

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COMMISSION ON SCHOOL FUNDING

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AGENDA

- 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)**
 - January 14, 2022
- 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 Student Investment, NDE
- 5. Information and discussion regarding methodologies for charter schools to propose budgetary support for the initiation of transportation and food services and funded through the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan (Information, Discussion, and Possible Action)**

The Commission will discuss information presented during its January 14, 2022 meeting regarding options for charter schools to submit budgetary projections for the initiation of transportation and food services funded through the Pupil-Centered Funding plan in future biennia. This discussion is a continuation of the agenda items from the September, October, December, and January meetings, which have been considered in response to a request from the Nevada Legislature.

- James Kirkpatrick, State Education Funding Manager, Student Investment Division, NDE

6. Presentation and discussion regarding the Nevada Cost of Education Index and discussion of eliminating the floor of 1.0 in the application of the Index (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)

The Commission will receive a presentation regarding the Nevada Cost of Education Index included in the legislatively approved budget for the 2021-23 biennium and discuss strategies and timelines for eliminating the floor of 1.0 for the index, as requested in the Letter of Intent issued by the Nevada Legislature following the 2021 Legislative Session.

- Heidi Haartz, Deputy Superintendent for Student Investment, NDE
- James Kirkpatrick, State Education Funding Manager, Student Investment Division, NDE

7. Discussion on the use of alternative data sources for the Nevada Cost of Education Index (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)

The Commission will discuss options previously presented to the Commission to modifying the data sources currently used to calculate the Nevada Cost of Education Index, which is part of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan allocation methodology. The Commission may take action to pursue alternative data sources. Additionally, the Commission may determine if a recommendation should be developed to propose revisions to the current data sources.

- Guy Hobbs, Chair, Commission on School Funding

8. Presentation and discussion regarding the funding methodology for online schools operated by school districts (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)

The Commission will receive a presentation regarding the current funding methodology for students enrolled full-time in online schools operated by school districts and if the methodology should be revised to align with the funding methodology for similar students enrolled in online schools operated by charter schools. This review was requested in the Letter of Intent issued by the Nevada Legislature following the 2021 Legislative Session.

- Beau Bennett, State Education Funding Specialist, Student Investment Division, NDE

9. Presentation on the Reporting and Monitoring Work Group (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)

The Commission will review and discuss the recommendations from its Reporting and Monitoring Work Group and next steps for the Commission to ensure transparent reporting and monitoring related to the implementation of the PCFP.

- Jim McIntosh, Vice Chair, Commission on School Funding

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

The Commission will continue to review and discuss the funding recommendations outlined in the [report](#) prepared and delivered by the Commission in April 2021. The review will include a summary of identified funding targets, potential revenue sources, and alternative funding scenarios. The Commission may provide direction regarding the information contained in the report and identify subjects for further examination.

- Guy Hobbs, Chair, Commission on School Funding

11. Information and Discussion regarding messaging related to Optimal Funding (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)

The Commission will discuss communication strategies regarding recommendations for Optimal Funding to support the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan.

- Guy Hobbs, Chair, Commission on School Funding

12. Discussion regarding external subject matter expert support (*Information and Discussion*)

The Commission will identify areas of their statutory responsibilities for which they may require additional support from external subject matter experts and may identify potential funding sources for such support.

- Guy Hobbs, Chair, Commission on School Funding

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

14. Public Comment #2

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15. Adjournment