



QUALITY EDUCATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

ONLINE MEETING ZOOM

Commission Members: *Andrea Townsend, Cam Preus, Samuel Henry, Dana Hepper, Carlos Sequeira, Tricia Mooney, Whitney Swander, Reed Scott-Schwalbach, Monica Cox, Laurie Wimmer, Jon Wiens (Staff), Evan Fuller (Staff)*

Meeting Scribe: *Katie Chandler*

Welcome & Commissioner Updates:

Whitney Swander - independent consultant but currently working with the United Way of central Oregon as the intern director. I support the High Desert school district and other education focused nonprofits on engagement programs.

Tricia Mooney - Superintendent of Hermiston school district. The snow has melted. We had three no school days last week because of snow and ice. We are starting our planning for next year. How is enrollment this year - we are down from where we were pre pandemic. But our classes in kindergarten thru second grade are about 350 kids but classes from 3rd thru 12th are over 400 kids. My hope is that as time goes on we get kids back in those classes that are in other programs right now.

Carlos Sequiera - Good morning everyone. Thank you John. I have been absent due to family illness. I am happy to be back , I am the superintendent at Lane ESD.

Reed Scott-Schwalbach - High school Spanish teacher and president of OEA. Nice to see everyone.

Monica Cox - Independent consultant. She/her pronouns. I am happy to be here. One of my current roles is supporting ESD REN around data and measurement for educators. I've been doing that for over two years.

Cam Preus - I am back to being retired. I finished my job at KCC. I was happy to join them and learn about a different college. There's a lot of concern at that institution about the learning loss for high school students and what that means for college's to be able to meet students where they are when they come into the community college.

John Rexford - I'm a retired superintendent and school business official. Most of my time is spent on leadership coaching and mentoring. It's really satisfying. I work with a leadership institute and other network mentoring in central and eastern Oregon.

Laurie Wimmer - Representing myself and also on contract with OEA. I just wanted to share with the commissioners my information I got from the legislature counselor during the legislative days. She has more than 270 pre-session education related bills and the legislature is working on their 3700th bill. It's going to be a 4000 bill session. Last week all three of the days there was a coalition called parents rights. The moms unions and various others that are promoting school choice initiatives. I know they are talking about two ballot measures, one on open enrollment and the other on vouchers.

Dana Hepper - Director of Policy and Advocacy at the Children's Institute. We are getting ready for the legislation session. We need help with facilities, workforce issues, and slots. We have been working with partners across the state from school districts to relief nurseries. Asking them what the main barriers are. We are putting together packages to fund to build and renovate facilities, a working group to work on zoning and building code specifics, what helps early learning care providers to get cited and open and what hurts getting sited and opened. Then finally rehashing a bill for providers who do child care out of their rental homes. There is no protection currently to help. Working to help identify programs that are ready to start but need help with accessing state dollars to help.

Dan Farley - Assistant Superintendent of the office of R.A.D.A.R. I used to be the director of Assessment. We will be announcing the new director of assessment today. I am excited about this position to bring data justice principles in how we collect, gather data, how we maintain and report data. We currently don't have a system to infuse data principles. Also to work with the community about the data being collected and being transparent about the research that ODE is doing. Thank you for completing the training that is required being a member of the QEC.

Evan Fuller - I'm a research analyst at ODE and serving as staff to the QEC. No current updates.

ODE Directors Report

Colt Gill - Glad to be here today. Director at ODE. I was an educator in Oregon a decade before that. Laurie what you said was interesting and when you put on top of the maybe more bills being introduced on a more tight budget has been typical the last few sessions. It could be for a challenging session. If any of you go to present in person at a committee meeting, recognize make more time to get through security. The way it is set up currently those lines will be outside because the security is right at the entry.

December Legislative days occurred last week. The department presented on a couple different topics.

Looking forward to the legislation session. I will send the key dates out. Internally we will be watching some bills. The session begins 1/17/23. It is an earlier start than has been typical the last few years. So we are starting this session on 1/17/23. The beginning of the session the governor will then Tina Kotek will release her recommended budget. That will happen days before the March revenue forecast comes out. Then there are a couple of chamber deadlines for bills that are moving forward from the first chamber and the June revenue forecast comes out 5/17/23. That's when a lot of budget decisions get made. The last day is June 25th or earlier. There are many bills in the education list. ODE has a list of bills that have been drafted into legislation concepts. we went over there with governor elect Tina Kotek. We

will hear back today on what bills she would like the agency to move forward with and which of these bills she will make her own and file later after she is sworn in as Governor and which ones she wants left behind. The first two are part of the series of student success acts and plans. We pull together advisory groups that represent individuals across the state. Typically there are also some dollars allocated for them. There will be a lot of conversations about the state school fund that currently does not represent inflation. More discussion on school accountability local vs. state authority. We are also asking for

ODE LCs, Pending Governor-Elect Approval:

- LC 451: Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian Student Success Plan
- LC 454: Refugee & Immigrant Student Success Plan
- LC 439: School Based Mental Health Infrastructure
- LC 442: Definition of Consent for School Policies
- LC 443: District Appointed Civil Rights Coordinator
- LLC 445: Racial Equity & Youth Justice Collaborative - HB 4099 (2022)
- LC 459: Professional Development for Ethnic Studies and Holocaust/Genocide
- LC 430: Technical Fix Bill
- LC 431: Grant Consolidation Work
- LC 463: High School Success Updates
- LC 436: Supporting Districts with School Safety & Emergency Management
- LC 465: Secretary of State Systemic Risk Report Response
- Several funding requests through Policy Option Packages (POPs)

Gubernatorial Transition - Governor elect Tina Kotek has a team led by Tim Inman working on transition. This includes the Governor-Elect's budget, legislative agenda, work on key initiatives, agency reviews, agency leadership transitions, and hiring staff for the Governor's office. The Governor-Elect's Team is reviewing information from multiple agencies and is in regular collaboration with Governor Brown's staff and agency leadership. With agency leaders, the Governor-Elect named her priority for agencies to deliver services that Oregonians are counting. She also stated her policy focus: Housing, Health, and Education.

Key dates:

- January 9 - Last day of Gov. Brown term, first day of Kotek's term
- February 1 - Governor Kotek publishes the Governor's Recommended Budget (GRB)

Respiratory Disease and School Guidance - health experts ask people to take action to lower risk for children as RSV, flu cases push hospitals to the brink. Oregon health officials issued a call to action to protect kids ahead of the holiday break.

TAG Input from Dr. DeLacy, OATAG

We got some input from Dr. DeLacy from the Oregon Association of Talented and Gifted. Regarding the lack of call out for TAG in the current report. TAG services have never been called out in its own line item

in the mechanics of the model. But Evan said we didn't make any changes to the model assumptions or the level of TAG services. Evan - we didn't make any changes to reduce it. The TAG services enter the model through the assumptions of level of staffing. The only staffing assumption was to increase the staffing. There is no way we can recommend less staffing for TAG. On the next report we can be more explanatory and frankly Dana, Reed you are some of the primary drivers of the words. Do you recall at all in the drafts we have TAG in and delete it? It was just blank. We wanted to call that out to the commission's attention.

Meeting with JPEA Co-chairs

I have been requested to meet with the co-chairs with the Joint Public Education Appropriation committee (JPEA) tomorrow afternoon. I don't have any specifics about the agenda. But I suspect it's continuing conversation about the issues we discussed when we amended the 2022 report. I will let you know what happens there.

Tricia - Wants to keep it on the radar of the commission. Carlos and I joined the QEC at the same time. Our terms would end on July 1, 2023. When we joined the commission it was a learning curve. I want to be thoughtful on how new people are being appointed, there's a learning curve with this commission, the work is important. I don't want it to be an afterthought. Helping the transition go smoothly.

John Rexford - It's my intention to transition out of the chair of the commission. I will be letting the Governor know. I want to serve on the commission. My term ended in 2021 so I am serving overtime right now. In my time with the commission the governor's office and prior administrations have been receptive to some of the input we have had in the past. The onboarding in the past has been limited. We will get that on the agenda. Happy holidays to those who celebrate.

. Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023

9:00 AM – 11:00 A.M (Zoom)