

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
COMMISSION ON SCHOOL FUNDING
June 21, 2024
9:00 AM**

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SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Guy Hobbs, Chair
Joyce Woodhouse
Punam Mathur
Nancy Brune
Dusty Casey
Paul Johnson
Jason Goudie
Mark Mathers
Jim McIntosh

DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT

Megan Peterson

LEGAL STAFF PRESENT

Deputy Attorney General Todd Weiss

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE

Chris Allen
Bill Hamlin
Brian Gordon
Sara Doutre
Kelsey Krausan
Amanda Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order by Chair Hobbs. Quorum was established. Chair Hobbs noted for the record that they are joined by Deputy Attorney General Todd Weiss.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

Chris Allen and Bill Hamlin gave public comments.

3. APPROVAL OF FLEXIBLE AGENDA (For Possible Action)

Member Mathur moved to approve the flexible agenda. Member Casey seconded. Motion carried.

4. NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION UPDATE (Information and Discussion)

The Commission will receive an update on the progress made by the Nevada Department of Education since the last meeting.

- Megan Peterson, Deputy Superintendent for Student Investment, NDE

Megan Peterson gave an update on the progress made by the NDE since last meeting. (See “*FINAL SB71 2024 June report to COE.pdf*” for details).

5. INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING POTENTIAL REVENUE SOURCES FOR EDUCATION FUNDING (Information, Discussion, and Possible Action)

The Commission will receive a follow-up presentation from subject matter experts regarding revenue sources to support optimal education funding levels based on various sales and property tax scenarios. This will include a review of previous sources. The Commission may take action to recommend certain scenarios for submission to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education for consideration.

Pursuant to the Interim Study in SB 98 and NRS 387.12463(c), the Commission shall identify a methodology to fully fund any recommendation that necessitates an increase in funding to the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan within 10 years and make recommendations for changes to the laws governing sales and use tax and property tax to fully fund public schools at an optimal level.

- Guy Hobbs, Chair, Commission on School Funding

Chair Hobbs stated he wanted to refresh everyone on a previous report on potential funding mechanisms. Brian Gordon gave a presentation on what the targets are, and the Commission discussed the topic/options/scenarios. (See “*Commission on School Funding - June 21 2024.pdf*” for details).

6. INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION METHODOLOGY FOR STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING (Information, Discussion, and Possible Action)

The Commission will receive a follow-up presentation on subject matter experts’ study of the current distribution methodology for State Special Education Funding. The presentation will include a review of the current methodology and an overview of alternative distribution methodologies. The Commission will also review recommended weighted multipliers. The Commission may take action to recommend adoption of an alternative distribution methodology.

Pursuant to the Legislative Letter of Intent the Commission shall review the State Special Education program and recommend a target weighted multiplier and make recommendations regarding the distribution methodology of the funds.

- Sara Menlove Doutre, Senior Program Associate, WestEd

Sara Doutré gave a presentation relating to current state special education distribution methodology. (See “*NV_Commission_Sped_Funding_062124_rev.pdf*” for details).

7. INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WORK GROUP REPORTS (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)

The Commission Work Group leads will report on the progress made since the last meeting. The Commission may take action to adopt recommendations based on the Work Group reports.

- Work Group #2, Optimal Funding, Guy Hobbs

Chair Hobbs stated working group number six report was accepted by the Commission. Working group two could be taken off for now.

- Work Group #3, Current Reporting and Data, Jason Goudie

Member Goudie stated they are working on gathering information and working with NDE to start drafting the report.

- Work Group #4, Accountability and New Reporting Framework, Paul Johnson
- Work Group #5, Accountability Outcome and Trends, Dr. Nancy Brune

Member Johnson stated he would defer comments since there is a presentation on the next agenda item. Member Brune was not on the line to comment.

- Work Group #6, Improve Accessibility within Public Schools, Jim McIntosh
- Work Group #8/9, Teacher Pipeline/Teacher and Support Staff Compensation, Dusty Casey

Member Casey stated they just received the report from the task force. Member Mathur stated they were they were going over the recommendations.

8. INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND FOR POSSIBLE ACTION AN UPDATE ON REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND POTENTIAL CATEGORIES FOR A NEW REPORTING FRAMEWORK. (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)

The Commission will receive a presentation from subject matter experts regarding survey metrics utilized in other states. These metrics relate to the survey requirements outlined in the quarterly report mentioned in Assembly Bill 400 (2023).

Pursuant to AB400 (2023), the Commission shall review the progress made by pupils since the implementation of the PCFP, including review of a quarterly report from school districts. The Commission shall make recommendations to enhance literacy, suggest strategies, create a reporting system and consider improving program accessibility.

- Dr. Kelsey Krausan, Director, WestEd

Kelsey Krausan gave a presentation regarding survey metrics utilized in other states. (See “*Agenda #8 New Reporting Framework.pdf*” for details).

9. INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PUPIL-CENTERED FUNDING PLAN’S ATTENDANCE AREA ADJUSTMENT (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)

The Commission will receive a follow-up presentation from subject matter experts about potential methodologies for establishing attendance areas as part of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan's Attendance Area Adjustment

Pursuant to NRS 387.12463(e), the Commission shall review and make recommendations to revise cost adjustment factors and the method for calculating the attendance area adjustment.

- Justin Silverstein, Co-CEO, Augenblick, Palaich and Associates
- Amanda Brown, Co-CEO, Augenblick, Palaich and Associates

Amanda Brown gave a presentation on potential methodologies for establishing attendance areas as part of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan's Attendance Area Adjustment. Questions were answered and a discussion took place. (See "*APA presentation on attendance area adjustment 6.21.24.pdf*" for details).

Chair Hobbs made a motion to approve the definition presented here for attendance areas, with the consideration that you'll calculate what attendance areas then apply to that definition and circulate it to the rest of the commission by next meeting. Unidentified speaker seconded. Motion carried.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Hobbs stated he would check on setting up a project board plan on optimal funding. Two items on today's agenda with presentations will be brought back.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

There was no public comment.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hobbs adjourned the meeting.