

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETINGS

Work Session: Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting: Friday, February 21, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Both meetings will be held in person and available via Zoom at:

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

Please click the link below to join the Work Session Webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86153155475>

Or One tap mobile:

+12532158782,,86153155475# US (Tacoma)

+13462487799,,86153155475# US (Houston)

Please click the link below to join the Meeting Webinar:

PEC Meeting Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82974041711>

Or One tap mobile:

+12532158782,,82974041711# US (Tacoma)

+13462487799,,82974041711# US (Houston)

Individuals with disabilities who need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in this meeting, please contact the Public Education Commission Liaison at charter.schools@ped.nm.gov eight (8) days prior to the regular meeting date. Upon request public documents will be provided in the accessible form necessary to the individual requesting the particular auxiliary aid.

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

PEC Work Session Agenda

Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Discussion of subcommittee process and working sessions
3. Reports from PEC Liaisons and members who attended conferences

	Liaison Appointments	Commissioner assigned
a.	Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC)	Commissioner Gipson
b.	Legislative Finance Committee (LFC)	Commissioner Burt
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, February 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order by Chair

Roll Call by Secretary

Pledge of Allegiance

Salute to the New Mexico Flag

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. Consent Agenda

Approval of PEC Minutes and Transcripts

- a. PEC Work Session Minutes for January 16, 2025
- b. PEC Meeting Transcript for January 17, 2025

Notifications and Requests to Amend the Charter School Contract

Business Manager Changes

- c. Horizon Academy West
- d. South Valley Preparatory School

Governing Board Member Changes

- e. Amy Biehl High School
- f. New Mexico School for the Arts
- g. Roots and Wings Community School
- h. Solare Collegiate Charter School
- i. Turquoise Trail Charter School

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

7. Discussion and possible action under the intervention ladder:

- a. **Dream Diné Charter School:** Action to restore a 5-member governing board and the status of completing an updated Assurances form;
- b. **Explore Academy - Las Cruces:** Action to correct performance (uncorrected unsatisfactory performance identified in PEC annual notice) regarding 2c. Responsiveness to Audit Finding identified in the CSD 2023-2024 Annual Report;
- c. **J. Paul Taylor Academy:** Action to correct performance (uncorrected unsatisfactory performance identified in PEC annual notice) regarding 2b. Accounting Principles identified in the CSD 2023-2024 Annual Report;
 - i. CSD general report on school ELA growth scores related to black students
- d. **McCurdy Charter School:** Action to correct performance (uncorrected unsatisfactory performance identified in PEC annual notice) regarding school specific goals 1 and 2 identified in the CSD 2023-2024 Annual Report;
- e. **New America School - Las Cruces:** Action to correct performance (uncorrected unsatisfactory performance identified in PEC annual notice) regarding Indicators 1.b. State Assessment Requirements and 3.c. Staff Credentialing identified in the CSD 2023-2024 Annual Report;
- f. **Six Directions Indigenous School:** Action to correct performance (uncorrected unsatisfactory performance identified in PEC annual notice) regarding low proficiency in math, low graduation rates, and 3.c. Staff Credentialing identified in the CSD 2023-2024 Annual Report;
- g. **Vista Grande High School:** Action to correct performance (uncorrected unsatisfactory performance identified in PEC annual notice) regarding Vista designation of CSI Graduation and low participation rate identified in the CSD 2023-2024 Annual Report; and
- h. **Walatowa High Charter School:** Action to correct performance (uncorrected unsatisfactory performance identified in PEC annual notice) regarding the school specific goals 1 and 2 and 5.b. Accounting Principles identified in the CSD 2023-2024 Annual Report.

8. Discussion and possible action under the intervention ladder, including review of the Corrective Action Plan for Alma d'Arte Charter High School

- a. Special Education audit and Special Education CAP report;
- b. Financial CAP report;
- c. Audit update;
 - d. New Mexico Department of Justice (formerly known as the New Mexico Attorney General) letters on Open Meeting Act violation, cure required and Open Meeting Act and IPRA required trainings; and
- e. Action to correct performance (uncorrected unsatisfactory performance identified in PEC annual notice) identified in the CSD 2023-2024 Annual Report
 - i. low academic proficiency rates in math;
 - ii. low graduation rates;
 - iii. no data on Mission Specific Indicators resulting in no score;
 - iv. the overall designation on the Organizational and Financial Frameworks of "Does

Not Meet”,

- v. the unsatisfactory performance related to
 - Rights of Students with Disabilities,
 - Rights of All Students,
 - Staff Credentialing, and
 - 5.b, 5.c and 5.f indicators related to fiscal management, and
- vi. Failure to timely provide Condition Compliance information.

9. Review and acceptance of CSD 2023-2024 Annual Reports

- a. Estancia Valley Classical Academy;
- b. Mission Achievement and Success Charter School;
- c. Taos International School;
- d. The GREAT Academy; and
- e. Explore Academy – Las Cruces (amended annual report).

10. Discussion and possible action regarding PEC Annual Notices, including possible action under the intervention ladder

- a. Estancia Valley Classical Academy;
- b. Mission Achievement and Success Charter School;
- c. Taos International School;
- d. The GREAT Academy;
- e. Explore Academy – Las Cruces; and
- f. Red River Valley Charter School.

11. Discussion and possible action to rescind vote on logo

12. Report from Charter Schools Division and discussion

- a. Update on CSD staff positions;
- b. Update on Notices of Intent and CSD feedback;
- c. Update on schools on the intervention ladder; and
 - i. San Diego Riverside Charter School
 - ii. Estancia Valley Classical Academy
 - iii. Taos International School
- d. Update on site visits.

13. Report from the Chair and discussion

- a. Report on new or updated PEC/school issues;
- b. Report from Public Charter Schools of New Mexico;
- c. Letter from Secretary Designate and response on PED organizational changes; and
- d. Update on contract negotiations and templates.

14. Discussion and possible action on legislative items, <https://www.nmlegis.gov/>

- 15. Discussion and possible action to provide input to Chair or Liaisons to speak on behalf of the PEC**
- 16. Discussion of new business topics for the next agenda**
- 17. Discussion and possible action on attorney contract process and scope of work**
- 18. PEC comments – No discussion or action taken**
- 19. 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:

<https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/public-ducationcommission/meetings/2024pecmeetings/>

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

March 11-14, 2025	PEC 2025-2026 Contract Negotiations
March 20- 21, 2025	PEC Work Session & Meeting
April 24-25, 2025	PEC Work Session & Meeting
May 15-16, 2025	PEC Work Session & Meeting
June 26-27, 2025	PEC Work Session & Meeting
July 7-10, 2025	PEC Community Input Hearings - New Applicants
July 17-18, 2025	PEC Work Session & Meeting
August 18-20, 2025	PEC New Applicant Hearings
August 21-22, 2025	PEC Work Session & Meeting
September 18-19, 2025	PEC Work Session & Meeting
October 16-17, 2025	PEC Work Session & Meeting
November 6, 2025	PEC Work Session - Re: Renewal Applicant letter from PEC
November 20-21, 2025	PEC Work Session & Meeting
December 8-10, 2025	PEC Renewal Hearings
December 11-12, 2025	PEC Work Session & Meeting