



QUALITY EDUCATION COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, June 13, 2026

8:00AM - 10:00AM

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

Commission Members: *Tricia Mooney (Chair), 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

Chair Mooney and Dr. Williams met with LPRO and LFO. They discussed the approach to the report where the QEC just says a dollar amount instead of where the funds come from. Chair Mooney and Dr. Williams will be meeting with key members to further discuss. They were all appreciative of the suggestions. We're also going to look at the statute of the QEC commission and see exactly what the commission oversees. There is going to be another bill presented to eliminate the QEC next legislative session. Chair Mooney wants to make sure that the QEC fulfills our responsibilities. The report will look different than it did in the past, but everyone was receptive to the idea.

Dr. Castillo gave an update about Dr. Andrea Lockard's new position as Assistant Superintendent of the office of RADAR. ODE has the quest of having school districts and charters choose an option of what they are going to adopt for interim testing. ODE wants to know what interim test vendors they are going to use and make sure it's one of the ones that are approved by the State Board. Some districts need financial help to get out of a current contract. ODE had 100% participation from school districts and charters. Also, what ODE is doing about the executive order around preserving instructional time. We are engaging in and providing guidance to school districts. We are getting a baseline of what the instructional time that each school district has. We have a landing page that has FAQ's and information about where we are now with engagement and rulemaking.

Consultancy Protocol

Dr. Andrea Lockard introduced a conversation about consultancy protocol. We ask that the QEC identify the 2 alternatives based on the work that is already in progress; focus on literacy, alignment with the accountability effort and identifies outcomes. Also, providing necessary support for Leah's next steps. Commissioners discussed the two alternatives. Early literacy was a bright spot for several commissioners. Chair Mooney discussed the consensus on the two alternatives presented. The QEC did not come to a consensus. This will be discussed further.

QEM Writing Subcommittee - Chair Mooney will connect with Andrea about next steps for writing

Wrap Up

Chair Mooney concluded and adjourned the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026

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