



## QUALITY EDUCATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8 2026

8:00AM - 10:00AM

**HYBRID: MS TEAMS OR IN PERSON AT OREGON PUBLIC SERVICES BUILDING**

***Commission Members:*** *Tricia Mooney (Chair), Cam Preus, Reed Scott-Schwalbach, Dana Hepper, Karinn Calhoun, Melissa Bradshaw, Evan Fuller (Staff), Candice Castillo (Staff), Andrea Lockard (Staff), Leah Thorp (Staff), Isabella Jacoby (Staff)*

***Meeting Scribe:*** *Mariah Robillard*

### **Introductions**

Chair Mooney facilitated introductions with Commissioners and ODE staff.

### **ODE Updates**

Dr. Candice Castillo shared ODE updates including SB 141 work, noting accountability structures to streamline how ODE supports school districts. She also shared that vendor demonstrations are happening this week so that districts and public charters can hear from vendors and ask questions. It was also noted that there have been federal funding decreases and most districts will see a reduction in funds. ODE is working with districts to support with planning and technical assistance.

### **Framework for 2026 QEM Report**

Andrea Lockard introduced a conversation about the framework for the 2026 QEM Report. Evan Fuller reviewed the proposed outline for the report and the Commission reviewed and discussed their thoughts on the outline.

### **Best Practices Survey**

Evan Fuller reviewed the Best Practices Survey results and answered questions from Commissioners.

Leah Thorp gave an update that they had received all of the Best Practices White Papers and would send out a synthesis as soon as possible.

### **QEM Writing Subcommittee**

Chair Mooney explained that there was a formal vote needed to confirm a writing subcommittee for the QEM Report. The purpose of this subcommittee would be acting as a resource support to ODE staff as well as getting clarification and feedback and bringing it back to the Commission to discuss.

Dana Hepper motioned to approve the subcommittee. Reed Scott-Schwalbach seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval from Commissioners to approve the subcommittee.

Chair Mooney requested that Commissioners let her know if they are interested in joining the subcommittee.

**Wrap Up**

Chair Mooney concluded and adjourned the meeting.

**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026**

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM (Hybrid: MS Teams or In Person at Oregon Public Services Building)