

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETINGS

Work Session: Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting: Friday, January 17, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Both meetings will be held on Zoom and in person at:

**Mabry Hall, Jerry Apodaca Education Building
300 Don Gaspar Avenue
Santa Fe, NM 87501**

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Officers	Members	
Patricia Gipson (District 7), Chair	Sam S. Obenshain (District 1)	Stewart Ingham (District 6)
Steven J. Carrillo (District 10), Vice Chair	Alan Brauer (District 3)	Michael Taylor (District 8)
Timothy E. Beck (District 2), Secretary	Rebekka Burt (District 4)	K.T. Manis (District 9)
	Sharon Clahchischilliage (District 5)	

PEC Work Session Agenda

Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call**
- 2. Clarification from PED and discussion of food service requirement, which schools must provide food service, and rollout of current rule**

New Mexico Student Nutrition Bureau: Michael Chavez, and Laura Henry-Hand
- 3. Discussion related to state charters associated with Nations, tribes and pueblos**
 - a. Support for state charters associated with Nations, tribes and pueblos
Indian Education Division: KatieAnn Juanico, Assistant Secretary of Indian Education and Damian Wierzbicki, Deputy Director
 - b. Consultation and outreach if there are concerns
 - c. Ways to support an increase in student outcomes
 - d. Ways to include charters into agreements with other states to provide funding for out-of-state students
- 4. Discussion, demonstration and uses of Epicenter by various users and discussion of possible uses and expectations**
- 5. Discussion on guidance on rental of school facilities for non-school events and publicity related to those events**
- 6. Discussion regarding requiring that schools have a provision in their bylaws related to what happens if the board falls below the number needed for a quorum (Second discussion)**
 - a. Discussion of addition of Bylaws form (First reading)
- 7. Discussion on Notifications that result in a school being temporarily out of compliance (Second reading)**
 - a. Notification of Resignation of Governing Board Member form
- 8. Discussion of implementing ideas from National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA) conference and other areas of interest**
 - a. In lieu of revocation, last option to enter into Performance Framework turnaround contract or close
 - b. Utilizing a prepared metric to look at the viability of a school
 - c. Goal setting tools for charter schools to assist in setting mission specific goals
 - d. Process to ensure that there is sufficient charter support where a need is identified and charter sector mapping
 - e. Expedited renewal
- 9. Discussion and possible action to approve the PEC budget**
- 10. Discussion, status and possible action on rollout and budget of items approved:**

- a. Board Acknowledgement awards
- b. School Support Program
 - i. Status of IGA amendment of type of work that can be funded for school support awards
 - ii. Status of transfer for full amount of funds for school support program
 - iii. Report from subcommittee on requests, awards and rollout
 - iv. Issues from schools on obtaining funding
- c. Attorney contract

11. Discussion and update on Performance Framework templates and status of posting of corrected templates to the PEC website

- a. Status of corrected templates (Cesar Chavez Community School)
- b. New templates needed for option 3 renewing contracts

12. Report from Chair: charter school concerns and scheduling for contract negotiations

13. Subcommittee updates and requests for subcommittee review, including new requests

	Subcommittee	Requested review
a.	Charter Performance	Epicenter rollout, including Record of Performance dashboard
b.	Budget	2025 Budget
c.	Policy	Lottery rule, PED proposed rule, intervention ladder process
d.	Legislative	2025 Legislative support
e.	Board Acknowledgement	Designation of awards
f.	Indicators of Success and Performance Framework Support Program	Program(s) roll out, parameters, and budget

14. Reports from PEC Liaisons and members who attended conferences

	Subcommittee	Commissioner assigned
a.	Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC)	Commissioner Gipson
b.	Legislative Finance Committee (LFC)	Commissioner Gipson
c.	NM Indian Education Advisory Council	Commissioner Clahchischilliage
d.	NM Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC)	Commissioner Ingham
e.	NM Public School Insurance Authority (NMPSIA)	Commissioner Manis
f.	NM School Boards Association (NMSBA)	Commissioner Carrillo
g.	NM State Library Commission	Commissioner Taylor
h.	Charter School conference reports regarding nationally recognized principles and standards for quality charter authorizing (NMSA 22-8B-5.3.H.)	

PEC Meeting Agenda

Friday, January 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

- 1. Call to Order by Chair**
Roll Call by Secretary
Pledge of Allegiance
Salute to the New Mexico Flag
[Mission and Values](#)

- 2. Approval of Agenda**

- 3. Public Comment**

Time limits will be at the discretion of the PEC Chair. The PEC asks that all comments be respectful and follow the following guidelines:

- Individuals from the same group and having similar viewpoints are asked to select a spokesperson to speak on their behalf.
- Multiple and repetitious presentations of the same view are discouraged and may be ruled out of order by the PEC Chair.
- When making comments, please refer to people by job title (i.e. “head administrator”), do not refer to any person individually or attack anyone personally. Please note that the PEC does not have authority over personnel matters at PED or at individual schools.

Individuals who wish to be heard during Public Comment are asked to join the meeting between 8:45 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. to sign in via Chat. Simply type your name, who you represent, the topic, and indicate that you would like to speak during Public Comment. If you are only able to join via telephone, please join the meeting no later than 8:45 a.m. as phone participants will be asked to identify themselves if they wish to speak. The sign-up for Public Comment and the Chat room will be closed at 9:00 a.m.

- 4. School highlights and spotlight – No discussion or action taken**
- 5. Introduction of new member and election of officers**
- 6. Discussion and possible action to approve Open Meetings Act Resolution for 2025**
- 7. Introduction of new Head Administrator**
 - a. Tierra Adentro of New Mexico: The School of Academics, Arts, and Artesanía
Head Administrator, Genevieve Lopez
- 8. Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of PEC Minutes and Transcripts
 - i. PEC Renewal Hearings Transcripts December 9-12, 2024
 - ii. PEC Meeting Transcript for December 13, 2024
 - b. Notifications and Requests to Amend the Charter School Contract
[Head Administrator Changes](#)

1. Tierra Adentro of New Mexico: The School of Academics, Arts, and Artesanía
Governing Board Member Changes

2. ACES Technical Charter School

3. Albuquerque Institute of Mathematics and Science at UNM

4. Hózhó Academy

5. Northpoint Charter School (Restoring the GC up to 5 members)

6. Renaissance Academy Charter School

Governing Body By-Law Changes

7. Albuquerque Aviation Academy

9. Discussion and possible action on item(s) removed from the Consent Agenda

10. Update by CSD on submittal of plans and discussion and possible action to complete conditions

a. Sun Mountain Community School outreach plan

b. Sacramento School of Engineering and Science transportation plan

c. Equip Academy of New Mexico requirement to locate on the Westside (west of Rio Grande)

11. Discussion with Dream Diné Charter School regarding status at school

a. Update on status and timing to restore to five members

b. Update on student enrollment and budget impacts

c. Other

12. Discussion and possible action regarding Dream Diné Charter School, which may include

a. Acceptance of Notification of Governing Board members

b. Failure of the Governing Board to have five members with only one board member remaining

c. Confirming the receipt of the Assurance documentation on December 31, 2024, and confirmation that a quorum of board members voted on the Assurance document

d. Requirement for new board to review contract documents and execute new assurance form

e. Action under the intervention ladder

13. Review and Acceptance of CSD 2023-2024 Annual Reports

a. Albuquerque Collegiate Charter School

b. Alma d'Arte Charter High School

c. Altura Preparatory School

d. Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School

e. Explore Academy - Las Cruces

f. Explore Academy - Rio Rancho

g. Horizon Academy West

h. Hózhó Academy

i. J. Paul Taylor Academy

j. La Academia Dolores Huerta

- k. McCurdy Charter School
- l. Mission Achievement and Success Charter School
- m. New America School-Las Cruces
- n. New Mexico Academy for the Media Arts
- o. New Mexico Connections Academy
- p. North Valley Academy Charter School
- q. Pecos Cyber Academy
- r. Red River Valley Charter School
- s. Rio Grande Academy of Fine Arts
- t. Roots and Wings Community School
- u. Six Directions Indigenous School
- v. The GREAT Academy
- w. THRIVE Community School
- x. Vista Grande High School
- y. Walatowa High Charter School

14. Discussion and possible action regarding PEC Annual Notices, including possible action under the intervention ladder, and action on conditions

- a. Albuquerque Collegiate Charter School
- b. Alma d'Arte Charter High School
 - i. Alma d'Arte Charter High School condition
- c. Altura Preparatory School
- d. Cottonwood Classical Preparatory School
- e. Explore Academy - Las Cruces
- f. Explore Academy - Rio Rancho
- g. Horizon Academy West
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15. Discussion and possible action to approve the PEC budget

16. Discussion and possible action on Notifications that result in a school being out of compliance

- a. Notification of Resignation of Governing Board Member form

17. Discussion and possible action on Bylaw requirement regarding low board membership

18. Discussion and possible action on Special Project Awards

19. Report from Charter Schools Division and discussion

- a. Update on CSD staff positions
- b. Update on Notices of Intent submitted and confirmation that CSD provided feedback on any possible issues

19. Report from the Chair and discussion

- a. Report on new or updated PEC/school issues
 - i. New Mexico Academy for Media Arts
- b. Report from Public Charter Schools of New Mexico

20. Discussion and possible action on legislative items

- a. Pre-filed bills: <https://www.nmlegis.gov/>

21. Discussion and possible action to provide input to Chair or Liaisons to speak on behalf of the PEC

22. PEC comments – No discussion or action taken

23. Discussion of new business topics for the next agenda

24. Adjourn

Upcoming meetings:

At times, meetings may be changed, modified or canceled. The agenda for each meeting, containing the correct times, dates and content, is posted at: [2025 PEC Meetings and Notices](#)

The PEC will continue to follow the guidance by the attorney general on hybrid meetings.

February 20, 2025	PEC Work Session
February 21, 2025	PEC Meeting
March 11-14, 2025	PEC 2025-2026 Contract Negotiations
March 20, 2025	PEC Work Session
March 21, 2025	PEC Meeting

April 24, 2025	PEC Work Session
April 25, 2025	PEC Meeting
May 15, 2025	PEC Work Session
May 16, 2025	PEC Meeting
June 26, 2025	PEC Work Session
June 27, 2025	PEC Meeting
July 7-10, 2025	PEC Community Input Hearings - New Applicants
July 17, 2025	PEC Work Session
July 18, 2025	PEC Meeting
August 18-20, 2025	PEC New Applicant Hearings
August 21, 2025	PEC Work Session
August 22, 2025	PEC Meeting
September 18, 2025	PEC Work Session
September 19, 2025	PEC Meeting
October 16, 2025	PEC Work Session
October 17, 2025	PEC Meeting
November 6, 2025	PEC Work Session - Re: renewal applicant letter from PEC
November 20, 2025	PEC Work Session
November 21, 2025	PEC Meeting
December 8-10, 2025	PEC Renewal Hearings
December 11, 2025	PEC Working Session
December 12, 2025	PEC Meeting