

Public Education Commission Work Session

February 20, 2025

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

[Meeting Recording](#)

Chair Rebekka Burt called the work session to order at 9:02 am

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Commissioners in attendance in person:

Commissioner Rebekka Burt, Chair, District 4, Rio Rancho
Commissioner Patricia Gipson, Vice-chair, District 7, Las Cruces
Commissioner Steven J. Carrillo, Secretary, District 10, Santa Fe
Commissioner Timothy Beck, District 3, Albuquerque
Commissioner Sam S. Obenshain, District 1, Albuquerque
Commissioner Michael Taylor, District 8, Roswell

Commissioners in attendance by Zoom:

Commissioner K.T. Manis, District 9, Hobbs

Commissioners not in attendance:

Commissioner Sharon Clahchischilliage, District 5, Aztec
Commissioner Alan Brauer, District 2, Albuquerque
Commissioner Stewart Ingham, District 6, Deming

Also Present:

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

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

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2. Discussion of subcommittee process and working sessions

- a. Chair Burt asks for each Subcommittee to elect a Lead. The Lead needs to be proactive in following a timeline, submitting agenda requests to the Executive Committee (EC) and reporting timely; it takes at least 2 months to get an item ready so it can be introduced to the full commission. Then it will be voted on to move it forward to next month's official

agenda. Each committee should create a standing meeting time for stability, which can be adjusted as needed. An agenda and attendance sheet are required. Commissioners should try out different subcommittees. There is \$45 per diem for subcommittee meetings. Lastly, there is a priority to-do list for each subcommittee. Subcommittees between 3 and 5 are ideal; membership cannot reach six as that would constitute quorum. Subcommittees can invite related outside contributors for feedback sessions, 5pm can be a good time for availability.

3. Reports from PEC Liaisons and members who attended conferences

- a. Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC):
Commissioner Gipson reports the next meeting will be around April due to Legislative session.
- b. Legislative Finance Committee (LFC):
Chair Burt reports no updates due to Legislative session.
- c. NM Indian Education Advisory Council: Commissioner Clahchischilliaage (absent).
- d. NM Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC): Commissioner Ingham (absent).
- e. NM Public School Insurance Authority (NMPSIA):
Commissioner Manis reports that he attended NMPSIA Benefits Advisory Committee meetings on February 5 and the NMPSIA Board Meeting on February 6. He will attend the meeting next month and will then update on various proposals arising from a potential increase of 12-15% in benefits costs which would impact employers and employees. Last year the PEC chose the smaller premium increase. It does not appear NM would have the funds to offer free premiums.
Some schools are implementing a crisis phone app/text line and self-help resource called STOPit. Current coverage includes 132,000 students in NM participating from 52 charter and district schools. 1-½ year NM statistics include 3500 reported incidents and 350 text interventions. Incident examples: self-harm, bullying and sexual harassment. One benefit is incidents can also be reported during school breaks. Reporting is up 210% nationwide year over year with this program. Chair Burt asks for Commissioner Manis to promote and share this program.
- f. NM School Boards Association (NMSBA):
Commissioner Carrillo will attend the meeting on February 28 at 1:00 pm.
- g. NM State Library Commission:
Commissioner Taylor will attend the February 28 meeting.

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

Chair Burt adjourned the meeting at 9:35 am.

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

Submitted by Nicola Davis, CSD