

Commission on School Funding

Friday, April 9, 2021

9:00 AM

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; members of the public must indicate in the email subject line whether the comment is for Public Comment #1 or Public Comment #2.

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.

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)

- March 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. Legislative Update regarding the Implementation of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan (Information and Discussion)

The Commission will receive an update on [work session](#) held during the 2021 Legislative Session by the Senate Committee on Finance and the Assembly

Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on K-12/Higher Education/CIPS regarding the implementation of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan.

- Heidi Haartz, Deputy Superintendent for Business and Support Services, NDE
- Jeremy Aguero, Principal Analyst, Applied Analysis

6. Presentation on an independent analysis of the Regional Cost Adjustment included in the Nevada Cost of Education Index (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)

The Commission will receive a presentation on the review and analysis of the Regional Cost Adjustment conducted by a consultant hired by the Washoe County School District. The Regional Cost Adjustment is included in the Nevada Cost of Education Index recommended by the Commission on School Funding to satisfy the requirement in Senate Bill 543 to establish cost adjustment factors within the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan to account for variations between counties in costs of living and costs of labor.

- Dr. Kristen McNeill, Superintendent, Washoe County School District
- Eugenia Lamore, PhD, MBA, Founder and President, Ekay Economic Consultants, Inc.

7. Discussion and recommendations for potential revenue sources for optimal education funding (*Information and Discussion*)

The Commission will continue previous discussions and review a summary of the identification and prioritization of possible revenue sources that may support optimal funding of 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 ten years of the date of the recommendation was made.

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

8. Discussion regarding optimal education funding (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)

The Commission will continue discussion of the recommended components of optimal funding for the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan, including the definitions, calculations, and potential revenue sources for optimal education funding. The Commission may also review an optimal funding status report for consideration to be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature.

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

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

10. Public Comment #2

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11. Adjournment