

# Commission on School Funding

## STATE OF EMERGENCY SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

*Due to the circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission on School Funding will meet via videoconference. In accordance with Governor Sisolak's State of Emergency Directives, there will be no physical location designated for this meeting. The meeting will be livestreamed on the Nevada Department of Education's (NDE) website.*

*The public is hereby noticed that the Commission on School Funding reserves the right to take agenda items out of posted order; items may be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time; and items may be combined for consideration. Members of the public may provide public comment in writing via email; public comment will be accepted via email for the duration of the meeting and shared with the Commission on School Funding during the appropriate agenda items. Public comment may be emailed to Jessica Todtman at [jtodtman@doe.nv.gov](mailto:jtodtman@doe.nv.gov); members of the public must indicate in the email subject line whether the comment is for Public Comment #1 or Public Comment #2 as well as indicate the date of the meeting at which the comment should be read.*

*Support materials for this agenda are available at no charge on the NDE website at: [Meeting Materials](#) (under the meeting date referenced above) or by contacting Jessica Todtman at the Department of Education, 700 E. Fifth St, Carson City, Nevada and 2080 E. Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas, Nevada, (775) 687-9225.*

**Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 2:30 PM**

**1. Call to Order; Roll Call**

**2. Public Comment #1**

*Public comment will be taken during this agenda item regarding any item appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken on a matter discussed under this item until the matter is included on an agenda as an item on which action may be taken. A time limit of three minutes will be imposed by the Commission Chair in order to afford all members of the public who wish to comment with an opportunity to do so within the timeframe available to the Commission. Public comment #2 will provide an opportunity for public comment on any matter within the Commission's jurisdiction, control, or advisory power.*

**3. Approval of Commission Meeting Minutes (For Possible Action)**

- February 4-5, 2021

**4. Nevada Department of Education Update (Information and Discussion)**

*The Commission on School Funding will receive an update on the progress made by the Nevada Department of Education (NDE) since the last meeting, as well as responses to recent requests from the Commission for information and clarification.*

- Heidi Haartz, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Support Services, NDE

**5. Discussion regarding the tracking of local maintenance of effort (MOE) for Special Education in the State Education Fund (Information, Discussion, and Possible Action)**

*The Commission will review its previous recommendations regarding local Special Education funding and local MOE requirements in the context of recent*

conversations regarding implementation of the Senate Bill 543 (2019). The Commission may take action to recommend a process to account for local funding used as MOE for special education in the State Education Fund and the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan.

- Heidi Haartz, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Support Services, NDE
- Will Jensen, Director, Office of Inclusive Education, NDE

**6. Information and Discussion regarding public-facing summary documents (Information, Discussion, and Possible Action)**

*The Commission will review updated draft documents to be shared with the public that describe the work of the Commission and the components of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan. In addition, the Commission will receive information regarding the role of appointed advisory groups during the State Legislative Session and may take action to affirm next steps.*

- Greg D. Ott, Chief Deputy Attorney General
- Jessica Todtman, Chief Strategy Officer, NDE

**7. Public Comment #2**

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**Friday, March 5, 2021 at 9:00 AM**

**8. Call to Order; Roll Call**

**9. Public Comment #1**

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**10. [Continued] Information and Discussion regarding public-facing summary documents (Information, Discussion, and Possible Action)**

*The Commission will review updated draft documents to be shared with the public that describe the work of the Commission and the components of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan. In addition, the Commission will receive information regarding the role of appointed advisory groups during the State Legislative Session and may take action to affirm next steps.*

- Greg D. Ott, Chief Deputy Attorney General
- Jessica Todtman, Chief Strategy Officer, NDE

**11. Information and Discussion regarding Nevada class sizes and education workforce needs (*Information and Discussion*)**

*The Commission will receive a presentation regarding the relationship between Nevada’s class sizes and education workforce needs. The information presented may support the Commission in further defining an optimal education and optimal education funding.*

- Nathan Trenholm, Data Insight Partners
- Justin White, Data Insight Partners
- Jessica Todtman, Chief Strategy Officer, NDE

**12. Discussion and recommendations for potential revenue sources for Optimal Education Funding (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)**

*The Commission will continue previous discussions regarding the identification and prioritization of possible funding sources that may support optimal funding increases for the State Education Fund and Pupil-Centered Funding Plan. According to Senate Bill 543, 11.1(c), the Commission shall recommend revisions to the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan to create an optimal level of funding for public schools in Nevada and identify methods to fully fund costs associated with their recommendations within 10 years of the date of the recommendation was made.*

- Guy Hobbs, Vice Chair, Commission on School Funding
- Paul Johnson, Member, Commission on School Funding

**13. Discussion regarding Optimal Funding (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)**

*The Commission will continue discussion of the identified components of optimal funding for the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan, including the guiding principles for optimal funding and specific elements of optimal funding.*

- Karlene McCormick-Lee, Ed.D., Chair, Commission on School Funding

**14. Discussion regarding the maximum amount of funding allocated to the Nevada Department of Education for administrative expenses in each fiscal year (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)**

*The Commission will receive a presentation on size and funding of NDE as it compares to other State Education Agencies. The Commission may wish to make a recommendation to establish a minimum threshold for NDE’s administrative and oversight costs in a fiscal year.*

- Nathan Trenholm, Data Insight Partners
- Jessica Todtman, Chief Strategy Officer, NDE

**15. Future Agenda Items (*Information and Discussion*)**

**16. Public Comment #2**

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**17. Adjournment**