



New Mexico Public Education Commission (PEC)

Name Change or Mission Statement Amendment Instructions

Purpose: To notify the Public Education Commission (PEC) of a name change, minor grammatical or word choice change in the school's mission statement identified in the charter contract OR to request significant changes resulting from a name change that implies a change in mission or in the mission statement such as changes or adjustments to the school's educational plan, approaches to learning or assessment systems.

Submission Deadline: The form must be approved prior to the change being implemented. Amendments completed 28 days prior to the next PEC meeting will be placed on the next agenda.

Minor Changes:

- A name change that does not affect the mission or educational plan of the school may be placed on the consent agenda of a regular PEC meeting for possible action by the PEC but may be removed from the consent agenda during the scheduled PEC meeting for full discussion and possible action by the Commission if necessary.
- A mission amendment request with minor changes may be placed on the consent agenda of a regular PEC meeting for possible action by the PEC but may be removed from the consent agenda during the scheduled PEC meeting for full discussion and possible action by the Commission if necessary.

Substantive Changes:

- A name change that impacts the mission or educational plan of the school will be placed on the regular agenda of a PEC meeting for full discussion and possible action by the Commission.
- A mission amendment request with major changes will be placed on the regular agenda of a PEC meeting for full discussion and possible action by the Commission.

CSD will provide performance data (academic, organizational, and financial) for the contract term through the most recent annual report, including any outstanding compliance or investigations, and highlight information relevant to the amendment request.

The school must provide:

- ☐ Fully completed form
- ☐ Approved board minutes or certification of the vote taken by the board
- ☐ Rationale for the change.

Contact charter.schools@ped.nm.gov with questions about completing or submitting documents.

Name Change or Mission Statement Amendment Request Form

Submit this form and all supporting documents to charter.schools@ped.nm.gov

The Charter Contract was entered into by and between the New Mexico Public Education Commission (PEC) and Dream Dine' Charter School, hereafter "the school," effective on July 1, 2024

The school requests consideration from the PEC to change the terms of its contract as follows:

- ☐ Name change not affecting mission
- ☐ Name change affecting mission
- ☒ Minor mission wording change
- ☐ Substantial change in mission or wording

The school requests that the PEC approve an amendment to Section 3.3 Mission of the school's contract so that the Name of the School and/or Mission Statement reads: Dream Dine' Charter School provides an experiential education rooted in Dine' philosophy and language, empowering students to achieve academic success and contribute to their communities.

The school's current name: n/a

The school's proposed new name: n/a

The Mission Statement currently reads: Dream Dine' Charter School is a place-based elementary school where the Dine' philosophy, wisdom, history, and teachings are the foundation of a dual-language, experiential curriculum. Through our dual-language, experiential learning program, we will nurture strong, compassionate, bilingual young people who are committed to their personal and community health, wellness, relationships and progress.

The proposed Mission Statement reads: Dream Dine' Charter School provides an experiential education rooted in Dine' philosophy and language, empowering students to achieve academic success and contribute to their communities.

Rationale for the requested amendment/change:

We have recently updated and refined our mission statement to better reflect our values and goals. The previous version was lengthy and difficult for students and families to understand. It also did not clearly convey our commitment to academic excellence.

Our new mission statement is more concise, accessible, and aligned with our focus on student achievement. Importantly, while we have streamlined the language, we continue to honor and integrate dual-language education as an essential component of Diné language and philosophy. This approach ensures that cultural and linguistic heritage remains a vital part of our academic framework.

We look forward to continuing our shared mission with clarity, purpose, and respect for our community's traditions.

LEA Code: 559

Effective Date: 4/29/2025

The school's contract amendment is hereby submitted by:

Signature of School Representative: Nadine Chatter **Date:** 5/19/25

Signature of Governing Board Chair: [Signature] **Date:** 05/19/2025

For PEC/CSD use only

PEC Meeting Date:

Agenda: ☐ Regular required

The school's contract amendment was: ☐ Approved ☐ Denied (see transcript)

Electronic signature of PEC Chair: _____ **Date:** _____

DREAM DINÉ CHARTER SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 29, 2025 —6 PM

Dream Diné Charter School, Shiprock, NM

Topic: DDCS GC Meeting

Time: Apr 29, 2025 06:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82253093985?pwd=jdqeyTx3aAaAcuzJW5NgK3FJCVkrf3.1>

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Dream Diné Charter School's Governing Council meets once per month on the fourth Monday at 6 PM. Due to COVID-19, board meetings will be held by teleconference. The Governing Council and employees of the Dream Diné Charter School shall meet via the Zoom meeting platform or at Dream Diné Charter School. Members of the public who wish to access this open meeting may do so by clicking on the Zoom link or calling the phone number listed above.

Our Mission

Dream Diné is a place-based elementary school where the Diné (Navajo) culture, language and history are the foundation of an experiential curriculum. Through a dual-language program, we will nurture strong, compassionate, bilingual young people who are committed to their personal and community health, wellness, relationships and progress.

Minutes

A. Call Meeting to order: @ 6:19 PM

B. Roll Call

a. Governing Council Members:

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| i. Veronica Tso, President | Present |
| ii. Kerby Johnson, Vice President | Present |

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| iii. Adam J. Begaye, Secretary | Absent |
| iv. Cody Fetty, Member | Absent |
| v. Lucinda Kitseallyboy, Member | Present |

b. Staff

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| i. Nadine Chatto, Head Administrator | Present |
| ii. Charlotte Archuleta, Financial Manager | Present |

C. Opening Comments: Comments made by Veronica

D. Approval of Agenda:

1st Motion by Lucinda Kitseallyboy

2nd Motion by Kerby Johnson with an Amendment to change next regular meeting from Monday, May 26th to Tuesday, May 27th; Item G.c and G.d exchanged; remove calendar from G.c.iii

Lucinda Kitseallyboy in agreement with KerbyJohnson's amendments

Favor - 3

Oppose - 0

Abstain - 0

E. Approval of Minutes:

[March 24, 2025](#)

1st Motion made by Kerby Johnson

2nd Motion made by Lucinda Kitseallyboy

Favor - 3

Oppose - 0

Abstain - 0

Adam J. Begaye joined the meeting at 6:45PM

F. Public Comments (limit time to 3 minutes) - No comments at this time.

G. Discussion and Possible Action Items

a. Mission Statement - approval

1st Motion made by Kerby Johnsonn

2nd Motion made by Lucinda Kitseallyboy

Favor - 4

Oppose - 0

Abstain - 0

b. Update Governing Council [Agenda](#) - review and approval

1st Motion made by Adam J. Begaye

2nd Motion made by Lucinda Kitseallyboy

Favor - 4

Oppose - 0

Abstain - 0

c. Financials/School Budget Report

i. School Financial Report - Revenues, expenditures by grants/revenue streams, bank reconciliations, outstanding POs

ii. BAR(s)/Journal Entries

iii. Budget Updates/Approval (budget, salary schedules, calendar)

iv. New Grant for Approvals if any

1st Motion made by Kerby Johnson to accept budget report

2nd Motion made by Lucinda Kitseallyboy

Favor - 4

Oppose - 0

Abstain - 0

d. Executive session- personnel

1st Motion made by Adam J. Begaye to move into Executive Session at 7:05 PM

2nd Motion made by Kerby Johnson

Favor - 4

Oppose - 0

Abstain - 0

1st Motion made by Adam J. Begaye to exit from Executive Session at 8:05 PM

2nd Motion made by Lucinda Kitseallyboy

Favor - 4

Oppose - 0

Abstain - 0

Possible special meeting between May 12-16, 2025 to address school staffing Positions

1st Motion made by Adam J. Begaye

2nd Motion made by Kerby Johnson

Favor - 4

Oppose - 0

Abstain - 0

e. Governing Council Committees

i. Finance Committee - no report

ii. Audit Committee - no report

iii. Facilities Committee - no report

iv. GC training- all returning GC members need to complete 5 hours of training.

a. A gentle reminder that all new GC members are required to complete 10 hours of training.

H. Facilities/Land - Survey is in process of new school site

I. Student Enrollment - in HA report

J. Head Administrator/Principal

K. Parent Advisory Committee - in [HA report](#)

L. Next Governing Council Meeting: May 26, 2025

Other announcements: Last Day of School is May 23, 2025

Dream Dine' Charter School End of Year Open House is May 7, 2025

Equity council/ HPHC Meeting- May 6th

M. Closing Comments

N. Adjournment @ 8:55 PM

1st Motion made by Adam J. Begaye

2nd Motion made by Lucinda Kitseallyboy

Favor - 4

Oppose - 0
Abstain - 0

These Governing Council meeting minutes have been certified and approved by the Governing Council on May 19, 2025 and serve as the official record.

Veronica Tso, President Date: 05/19/2025

Dream Diné Mission Statement Update

Spring 2025

Options

Option 1: At Dream Diné Charter School, we blend academic achievement with Diné philosophy, history, and language to inspire strong, compassionate individuals dedicated to personal and community well-being.

Option 2: Dream Diné Charter School is committed to academic excellence and holistic growth through an experiential curriculum grounded in Diné philosophy, history, and language.

✂ **Option 3:** Dream Diné Charter School provides an experiential education rooted in Diné philosophy and language, empowering students to achieve academic success and contribute to their communities.

School Survey Results

27 responses



[Link to Sheets](#)



Summary

Question

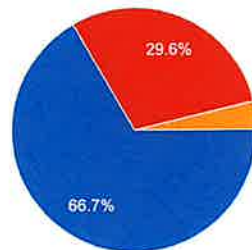
Individual

My involvement in the school is...

27 responses



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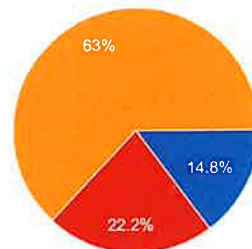
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- Employee, Governing Council
- Community Partner

Please select the Mission Statement of your choice:

27 responses



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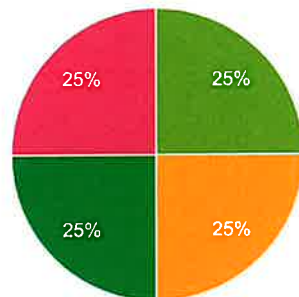
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Community Survey Results

Chapter Affiliation

4 responses

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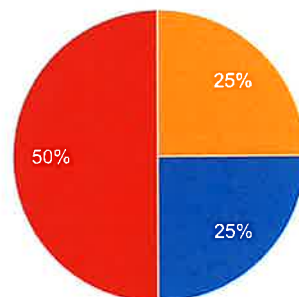


- Beclabito
- Gadii'ahi
- Hogback
- Shiprock
- Teechnospos
- Red Mesa
- N/A
- Nenahnezad

Please select the Mission Statement of your choice:

4 responses

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