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Dear Ms. Trodden and Ms. Baca:

Rebekka Burt, Member  
District 4, Rio Rancho

Congratulations on the renewal of your charter school. This will confirm that the Public Education Commission has voted to renew the Albuquerque Bilingual Academy for a five-year term from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2030 with the following conditions:

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a) That the school's record of performance demonstrates improved student academic growth in all academic areas;

Michael M. Taylor, Member  
District 8, Roswell

b) That the school identifies a robust strategic educational plan to improve student outcomes and appropriate staff professional development related to content instruction; and

K.T. Manis, Member  
District 9, Hobbs

c) That the school demonstrates that it is improving its fiscal processes with a goal towards reducing audit findings and fully expending grants funds.

The specific immediate actions needed above will be outlined in the school's negotiated contract documents. The first annual report will confirm completion of the items listed above or, if the concern is not corrected, will identify the uncorrected unsatisfactory performance on each item that will be subject to further PEC action.

The negotiations for contracting with the PEC are scheduled to take place March 11-14, 2025 in Mabry Hall, Santa Fe. Missy Brown at Charter School Division ([Melissa.Brown@ped.nm.gov](mailto:Melissa.Brown@ped.nm.gov) , 505 551-2879) will reach out with information on the charter contracting process. All documents related to the contracting process will be uploaded here [Alb Bilingual folder](#) as you move through the process to prepare for the negotiations with the PEC.

The approved contract and performance framework templates are found here:  
<https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/public-education-commission/policies-and-processes/>

We appreciate all of the work at your school, the support you provide to the students at your school and your commitment to education in New Mexico. On behalf of the Commission, I thank you for your efforts and congratulations again.

Sincerely,

*e/Patricia Gipson*

Chair, Public Education Commission