



QUALITY EDUCATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, July 8, 2026

8:00AM - 10:00AM

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

Commission Members: *Tricia Mooney (Chair), Laura Danzuka, 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: *Katie Alvarado*

Introductions

Chair Mooney facilitated introductions with Commissioners and ODE staff.

ODE Updates

Dr. Candice Castillo, no major ODE updates. ODE is focused on Senate Bill 141 and working on the executive order for instructional time. The first major deadline is July 15, 2026, for school districts. Dr. Castillo talked about summer celebrations that are happening around the state.

Writing Subcommittee Report

Leah Thorpe discussed the writing subcommittee meeting and the changes since the last QEC meeting. The QEC writing subcommittee met and discussed the changes that were made and provided feedback.

Report Status Update

Leah Thorpe opens up the conversation about the changes to the report since the last QEC meeting. Leah reported that some of the sections were moved around to more closely tie the initiatives to the best practices. Most sections of the report are being worked on but things like the executive summary are a bit slower since we are encompassing the entire report into one.

Financial Models Presentation

Evan talked about the QEM CSL. There's some discussion about the decrease in federal funding and the full QEM level exceeding the 1999 full QEM adjusted for inflation and enrollment for the first time. Evan spoke about the 27-29 biennium estimate.

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)