



Pecos Independent School District

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Superintendent

BOARD MEETING AGENDA PECOS BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MAY 20, 2025 PECOS SCHOOLS BOARD ROOM PECOS, NM 6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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- Class of 2025 Graduation-May 23, 2025, 6:00 pm, PHS Gymnasium
- Work Session-June 3, 2025, 5:30 pm, Pecos Schools Board Room
- NMSBA 2025 School Law Conference-June 5-7, 2025, Albuquerque, NM
- Regular Board Meeting-June 24, 2025, 6:00 pm, Pecos Schools Board Room

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION- to discuss limited personnel matters-superintendent's evaluation and superintendent goals as per *NM Statutes Article 15 Open Meetings 10-15-1 Subparagraph H (2)*.

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MINUTES

**Regular Meeting
Pecos Board of Education
Pecos Independent School District
Pecos, New Mexico
Pecos Schools Board Room
Pecos, NM
May 20, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The President, Mr. Grady Barrens called the meeting to order @ 6:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Grady Barrens, Board President
Ms. Claudette Roybal, Board Secretary
Ms. Edna Herrera, Board Member
Mr. James Tanuz, Board Member
Ms. Debra Sena-Holton, Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Harold J. Garcia, Board Vice President

OTHERS PRESENT

Rosella Atilano	Joseph Atilano	Joe Chavez	Deven Gabaldon
Arlani Gabaldon	Mary Ann Daves	Esmeralda Castillo	Sofia Sotelo
Jorge Sotelo	Jesusita Castillo-Moench		Melanie Escalante
Cheyenne Armijo	Rachel Roybal	Miguel Escalante	Cathy Gallegos
Gilbert Morales	Danielle Seaboy	Karla Espinoza	Crystal Ortiz
Gretchen Venkatesh	Bonny Chavez	Liliana Chavez	Josie Valencia
Elias Chavez	Melissa T. Valencia-Flores		

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, Member Herrera motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Secretary Roybal. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

GOLDEN PANTHER RECOGNITION

Principals announced May award recipients, stated the remarkable qualities of the individual deserving of the award and presented those in attendance with a recognition certificate. The Golden Panthers recognized were Joseph Atilano-6th grader, Melanie Escalante-Senior, Liliana Chavez-5th grader and Esmeralda Castillo-staff member.

President Barrens welcomed Golden Panther Families to stay, expressed understanding for the need to leave and stated the meeting will continue to proceed.

PRESENTATION OF EXCELLENCE IN STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

President Barrens touched on the background of the initiative; noting each year the New Mexico School Boards Association-NMSBA petitions for each school district to recognize individuals that have made a very positive impact on students & the academic community and conveyed there are four recipients the Board wants to recognize. Superintendent Sena-Holton pointed out the determinative factors of Ms. Karla Espinoza, Ms. Deven Gabaldon, Ms. Gretchen Venkatesh, Ms. Crystal Ortiz-Rivera and presented them with a recognition plaque.

Board Members expressed appreciation for the continued support and stated all are important to everyone's success.

UNIT/DIRECTOR REPORTS

Elementary

Ms. Gallegos reported the end of school year becomes difficult, pointed out the current operation schedule/routine is uncustomary, mentioned the calendar of events for the week, remarked on the overall impact to students, in contrast to enjoying the events as well. She expressed hope students will read over the summer. President Barrens recommended providing students with a reading list of suggestions & math practice exercises or other indicators that have been identified as a learning resource. He commented on the disadvantages of leaving it up to students for self-guide/direct

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learning and acknowledged parents may not necessarily know what to look for, indicating the listing will be helpful.

Superintendent Sena-Holton informed that the elementary is participating in the NMPED Reading Literacy Program this summer, reported the number of the number of students & teachers and conveyed funds have been allocated for the initiative by NMPED.

Ms. Gallegos announced the Pre-K Grant was approved. She noted the EOY Assessment data is under review and stated she intends to present the BOY vs EOY data comparison during the June Work Session. She communicated that there was 100% participation for the state assessments and i-Ready diagnostics.

Support Services/Student Nutrition

Ms. Daves noted the salad bar will be offered on Fridays during the summer as experimentation.

Ms. Daves mentioned EOY IEP's are close to completion, for the most part and pointed out a few are in the process of being finalized and closed out. She made aware of a 4th grader who tested advance 4th grade, noting the latest i-Ready score was at the college level. She touched on how things are progressing in working with the advocate with some of the IEP's, expressed her views on the actions of the supporter as an advocate or an agitator and briefed on the final objective. President Barrens expressed his concern regarding the initiative. Superintendent Sena-Holton informed that NMPED is having IEP workshops commencing next week.

Ms. Daves was dismissed from the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Secondary

Mr. Morales provided the latest updated data and conveyed it's the same data with an additional month added. He noted the data is the ADA-average daily attendance of students, explained the format and conducted a review of the data. He pointed out his disappointment, stated the need to work on making students wanting to attend school, briefed on the comparison to other districts of similar size/location etc. and revealed that it's a state issue. Mr. Morales briefed on the extra steps taking place to address the issue. President Barrens commented on the reasoning for truancy, touched on understanding and addressing the solution.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

BUSINESS REPORT

FINANCIAL STATUS

Ms. Anna Cress, K 12 Accounting Business Manager informed of the Budget Adjustment Request'(s) recommended for approval and indicated the descriptions were provided. She touched on/discussed the Disbursement Detail Listing, Purchase Order Report, Cash Balances, Activity Report-Revenue & Expenditures, Athletic Activity Report, Revenue Report, Expenditure Budget Balance Report, Bank Reconciliation Report, pointed out the Bank Statement and provided a summary of the Journal Entry. She presented an opportunity to ask questions throughout the review of the Financial Report.

CONSENT AGENDA

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Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, President Barrens moved to approve BAR'(s) #8-#21, #23-#24 & #26-#27, seconded by Secretary Roybal. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, Secretary Roybal moved to hold the vote-disapprove the Blanket BAR for Final Year-End, seconded by President Barrens. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, Member Herrera moved to approve the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting-February 18, 2025, seconded by Member Tanuz. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, President Barrens moved to table the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting-March 18, 2025, seconded by Member Tanuz. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton's recommendation, President Barrens moved to approve Journal Entry #1123, seconded by Member Tanuz. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Sena-Holton informed a second FEMA meeting took place, provided a summary of the points of discussion, communicated the meeting’s key takeaways and announced the district’s second point of contact. She briefed on the EOY plans with Crumbacher. She touched on a few projects/maintenances of projects. Superintendent Sena-Holton mentioned Representative Anita Gonzales stopped by to see her and highlighted on the main points discussed. She presented an update on staffing.

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ACTION ITEM(S)

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Based on Superintendent Sena-Holton’s recommendation, Member Tanuz moved to approve Title I, II & III Applications, seconded by Secretary Roybal. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

OTHER

Superintendent Sena-Holton provided a reminder regarding the Class of 2025 Graduation scheduled for May 23, 2025, 6:00 pm, PHS Gymnasium.

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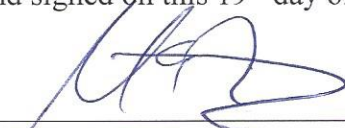
EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:49 p.m., Secretary Roybal made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss limited personnel matters-superintendent's evaluation and superintendent goals per *NM Statutes Article 15 Open Meetings 10-15-1 Subparagraph H (2)*, seconded by President Barrens. Action item as a result of executive session if necessary. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

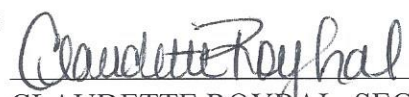
At 8:37 p.m., President Barrens made a motion to reconvene from executive session, seconded by Member Tanuz. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:37 p.m., President Barrens moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Secretary Roybal. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0. Minutes approved and signed on this 19th day of August 2025.



GRADY BARRENS, PRESIDENT

ATTEST: 

CLAUDETTE ROYBAL, SECRETARY