

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
COMMISSION ON SCHOOL FUNDING
May 31, 2024
9:00 AM**

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Department of Education	2080 E. Flamingo Rd.	Las Vegas	<u>Board Room</u>
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COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Guy Hobbs, Chair
Joyce Woodhouse
Punam Mathur
Nancy Brune
Dr. David Jensen
Dusty Casey
Kyle Rodriguez
Jason Goudie
Mark Mathers
Paul Johnson

DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT

Megan Peterson

LEGAL STAFF PRESENT

Deputy Attorney General Greg Ott

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE

Deborah Earl
Jeremy Aguero, Applied Analysis
Sara Doutre, WestED
Dr. Kelsey Krausan, Director, WestED
Justine Silverstein, Augenblick, Palaich and Associates
Amanda Brown, Augenblick, Palaich and Associates

SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING

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 Greg Ott.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

Deborah Earl gave public comment regarding accountability and funding. There was no other public comment.

3. APPROVAL OF FLEXIBLE AGENDA (For Possible Action)

Member Woodhouse moved to approved the flexible agenda. Unidentified speaker seconded. Motion

carried.

4. **MINUTES APPROVAL** (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)

The Commission will discuss the meeting minutes and transcriptions for the March 22, and April 26, 2024, Commission meetings, and make recommendations for approval or revisions.

Megan Peterson moved to approved the meeting minutes for March 22, 2024 and April 26, 2024. Member Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

5. **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 of Student Investment Division, NDE

Megan Peterson gave an update on the Commission's three main deliverables. She also stated they received approval from the Board of Examiners on remaining contracts. (*See "Commission on School Funding - Target Funding (May 31 2024) v1 (DRAFT).pdf" for details*).

6. **INFORMATION, DISCUSSION, AND FOR POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO THE UPDATE OF TARGET FUNDING VALUES** (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)

The Commission will receive a presentation from subject matter experts regarding the status of updating revenue projections from various sales and property tax scenarios.

- Jeremy Aguero, Applied Analysis

Jeremy Aguero gave a presentation regarding the status of updating revenue projections from various sales and property tax scenarios. A discussion took place and questions were answered.

7. **INFORMATION, DISCUSSION AND FOR POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO A REVIEW ON THE CURRENT DISTRIBUTION METHODOLOGY FOR STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION** (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)

The Commission will receive a presentation from WestEd on a review of their study relating to the current distribution methodology for state special education funding.

- Sara Doutré, WestED

Sara Doutré gave a presentation regarding a review of their study relating to the current distributions methodology for state special education funding. A discussion took place and questions were answered.

8. **INFORMATION, DISCUSSION AND FOR POSSIBLE ACTION RELATING TO WORK GROUP REPORTS** (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)

The Working Group Leads will report on the progress made since the last Commission meeting. The Commission may discuss or make possible recommendations based on information shared by the working groups. The Commission may take action to adopt recommendations based on the working group reports.

Working Group #1, Pupil-Centered Funding Plan Technical Changes, Joyce Woodhouse Member Woodhouse and Member Jensen gave an update on the pupil centered funding plan and summarized five primary areas. (*See "Performance of Pupil Centered Funding Plan (3) (1).pdf" for details*).

Member Johnson made a motion to accept the report and observations as recommendations. Member Brune seconded. Motion carried.

Working Group #2, Optimal Funding, Guy Hobbs

Chair Hobbs stated this would be covered under agenda item number 6.

Working Group #3, Current Reporting and Data, Jason Goudie

Member Goudie gave updates on several meetings that have been held and progress on reports.

Working Group #4, Accountability and New Reporting Framework, Paul Johnson

Working Group #5, Accountability Outcome and Trends, Dr. Nancy Brune

Working Group #6, Improve Accessibility within Public Schools, Dr. Nancy Brune

Member Johnson gave an update on the accountability and new reporting system. Member Brune gave an update on financial reporting and a report on accessibility within public schools. (See *“Open Zoning Memorandum Commission on School Funding v.15 (DRAFT).pdf”* for details).

Member Mathur made a motion to receive the report. Unidentified speaker seconded. Report was received.

Working Group #8/9, Teacher Pipeline/ Teacher and Support Staff Compensation, Dusty Casey Member Casey and Member Mathur gave an update on a presentation from the Nevada State Teacher in Education Support Professional Recruitment and Retention Advisory Task Force.

9. UPDATE ON REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND POTENTIAL CATEGORIES FOR A NEW REPORTING FRAMEWORK. (Information and Discussion)

The Commission will receive a presentation related to reporting requirements of Assembly Bill 400 and Senate Bill 98. This presentation will focus on the various surveys administered by the Department and options for inclusion in the reporting framework.

- Dr. Kelsey Krausan, Director, WestEd

Dr. Kelsey Krausan and Noman Kanani gave a presentation related to reporting requirement of AB 400 and SB 98. A discussion took place and questions were answered. (See *“School climate research summary_final.pdf”* and *“NV Commission Sped Funding_053124.pdf”* for details).

10. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION OF A REVIEW OF THE ATTENDANCE AREA UTILIZED FOR THE ATTENDANCE AREA ADJUSTMENT IN THE PUPIL-CENTERED FUNDING PLAN. (Information and Discussion)

The Commission will receive a presentation related to a review of the Attendance Area Adjustment.

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

Justin Silverstein and Amanda Brown gave a presentation related to a review of Attendance Area Adjustment. A discussion took place and questions were answered. (See *“APA presentation on attendance area adjustment 5.31.24.pdf”* for details).

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Hobbs stated they had several items coming back from today, the working group reports and the Special Ed item at either the June 21st or 27th agenda, and agenda item 9 and 10.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

There was no public comment.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hobbs adjourned the meeting.