds that -- student support staff for the general student population, not just special ed. So what this is saying is, you know, after COVID, we all realized how much need there is for counselors for the entire student body. There's a need for specialists for the entire -- they get it for -- they get funding for special ed. But they're not getting the funding they need for the entire general student body.

So that's something that PCSNM is working towards, also.

The last one is to fully fund insurance costs. We know that's a dream, but we can at least hope that -- and that's all I have for today. I'll stand for questions if you guys have any.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Any questions?

The only thing I would -- I'm repeating it from earlier -- is anything you can do to get the word out to all of our State charters about the Performance Framework Support Program.

MR. WAYNE SHEPHERD: Absolutely.

they can still -- we'll figure it out with them.

2 MR. WAYNE SHEPHERD: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BURT: We did want this to be a targeted intervention.

MR. WAYNE SHERWOOD: I appreciate you guys being creative and coming up with something.

7 I'm sure over the years, it will morph
8 into something different. But paying for the audit,
9 that would be helpful paying for the audit. It
10 costs schools a lot of money to pay for these
11 audits, and that would help a bunch.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Great. Thank you, Wayne.

MR. WAYNE SHERWOOD: All right. Thank you.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: The next item on the agenda is the Input to Liaisons to Speak on Behalf. That's kind of a given related to the legislative agenda to speak on behalf.

The next item is PEC Comments.

SECRETARY BECK: Unfortunately, I'm not going to be able to go to Houston. I have another travel that's in the works for my wife's and my birthday. I wish everybody safe travels.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Any other PEC

1 comments?

All-righty. Discussion of any new business that you know you want on the r

business that you know you want on the next agenda?

You can always contact anybody from the EC and let us know.

And then any dillydallying you want to do before we leave?

(No response.)

9 VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Okay. Motion to adjourn.

SECRETARY BECK: Second.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Go ahead. Roll

call.

SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis.
 Okay. So we don't have to -- we can just

say it.

17 SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Manis.

18 COMMISSIONER MANIS: Yes.

19 SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Brauer.

20 COMMISSIONER BRAUER: Yes.

21 SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Ingham.

22 COMMISSIONER INGHAM: Yes.

23 SECRETARY BECK: Vice Chair Carrillo.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: Yes.

SECRETARY BECK: Commissioner Beck, yes.

VICE CHAIR CARRILLO: That would be great. Ideally -- I don't think this is unrealistic -- ideally, all 60 schools would respond. Don't leave free money on the table.

COMMISSIONER BURT: So just to put this out there, because I'm pretty adamant about making sure every school responds. If they put that they're not interested, they can just submit that they're not interested and move on.

But if they don't submit anything, we're calling. I'm calling people, calling governing boards, head administrators, asking, "Why do you not respond? Why do you not want money?"

MR. WAYNE SHEPHERD: Commissioner Burt, can I ask a question? You said in the Performance Framework, they had to have a yellow or red. There are some that have all green.

COMMISSIONER BURT: We looked, and there's nobody that has all green.

 $\mbox{MR. WAYNE SHEPHERD: Wow. Okay. Well,}$ there you go.

COMMISSIONER BURT: I think we looked. I think there was one school that had almost all greens and one yellow. So they still would be eligible, I believe. But if that ever comes about,

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1	We have six votes for, I think. No. Five votes.	
2	Commissioner Burt.	
3	COMMISSIONER BURT: Yes.	
4	SECRETARY BECK: Six votes for, zero votes	
5	against. We are adjourned.	
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