

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
COMMISSION ON SCHOOL FUNDING
September 13, 2024
9:00 AM**

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Department of Education	2080 E. Flamingo Rd.	Las Vegas	Board Room
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COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

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

DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT

Megan Peterson
David Monachino
Joseph Baggs

LEGAL STAFF PRESENT

Deputy Attorney General Greg Ott

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE

Amanda Brown
Kelsey Krausan
Sean Tanner

MEETING MINUTES

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**

There was no public comment.

3. **Approval of Flexible Agenda** (*For Possible Action*)

Member Jensen moved to approve the flexible agenda. Member Woodhouse seconded. Motion carried.

4. **Consent Agenda** (*For Possible Action*)

Information concerning the following consent agenda items has been provided to Commission members for study prior to the meeting. Unless a Commission member has a question concerning a particular item and asks that it be withdrawn from the consent list, all items are approved in one action.

- a. Possible Approval of August 16, 2024, Commission Minutes Summary & Transcription

Member Woodhouse moved to approve the consent agenda. Megan Johnson 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 for Student Investment, NDE

Megan Peterson gave an update on the progress made by the NDE since last meeting and went through the list of outstanding deliverables that the Commission still has at task.

6. **Information, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding Work Group Activities** (*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 #3, Current Reporting and Data, Jason Goudie

Member Goudie stated the group has been working on finalization of the report that encapsulates the summary provided in previous meetings and it will be ready for the October meeting.

- Work Group #4, Accountability and New Reporting Framework, Paul Johnson

Member Johnson stated they have a draft report completed, to include strategies to increase efficacy, efficiency, transparency and accountability of public schools, existing metric within SB98 and AB400 and need to upgrade performance framework. They should have it ready for the October meeting.

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

Member Brune stated they also have a very succinct, readable report and will be ready to present by the October meeting.

7. **Information, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding Updates to Reporting Requirements and Potential Categories for the New Reporting Framework** (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)

The Commission will receive an update on the progress of compiling the necessary data to meet the reporting requirements for Assembly Bill (AB) 400. Subject matter experts will also review tentative

timeframes and dates for future reporting pursuant to AB400. This will include a review of current reporting requirements and recommendations for streamlining.

- Dr. Kelsey Krausan, Director, WestEd
- Dr. Sean Tanner, Senior Research Associate, WestEd

Pursuant to NRS 387.12463, the Commission shall monitor the implementation of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan (PCFP) and make recommendations to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education that the Commission determines would, within the limits of appropriated funding, improve the implementation of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan or correct any deficiencies of the Department or any school district or public school in carrying out the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan.

Dr. Krausan gave a presentation and summarized the input they have received from NDE offices about current reporting requirements. Dr. Sean Tanner discussed the timing of future performance reports, when data is received and analyzed by the stated. Members had a discussion and questions were answered. (See “2024-09-13 Commission Meeting_FINAL ADA” and “7. NDE Reporting Review Memo_FINAL ADA” for further details.)

Member Mathur made a motion to advance a recommendation for an Early Release report by November 15th with the spring supplement by March 15th. Member Woodhouse seconded. Motion carried.

8. Information, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding Messaging and How the Commission will Engage During the Legislative Session (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)

The Commission will discuss information needs and communication strategies during the legislative session to support the PCFP. This will include a review of open meeting law provisions and protocols for engaging with stakeholders and governmental bodies.

- Guy Hobbs, Chair, Commission on School Funding

Chair Hobbs stated this item was added to the agenda to better understand what the commission is able to do if called upon during the course of the legislative session to provide support. Greg Ott provided information on this. (See “8. Legislative Guidance to Boards and Commissions 2023” for further details.)

Member Mathur made a motion to deputize the Chair to speak on anything in front of the legislature and have the authority to delegate members of the Commission, based on their expertise on a specific topic, to speak in front of the legislature. Member Woodhouse seconded. Motion carried.

9. Information, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding Topics for the Commission to Review in the Next Biennium (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)

The Commission will discuss matters to be prioritized during the upcoming biennium. This includes potential new research topics, ongoing assessments of current components, and any other issues deemed essential.

- Guy Hobbs, Chair, Commission on School Funding

Chair Hobbs and members of the commission discussed topics and recommendations for ongoing work on behalf of the CSF.

10. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Commission’s Responsibilities to Make Recommendations to Improve the Implementation of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)

The Commission will discuss opportunities for the Department of Education to focus on during the

upcoming biennium that will support improved the implementation of the PCFP. The Commission may take action to formalize recommendations to be included in the report to be provided to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on Education.

- Guy Hobbs, Chair, Commission on School Funding

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The members discussed areas of opportunity for the department to work on over the biennium based on recommendations from the commission.

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

Items not appearing on the agenda may be considered possible topics for the Commission to hear at the next meeting.

- Guy Hobbs, Chair, Commission on School Funding

Chair Hobbs stated the would be bringing back working groups 3, 4 and 5 to hopefully accept those reports. Those will be inserted into the main body of the report that they will continue to work on. He is hoping to have the update of the calculations of the funding targets report. He stated they may have some closure on items in connection with Kelsey and Amanda regarding bringing back a more specific listing of reports to be eliminatd and odified.

12. Public Comment #2

There was no public comment.

13. Adjournment

Chair Hobbs adjourned the meeting.