

**NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION
MEETING
MINUTES**

July 11, 2008

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Smith called the meeting to order at 11:00am at the Central New Mexico Workforce Center, 5600 Eagle Rock Avenue NE, Albuquerque NM.

2. Roll Call

Secretary Millie Pogna conducted the roll as follows:

M. Andrew Garrison, Member, District 1, Albuquerque
Mrs. Millie Pogna, Member, District 2, Albuquerque
Ms. Kathryn (Kitty) Krivitzky, Member, District 3, Albuquerque
Ms. Aileen R. Garcia, Member, District 4, Santa Fe
Ms. Mavis Price, Member, District 5, Gallup-
Ms. Catherine M. Smith, Vice-Chair, District 6, Los Lunas
Mr. Eugene Gant, Member, District 7, Las Cruces
Mr. Dennis James Roch, Chair, District 9, Texico (Absent)
Ms. Midge Graham, Member, District 10, Des Moines (Absent)
Ms. Nancy Bowles, Member, District 8, Roswell

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to New Mexico Flag

Vice Chair Garrison lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Chairperson Smith presented the Agenda. Commissioner Price moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Garrison seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Request for Extension of July 1 Application Deadline for the Proposed Multiple Intelligences Allied Health Charter School

Dr. Viola Lopez of the Multiple Intelligences Allied Health Charter School was present to appeal to the Commission. Chairperson Smith described the paperwork that was in the Commissioners packet. Dr. Lopez stated that the school has changed the name of the school as it had changed its direction of what the school is planning to offer when it opens. They plan to offer the basics for the students to align with NMPED and the benchmark and align with the Allied Health. The school will work with various health centers and

hospitals for internships and apprenticeships for the students. They are looking at other programs in other states to align with the programs so they are consistent. Dr. Lopez stated that they needed time to get a survey completed and get together with different entities to agree to work with the school. Dr. Lopez had a personal issue with her son that also delayed the process. The application is 90% complete but they need the survey completed to final the application to be presented. The questioning of the program and what the school hoped to accomplish ensued. Chairperson Smith interrupted the questioning as the information was not necessary for this item.

Vice Chair Garrison moved that the Public Education Commission not approve the extension of the Multiple Intelligences Allied Health Charter School. The motion was seconded by Secretary Pogna. The motion carried unanimously. A show of hands indicated all eight Commissioners approved the motion.

6. Schedule for 11 Charter School Public Hearings in August

How do we pay and how do we get legal counsel, and have the transcripts of hearing. Ms. Friedman stated that hearing will be three days and last year it was difficult to get the minutes done in a timely manner. She suggested that the Commission hire a Court Reporter to transcribe and have the minutes done and returned to the Commission within the required time.

Chairperson Smith asked the Commissioners if there was cost involved for the facilities during the hearings, per diem for the Commissioners, and additional charge for taking the minutes. A review of items for payment and with pre-encumbrance of travel for the Commissioners for the year will cover these costs. There was a discussion of an attorney for the Commissioners for the hearings as recommended by Dr. Garcia. Dr. Duran suggested that the Commissioners could ride together in one vehicle. Ms. Friedman suggested that the minutes be taken by different staff members so that 3 different people will be transcribing the minutes and can get the minutes to Beverly by the required time.

Chairperson Smith presented the schedule. Secretary Pogna moved to approve the Schedule. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Garrison. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Duran said that the agenda for the hearings is the same as last year. The invocation will be taken out. On the draft pg. 9, the time for reserve the right for the Commission to ask questions. He wanted to ask the Commission to decide whether they wanted the additional time for them to ask questions. Chairperson Smith stated that the Commissioners are given the opportunity to call in and ask staff questions about the applications. She stated that she

wanted it to be very open and very public and recommended to leave it the same.

Dr. Duran stated that the Chair asked him to draft a letter to the public to attend the hearing. Dr. Duran made some changes to the invitation to the public to attend the meeting. He took the word “strongly” out. The Commissioners agree that the letter as presented was fine and should be sent out.

The Invocation will only be included for the hearing in Santa Fe.

Dr. Duran and Beverly Friedman will work to accommodate the Commissioners in travel and hotel accommodations for the hearings. It also appeared that the Commissioners sign in for all hearings indicates that there will be a quorum for all hearings.

Chairperson Smith commended the staff in all their work and the monumental work that this Commission is taking on.

7. Adjourn

Vice-Chair Garrison moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Price seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.