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January 29, 2025

Mariana D. Padilla
Secretary Designate of Public Education
Via email

Re: Your letter of January 8, 2025 Entitled "Request Involving Organizational Change"

Dear Secretary Designate Padilla:

The Executive Committee of the Public Education Commission has received and reviewed your letter of January 8, 2025 referenced above. The Executive Committee points you to the processes and procedures that the PEC has in place and posted on the PEC website, [Charter School Policies and Processes](#). These represent the practices that the PEC has been following, and will continue to follow, regarding its authorizing decisions under the Charter Schools Act. We do not believe that the PEC needs to make any changes to those processes because of a new manner in which a PED rule is being implemented. We find no provision in statute that would allow PED to impact an approval of a request to the PEC or timing of a PEC decision made pursuant to the Charter Schools Act.

The PEC will continue to make authorizing decisions requested by state charters and charter applicants under its authority under the Charter Schools Act. We believe that you already receive notice of these decisions when made, and we will continue this practice.

Sincerely,

e/Rebekka Burt

Chair, Public Education Commission

CC:

Amanda DeBell, Deputy Secretary of Teaching, Learning, and Innovation

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