



Education Finance Subcommittee
Commission on the Future of Public Education in Vermont

Monday, October 14, 2024, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

Agency of Education
1 National Life Drive, Room 513
Montpelier, VT 05620-2501
Virtual via Microsoft Teams
Meeting Call In: 1-802-828-7667
Conference ID: 133 836 090#
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The existence of this subcommittee is specified in [Act 183](#) and the Steering Group was required to form this subcommittee of the Commission to address education finance topics in greater depth. Any decisions about formal recommendations will be acted on by the full Commission. The Steering Group discussed a proposed charge: "Propose recommendations regarding cost containment strategies in the short term and the entire education finance system in the long term, so that the full Commission can provide preliminary financial recommendations to the General Assembly by December 2024 and more formal recommendations by December 2025."

Members: Emilie Kornheiser, Chair, Representative – Brattleboro; **Zoie Saunders**, Interim Secretary of Education, or designee; **Craig Bolio**, Tax Commissioner, or designee; **Nicole Mace**, Vermont School Boards Association (VSBA); **Ann Cummings**, Senator Washington District; **Michael Lechliter**, Vermont Superintendents Association (VSA), **Elizabeth Jennings**, Director of Finance and Operations, Addison Northwest School District.

Agenda	
9:30 a.m.	Call to Order, Roll Call, Amendments to the Agenda
9:35 a.m.	Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 30, 2024
9:40 a.m.	Public to be Heard
9:50 a.m.	Data Review - Agency of Education
11:00 a.m.	BREAK
11:15 a.m.	History of Education Finance Reform in Vermont : Abby Shepard, Tax Department, Executive Policy Advisor and Emily Simmons, AOE, General Counsel
11:45 a.m.	Review of Policy Tools/Cost Drivers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lowering healthcare costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bobby-Jo Salls, Vermont Education Health Initiative (VEHI), Trust Administrator ○ Mark Hage, VT-NEA, Director of Benefit Programs ○ Mark Koenig, Vergennes School Board/Co-Chair of the Commission on Public School Employee Health Benefits

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mike Campbell, Co-Chair of the Commission on Public School Employee Health Benefits (<i>INVITED</i>) ● Special Education/Act 173: Meagan Roy, Chair, Act 173 Advisory Group ● Allowable Growth and Excess Spending: Brad James ● Community Schools: Sanders' Office - James Paradissis, Outreach Representative; Ethan Avendano-Lawrence, Outreach Representative; Manuel Contreras, Senior Education Policy Advisor (<i>INVITED</i>) ● Boards of Cooperative Education Services (BOCES): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stephanie Betit-Hancock, Director of Student Services, Windham Central Supervisory Union and Board President, Vermont Learning Collaborative ○ Jill Graham, Executive Director, Vermont Learning Collaborative ● School Construction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jill Briggs Campbell, AOE, Interim Deputy Secretary ○ Ashlynn Doyon, Treasurer's Office, Director of Policy
1:20 p.m.	Next Steps/Planning for Future Meetings/Agenda Setting
1:30 p.m.	Adjourn