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## Public Notice

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### **Public Education Commission Schedules Community Input Hearings for July 7-8, 2025, in Las Cruces, NM and Mora, NM.**

The New Mexico Public Education Commission (PEC) has scheduled two Community Input hearings for Monday, July 7, 2025, and Tuesday, July 8, 2025. The hearings will be held in person or virtually via Zoom Webinar.

The public is notified that the Community Input Hearings are not being held for the purpose of formulating public policy of the PEC and are not held for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of the PEC. The PEC is holding the hearings to obtain information and community input on applications under consideration.

On Monday, July 7, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., a Public Input Hearing for Inspira STEAM Academy is scheduled to be held at the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, in Las Cruces, NM. Inspira STEAM Academy is proposed to be located within the Las Cruces Public School District.

On Tuesday, July 8, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. a Public Input Hearing for Collins Lake Outdoor School is scheduled to be held at Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Lodge in Mora, NM. Collins Lake Outdoor School is proposed to be located within the Mora Independent School District.

Applications for the proposed new charter schools are located at: [2025 New Applications](#)

The primary purpose of these meetings is to hear community input on the applications. During the public hearings members of the PEC will listen to comments from the charter school applicant and local school district representatives. Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak about the proposed school and identify their concerns or support. The PEC may then have questions for the charter school applicant.

The link for the public participation via Zoom will be posted in the agenda document at: [Public Education Commission – 2025 PEC Meetings](#).

Members of the public may submit comments, petitions, or other written feedback electronically regarding the charter school applications up to three business days following each school's hearing. Written comments may be submitted via email to [charter.schools@ped.nm.gov](mailto:charter.schools@ped.nm.gov).

### **WRITTEN COMMENTS DUE DATES & TIMES ARE LISTED BELOW**

<b>APPLICANT: SCHOOL NAME</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>Inspira STEAM Academy</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 10, 2025</b>
<b>Collins Lake Outdoor School</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 11, 2025</b>

### **THESE DEADLINES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

Commissioners will vote to approve, approve with conditions, or deny the charter applications at the PEC meeting on August 22, 2025, scheduled in Santa Fe, NM.

Any questions about the hearings can be directed to the New Mexico Public Education Department's Charter School Division at [charter.schools@ped.nm.gov](mailto:charter.schools@ped.nm.gov) or 505-827-6909.