



## NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION (PEC)

New Application Hearings: Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Work Session: Thursday, August 21, 2025, at the Call of the Chair

Meeting: Friday, August 22, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

**All meetings will be held virtually on Zoom and in person at:**

Mabry Hall, Jerry Apodaca Education Building  
300 Don Gaspar Avenue  
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# New Charter School Application Hearings

Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

## 1. Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Carrillo

Salute to the New Mexico Flag – Commissioner Carrillo

## 2. Approval of Agenda

## 3. Discussion and Possible action on New School Applications

Individuals making public comments **for the 9:00 a.m. Collins Lake Outdoor School hearing** should sign up at the meeting between 8:45 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. The sign-up for public comment will be closed at 9:00 a.m.

Individuals making public comments **for the 1:00 p.m. Inspira STEAM Academy hearing** should sign up at the meeting between 12:45 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. The sign-up for public comment will be closed at 1:00 p.m.

Online instructions: Online sign-in is via Chat, then follow instructions online. The sign-up for the Chat room will be **closed at 9:00 a.m. for the 9:00 a.m. hearing and 1:00 p.m. for the 1:00 p.m. hearing**. Speakers must be on camera when providing public comment.

Time limit will be 2 minutes but can be altered at the discretion of the PEC Chair. The PEC asks that all comments be respectful and follow the following guidelines:

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### a. Collins Lake Outdoor School (9:00 a.m.)

- i. Tribal Input
- ii. Public Comment on Application
- iii. Applicant Team (20 minutes)
- iv. Charter Schools Division (10 minutes)
- v. PEC Questions, Discussion, and Decision

### b. Inspira STEAM Academy (1:00 p.m.)

- i. Tribal Input
- ii. Public Comment on Application
- iii. Applicant Team (20 minutes)
- iv. Charter Schools Division (10 minutes)
- v. PEC Questions, Discussion, and Decision

## 4. Adjourn

**Work Session Agenda**  
Thursday, August 21, 2025, at the Call of the Chair

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call**
- 2. Discussion of purpose(s) of Community Input Hearings**
- 3. Discussion of Charter School Conference**
- 4. Discussion of Proposed Regional Outreach Meetings**
- 5. Subcommittee updates**
  - a. Charter Performance – Vice Chair Gipson
  - b. Budget – Vice Chair Gipson
  - c. Policy – Commissioner Obenshain
  - d. Legislative – Vice Chair Gipson
  - e. Board Awards – Commissioner Carrillo
  - f. Indicators of Success – Chair Burt
  - g. Strategic Plan – Chair Burt
- 6. Reports from PEC Liaisons and members who attended conferences updates**
  - a. Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) – Vice Chair Gipson
  - b. Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) – Chair Burt
  - c. NM Indian Education Advisory Council – Commissioner Clahchischillie
  - 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) – Secretary 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.)

# Meeting Agenda

Friday, August 22, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

## 1. Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Obenshain

Salute to the New Mexico Flag – Commissioner Obenshain

## 2. Approval of Agenda

## 3. Public Comment

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## 4. School highlights and spotlight – No discussion or action taken

## 5. Consent Agenda

### a. Approval of PEC Minutes and Transcripts

1. PEC Work Session Minutes for July 17, 2025
2. PEC Meeting Transcript for July 18, 2025
3. PEC Special Meeting Transcript for July 28, 2025

### b. Notifications and Requests to Amend the Charter School Contract

#### Governing Board Membership Changes

1. Aldo Leopold Charter School
2. Dził Dítł’oóí School of Empowerment Action and Perseverance (DEAP)
3. Estancia Valley Classical Academy
4. Explore Academy
5. Explore Academy – Las Cruces
6. Hózhó Academy
7. New America School – Las Cruces
8. New Mexico School for the Arts
9. Raíces del Saber Xinachtli Community School
10. Red River Valley Charter School
11. Taos Integrated School of the Arts

Head Administrator Changes

- 12. 21st Century Public Academy
- 13. Aldo Leopold Charter School
- 14. Dził Dítł'ooí School of Empowerment Action and Perseverance (DEAP)
- 15. South Valley Preparatory School

Business Manager Changes

- 16. Aldo Leopold Charter School
- 17. Dził Dítł'ooí School of Empowerment Action and Perseverance (DEAP)
- 18. Explore Academy
- 19. Explore Academy – Rio Rancho
- 20. Raíces del Saber Xinachtli Community School
- 21. Turquoise Trail Charter School

Governing Board By-laws Changes

- 22. Explore Academy – Las Cruces
- 23. New Mexico Academy for the Media Arts

Lease Term Changes

- 24. Explore Academy – Las Cruces

- 6. **Discussion and possible action on item(s) removed from the Consent Agenda or that are monitored to ensure compliance with minimum contract requirements**
- 7. **Introduction of new Head Administrators**
  - a. Eric Tiger, 21st Century Public Academy
  - b. Will Tracy, Aldo Leopold Charter School
  - c. Dr. Morgan Wilson, Dził Dítł'ooí School of Empowerment Action and Perseverance
  - d. Crystal Avalos, South Valley Preparatory School
- 8. **Discussion and possible action on Explore Academy – Las Cruces Amendment Requests**
  - a. Grade Level Change
  - b. Facility
- 9. **Discussion and possible action on Roots and Wings Community School Mission Statement Amendment Request**
- 10. **Discussion and possible action on Procurement Officer form change, second reading**
- 11. **Discussion and possible action on 2026 Calendar, second review**
- 12. **Discussion and possible action on Implementation Year Checklist, second reading**
- 13. **Discussion and possible action on PEC representation on State Library Commission**
- 14. **Discussion and possible action on Charter Schools Conference**
- 15. **Report from the Charter Schools Division, discussion and questions**

- a. Update on charter schools
  - 1. Sacramento School of Engineering and Science: pre-opening visit July 22, 2025; opening date August 6, 2025
  - 2. Sun Mountain Community School: pre-opening visit July 29, 2025; opening date August 15, 2025
  - 3. Explore Academy: Office of Special Education Corrective Action Plan closed
  - 4. School of Dreams Academy: Office of Special Education Corrective Action Plan imposed
  - 5. Sandoval Academy of Bilingual Education governing council membership below 5
- b. Staffing update

## **16. Report from the Chair, discussion and questions**

- a. Report on new or updated PEC/school issues
- b. PEC-PED Memorandum of Understanding Update
- c. Subcommittee Process Plan Update
- d. Report from Public Charter Schools of New Mexico

## **17. Discussion and possible action to provide input to Chair or Liaisons to speak on behalf of the PEC**

## **18. PEC comments – No discussion or action taken**

## **19. Discussion of new business topics for the next agenda**

## **20. Adjourn**

The PEC attempts to follow the order of items as listed; however, the order of specific items may vary from the printed agenda. Individuals with disabilities who need any form of auxiliary aid to attend or participate in this meeting, please contact the PEC Liaison at (505) 500-9282 days prior to the meetings. Upon request, public documents will be provided in the accessible form necessary to the individual requesting the particular auxiliary aid.

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: [2025 PEC Meetings | New Mexico Public Education Department \(NMPED\)](#).

The PEC will continue to follow the guidance by the Attorney General on hybrid meetings.

September 18, 2025	PEC Work Session
September 19, 2025	PEC Meeting
October 16, 2025	PEC Work Session
October 17, 2025	PEC Meeting
November 6, 2025	PEC Work Session re: renewal applicant letter from PEC
November 20, 2025	PEC Work Session
November 21, 2025	PEC Meeting
December 8-10, 2025	PEC Renewal hearings
December 11, 2025	PEC Work Session
December 12, 2025	PEC Meeting