

Public Education Commission Work Session

November 14, 2024

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

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Chair Patricia Gipson called the work session to order at 2:30

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Commissioners in attendance in person:

Commissioner Patricia Gipson, Chair, District 7, Las Cruces
Commissioner Steven J. Carrillo, Vice-chair, District 10, Santa Fe
Commissioner Timothy Beck, Secretary, District 3, Albuquerque
Commissioner Melissa Armijo, Secretary District 1, Albuquerque
Commissioner Alan Brauer, District 2, Albuquerque
Commissioner Rebekka Burt, District 4, Rio Rancho
Commissioner Sharon Clahchischilliage, District 5, Aztec
Commissioner Stewart Ingham, District 6, Deming
Commissioner Michael Taylor, District 8, Roswell
Commissioner K.T. Manis, District 9, Hobbs

Commissioners in attendance by Zoom:

Commissioners not in attendance:

Commissioner Melissa Armijo, Secretary, District 1, Albuquerque

Also Present:

Julia Barnes, PEC Attorney
Corina Chavez, Charter School Division (CSD) Director
Dr. Brigette Russell, CSD Deputy Director
Consuela Constantine, PEC Liaison, CSD
Melissa "Missy" Brown, CSD
Nicola Davis, CSD

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

Spotlight:

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

- Time: 2:30

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

a. Changes to Performance Framework and business rules

1. Overview of Performance Framework and Business rules changes: Brigitte Russell, Removed and added section at the top of Business Rules for items that would combine apply to both 1a and 1b

b. Corina Chavez: Confirmation of schools with existing contracts requiring amendments.

There's a motion during tomorrow's meeting for the Chair to start the renewal process for nine schools. These schools need to be informed of an amendment explaining the substantive change and the CSD will redo their performance frameworks. This amendment should not impact them negatively, but the letter should be worded in a positive manner.

c. Status of corrected templates: Brigitte Russell, Dr. Faulkner finished, and Lucy uploaded 4 of 5 templates, all but SAT. Option 2 is up, Option 3 in progress. Board Assurances is the 2nd bullet; it should be hyperlinked. To access, click on Annual Compliance Requirement. (It's a download of an Excel document). There's a challenge with Cesar Chavez which Dr. Brigitte Russell will work on, mainly focusing on the Option 2 template as well as acquiring reports from NOVA. After the Option 2 templates are up, CSD will concentrate on Option 3 and Dr. Russell will work to improve the template, Dr. Russell has already discussed the choice of Option 2 or 3 with Albuquerque Sign Language Academy and Las Montañas. (Folder #3, FY25 Admin folder, 2nd document). Deadline to identify Option: November 22, 2024; Missy needs to be told which option is chosen and which alternative assessment indicators (Folder #3, FY25 Admin folder, 2nd document). If there's already a template, then there's no extra work for CSD.

3. Discussion of the new school application process and possible changes (Third reading)

- Plagiarism:
 - Only one initial plagiarism discussion required. (Pages 5 & 11).
 - Applicant team has the responsibility to identify, then a 2nd review/discussion with CSD should ensue to ascertain if plagiarism is truly present including per any method variances. (Page 3).
 - Any methods are allowed, ie. "Turnitin," direct read.
 - Discussed the need to clarify/codify a more specific process of identifying plagiarism and/or disqualification.

4. Discussion of budget and approved budget items:

a. Discussion of budget for this fiscal year: Rebekka Burt, Still some work to go for full transparency and allocation. Per a full subcommittee review for which Corina Chavez provides a full breakdown in Subcommittee folder:

- Decision to move a few things around and some requests to specific spending of 2% (PE spending last year, reevaluation of this year's money). Expected potential \$6k sweep.
- Concern for potential reduction: Last year's 2% amount of \$5.4m(?) lowering to projection of approx. \$4.77m this year for which subcommittee raised concern to ASD especially with addition of schools, etc. PEC is helping push this query to support Corina Chavez.
- Still need to budget the Performance Framework Project
- Technology upgrades: FY24 expenditures visible in subcommittee folders
- Subcommittee meeting next week: Please email budget questions prior to this meeting.

b. PEC logo: completion of work from State printing and use of logo: Commission provided feedback of rough draft images. Consuelo will relay change requests.

c. Contract with Naomi DeVeaux for PEC support: She's available very minimally.

d. Board Acknowledgement awards

e. Performance Framework support program, REC contracts

i. Update from Budget subcommittee

ii. Update from CSD on IGA amendments with REC: Depends on actual budget projection, no money per current standings.

f. Attorney contract

5. Discussion on guidance on rental of school facilities for non-school events and publicity related to those events

- Occasionally entities rent for political or religious purposes in which cases the school needs to make sure there is fair compensation for the use (factors could include set-up, cleaning, utilities, insurance, etc.) so that it does not appear the school is supporting such an event.
- Question of legal language/actual law and definition of donation and/or rental status
- Question of where authority lies

6. Report from Chair on reimbursements

- Chairwoman Gipson reports nothing to be shared.

7. Subcommittee Updates

a. Charter Performance

i. Epicenter roll out update

1. Items that are in Epicenter
2. Items that will be in Epicenter
3. Update on status of Scorecard module
4. How to incorporate record of performance
5. How/when will PEC requests be rolled out

b. Budget

c. Policy: State charter lottery rule and possible comments on PED Amendment of 6.29.1 NMAC, General Provisions 8

- Policy Subcommittee should review

d. Legislative

e. Board Acknowledgement awards

f. Indicators of Success program and Performance Framework support program

- Question raised regarding the need to establish more specific indicators
- Subcommittees should present suggestions for specific indicators

I. Issues which warrant concern

1. Low board participation
2. Board membership that falls below five members
3. Low student enrollment
4. Numerous parent complaints

8. Reports from PEC Liaisons and members who attended conferences

a. Charter School conference reports regarding nationally recognized principles and standards for quality charter authorizing (NMSA 22-8B-5.3.H.)

I. NACSA report out

b. Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) – Commissioner Gipson

c. Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) – Commissioner Gipson

d. NM Indian Education Advisory Council – Commissioner Clahchischillage, Meeting next Tuesday

e. NM Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC) – Commissioner Ingham

- Commissioner Ingham put forth the request to Chair and Board the CPI the least reimbursement should be increased as per the rise in CPI; however It was voted on and approved to keep it the same. Commissioner Ingham requests support next November to persuade this issue.

f. NM Public School Insurance Authority (NMPSIA) – Commissioner Manis, nothing significant to report.

g. NM School Boards Association (NMSBA) – Commissioner Carrillo; Discussion regarding legislative agenda which is in progress. There's a proposal to make transportation allocation an 1-line item for all schools.

h. NM State Library Commission – Commissioner Taylor, nothing significant to report.

Subcommittee Updates

a. Virtual Schools:

b. Performance Framework Project Team:

c. Foundations (currently paused):

d. Budget:

e. Contract and Rule:

Chair Gipson adjourned the meeting at 4:25 pm.

No votes were taken by Commissioners on items during this work session.

Submitted by Nicola Davis, CSD