

**NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
COMMISSION ON SCHOOL FUNDING  
July 19, 2024  
9:00 AM**

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**SUMMARY MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT**

Megan Peterson

**LEGAL STAFF PRESENT**

Deputy Attorney General Greg Ott

**AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE**

Jeremy Aguero  
Amanda Brown  
Ryan Miskell  
Noman Khanani

**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 Mathur moved to approve the flexible agenda. Chair Hobbs seconded. Motion carried.**

**4. Minutes Approval (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)**

The Commission will discuss the meeting minutes and transcriptions for the May 31, and June 21 Commission meetings, and make recommendations for approval or revisions.

**Member Woodhouse moved to approve the meeting minutes from May 31, 2024 and June 21, 2024. Member Brune 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 a quick overview of deliverables as identified in NRS, a review of the English learner weight, attendance area adjustment, K-12 optimal funding levels and methods to enable small districts to acquire capital through alternative sources. She went over the items the Commission still has to review and what has been happening since the last meeting. (See “2024-07-19 Commission Meeting.pdf” for further details.)

**6. Information, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding the Distribution Methodology for State Special Education Funding (*Information, Discussion, and Possible Action*)**

The Commission will continue the discussion regarding state Special Education funding distribution methodology and weighted multiplier. Subject matter experts will be present to guide the Commission’s discussion and decision-making process in response to the Legislative Letter of Intent.

- Sara Doutré, Senior Program Associate, WestEd

Chair Hobbs stated this was a continuing discussion regarding special education funding, distribution, methodology and weighted multiplier. He stated Sara Doutré was ill and would not be attending the meeting. Megan Peterson went over what the task was based on the legislative letter of intent and concerns about the lack of funding if they were to move forward with the recommended weight that has been put forward. A discussion took place. (See “6. CSF7.19\_Supporting Implementation of AB400-SB98\_WestEd.ADA.pdf” for further details.)

**Member Johnson made a motion to recommend they leave the funding mechanism as is until such time that funding reaches a level that makes it practical to include in the PCFP. Member Goudie seconded. Motion carried.**

**7. 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 a subject matter expert 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 (2023) 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 gave an update regarding revenue sources to support optimal funding. Jeremy Aguero gave a presentation regarding target levels of optimal funding. Discussion took place and questions were asked and answered. (See “CSF\_Property Tax\_07.19.24 v4.pdf” and “CSF\_Sales Tax Analysis\_07.19.24\_v3.pdf” for further details.)

**8. Information, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding Work Group** (*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
- Work Group #4, Accountability and New Reporting Framework, Paul Johnson
- Work Group #5, Accountability Outcome and Trends, Dr. Nancy Brune

Chair Hobbs and the members agreed working groups 3, 4 and 5 were covered in Amanda’s group presentation.

- Work Group #8/9, Teacher Pipeline/Teacher and Support Staff Compensation, Dusty Casey

Member Casey was not present so Chair Hobbs gave an update on this group regarding the recommendations made by the task force. He stated they were reviewing these and he would speak with Member Casey regarding a timeline on closure.

**9. 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 review and contemplate items discussed in previous meetings around the metrics and reporting requirements as identified in Assembly Bill 400 (2023). The Commission may take action to adopt certain recommendations relating to the reporting framework, reporting frequency, and metrics for inclusion or exclusion.

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

Amanda Brown stated she would be presenting for the team at WestEd. Ryan Miskell, Amanda and Noman Khanani reviewed the recommendations from the last meeting. They discussed and made recommendations regarding the remaining metrics. (See “CSF7.19\_Potential\_Revenue\_Sources\_WestEd.ADA.pdf” for further details.)

**Member Mathur made a motion to adopt the recommendations contained in the report. Member Woodhouse seconded. Motion carried.**

Amanda Brown gave a presentation the metrics that have been recommended for inclusion.

**Chair Hobbs made a motion in support of the recommendations. Member Johnson seconded. Motion carried.**

Amanda Brown continued with recommendations regarding the streamlining of current reporting requirements.

**Noman Khanani made a motion to adopt the recommendations as presented. Megan Peterson and Amanda Brown seconded. Motion carried.**

Amanda Brown continued the presentation regarding data visualization. No action was taken on this.

#### **10. Future Agenda Items**

Chair Hobbs stated they would be focusing on working groups 3, 4 and 5 going forward and developing these and bringing it back.

#### **11. Public Comment #2**

The secretary read a public comment via email from Sarah Adler.

#### **12. Adjournment**

Chair Hobbs adjourned the meeting.