# NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION COMMISSION ON SCHOOL FUNDING October 11, 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 Nancy Brune Dusty Casey Jason Goudie Dr. David Jensen Paul Johnson Mark Mathers Punam Mathur Jim McIntosh Kyle Rodriguez

#### **DEPARTMENT STAFF PRESENT**

Joseph Baggs Megan Peterson

#### LEGAL STAFF PRESENT

Deputy Attorney General Greg Ott

# AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE

Dr. Kelsey Krausan Dr. Dean Kennar Justin Silverstein

# 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

Chris Daly, Nevada State Education Association gave public comment. There were no other public comments.

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

**Member Johnson moved to approve the flexible agenda. Member McIntosh seconded. Motion carried.** Chair Hobbs thanked Dr. Jensen and Jason Goudie for the work they have done on the Commission in the past. He also introduced Diane Bartholomew, interim CFO at Clark County School District.

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 Unless a Commission member has a question concerning a particular item and asks that it be withdrawn from the consent list, all items are approved in one action.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 September 13, 2024, Commission Minutes Summary & Transcription

There were no items on the consent agenda.

#### 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 NDE's progress since the last meeting. She stated they have continued to work with WestEd and Augenblick, Palaich and Associates. She went over the status of the deliverables as they currently stand and reviewed the ones that have been completed. She went over what was still outstanding. Chair Hobbs stated they would be accepting draft reports from working groups 2, 3, 4 and 5 today and on November 8th, they would take all reports as a whole and hopefully be able to act on them and approve them for submission. He stated they would need to call a special meeting for cleanuup prior to the November 15 deadline.

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 #2, Optimal Funding Strategy, Guy Hobbs

Chair Hobbs stated they finished the draft on Wednesday. They have had presentations from applied analysis that updated some of the numbers. The second part of the report delves into updates on options on property tax and sales tax. The report has been submitted.

• Work Group #3, Current Reporting and Data, Mark Mathers

Member Mathers stated their packet contained a report arising from discussiosn the WestEd, which will be discussed in the next agenda item.

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

Member Johnson stated his team would share further information in another agenda item.

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

Member Brune stated their group reviewed Nevada's current main data dashboard and reviewed examples from other states to identify stages of development as they move forward. She went over contents of their report. (See "6.5 Work Group 5 Report.docx" for details).

Member Mathur made a motion to accept the report submitted by working groups 2, 3, 4 and 5. Member Casey seconded. Motion passed.

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. 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. Kelsey Krausen, Dr. Sean Tanner and Justin Silverstein gave a presentation on reporting requirements and potential categories for new reporting framework and other related items. A discussion took place and questions were answered. *(See "7a. 2024-10-11 Commission Meeting ADA FINAL.pdf" and "7b. Reports Recommended for Potential Elimination ADA FINAL (1).pdf" for details).* 

Member Jensen made a motion to accept the recommendations and asterick those areas that will require statutory change. Member Mathers seconded. Motion passed.

Member Johnson made a motion to incorporate the potential topics listed on slide 9 along with the other recommendation that were already made. Member Woodhouse seconded. Motion carried.

8. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Commission's Responsibilities to Make Recommendations to Improve the Implementation of the Pupil-Centered Funding Plan (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 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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Chair Hobbs stated he has received suggestions in writing for things for the Commission to focus on in regard to suggestions to the legislature. Members went over their suggestions and a discussion was held.

#### 9. 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 one will be to take a compilation of reports and have that as an agenda item. Any suggested comments or edits should be provided to the worrkinig group coordinator in advance of November 8. They discussed the joint meeting with the State Department of Education on October 28 at 2 o'clock.

#### 10. Public Comment #2

There was no public comment.

#### 11. Adjournment

Chair Hobbs adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.