

# 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)**
  - April 22, 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 messaging related to Optimal Funding (Information and Discussion)**

The Commission will receive a presentation from subject matter experts regarding the target values for optimal funding, which have been updated since the Commission's [2021 report](#), as well as sales tax scenarios that have been previously identified for consideration by the Commission to increase revenues for education over the next ten years.

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

**6. Information and Discussion regarding the impact of optimal funding on education (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)**

Members of the Nevada Association of School Superintendents will present information regarding the need for increased funding for education to improve outcomes for students and communities. The Commission will discuss considerations regarding quantifying the need for optimal funding, as well as identifying the anticipated benefits of increased funding to Nevada's education system and economy.

- Andrew J. Fueling, Member, Commission on School Funding
- Dr. Dave Jensen, Member, Commission on School Funding

**7. Information and Discussion regarding quantifying the cost to meet specific needs within K-12 public education through optimal funding (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)**

Members of the Commission on School Funding will present information regarding the estimated costs for specific initiatives and programs that could be supported through optimal funding. This information is intended to provide additional context for the Commission's work toward optimal funding for K-12 public education in Nevada.

- Andrew J. Fueling, Member, Commission on School Funding
- Jason Goudie, Member, Commission on School Funding
- Paul Johnson, Member, Commission on School Funding
- Mark Mathers, Member, Commission on School Funding

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

The Commission will discuss information needs and communication strategies regarding recommendations for optimal funding to support the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan.

- Punam Mathur, Member, Commission on School Funding

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

The Commission will discuss the information provided by subject matter experts contracted to analyze property and sales tax scenarios to increase revenues for education.

- Guy Hobbs, Chair, Commission on School Funding

**10. Information and Discussion regarding the funding methodologies for school districts and charter schools to propose budgetary support for the enhancement of transportation services funded through the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan and the estimated fiscal impact of the methodologies (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)**

The Commission will discuss information presented by the informal working group for auxiliary services regarding funding recommendations for school districts and charter schools to submit budgetary enhancements for transportation services funded through the Pupil-Centered Plan in future biennia. This discussion is a continuation of the agenda items discussed during previous Commission meetings, in response to a request from the Nevada Legislature.

- Dr. Nancy Brune, Member, Commission on School Funding
- Dusty Casey, Member, Commission on School Funding
- Mark Mathers, Member, Commission on School Funding
- Joyce Woodhouse, Member, Commission on School Funding

**11. Information and Discussion comparing the group of students identified as at-risk based on different eligibility standards (*Information and Discussion*)**

The Commission will receive a presentation that compares students identified as at-risk based on two different approaches to eligibility: eligibility for free-or-reduced-price lunch and the alternative multi-measure definition adopted by the State Board of Education. This data is used to determine weighted funding through the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan for students who are at-risk.

- Heidi Haartz, Deputy Superintendent for Student Investment, NDE
- Beau Bennett, State Education Funding Specialist, NDE

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

**13. Public Comment #2**

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**14. Adjournment**