



QUALITY EDUCATION COMMISSION

MONDAY, JULY 27, 2026

8:00AM - 10:00AM

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

Commission Members: *Tricia Mooney (Chair), Manuel Vazquez-Cano, Cam Preus, Reed Scott-Schwalbach, Dana Hepper, Karinn Calhoun,*

ODE Staff: *Evan Fuller, Dr. Candice Castillo, Dr. Andrea Lockard, Leah Thorp, Vanessa Clark, Mike Wiltfong*

Meeting Scribe: *Anna Horning*

Introductions

Chair Mooney facilitated introductions with Commissioners and ODE staff.

Welcome and Agency Updates

Chair Mooney thanked commissioners for their continued work throughout the development of the 2026 Quality Education Commission QEM Report and emphasized that the meeting's primary purpose was to complete the final review prior to submission to the Legislature.

Commissioners shared brief updates from their respective organizations.

Dr. Candice Castillo thanked commissioners for their work and reaffirmed ODE's support throughout the report development and approval process. Dr. Andrea Lockard introduced the ODE staff and subject matter experts available for questions during the review of the report.

2026 Quality Education Model Report Review

Leah Thorp informed the commissioners that a previously distributed draft report contained unsuppressed data within the appendix. Commissioners were asked to delete downloaded copies of the draft report. ODE staff will distribute the draft report. ODE staff will distribute a corrected version with appropriate data suppression.

Staff reviewed revisions incorporated since the previous commissioner review, including:

- Reorganization of student enrollment and demographic information.
- Addition of K-2 regular attendance data by federally defined race and ethnicity.
- Reorganization of the Best Practices section using the five priorities for student success.
- Streamlining and clarification of policy recommendations.
- Addition of an acronyms and key terms reference section.
- General formatting, accessibility, and editorial revisions throughout the report.

Commissioners acknowledged the extensive revisions and thanked staff for incorporating commissioner feedback throughout the drafting process

Quality Education Model Technical Revisions

Evan Fuller reviewed revisions made to the Quality Education Model section of the report. Updates included clarification of prototype school descriptions, revisions to status quo funding tables and charts, expanded narrative explaining funding methodology, clarification of Current Service Level comparisons, and creation of a new section outlining future model development and staffing needs.

Staff also reviewed revisions to report conclusions and findings based on commissioner feedback.

Commission Discussion

Commissioners discussed remaining technical comments within the draft report.

Discussion included:

- Historical comparisons used within funding tables.
- Methodology for calculating percentages increases.
- Use of actual legislative appropriations versus previous Quality Education Model estimates for historical comparisons.
- Clarification of Current Service Level methodology.
- Differences between Current Service Level, Quality Education Model Status Quo (Scenario 1), and Full Quality Education Model (Scenario 2).
- Continued refinement of report language to improve clarity for legislative audiences.

Staff explained that the proposed revision represented technical improvements and would not materially change the report's findings or recommendations. Commissioners provided direction regarding remaining edits before publication.

Final Report Approval

Staff presented the final draft of the 2026 Quality Education Commission QEM Report for commission approval.

Commissioners discussed the remaining technical edits and confirmed that formatting, accessibility, graphic design, and other non-substantive revisions would be completed prior to publication and submission to the Legislature.

Chair Mooney called for a roll call vote to approve the report.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner	Vote
<i>Tricia Mooney</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Karinn Calhoun</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Manuel Vazquez</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Cam Preus</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Dana Hepper</i>	<i>Abstain</i>

Action: The commission approved the content of the 2026 Quality Education Commission QEM Report. ODE staff will complete final technical, accessibility, and formatting revisions prior to legislative submission and publication.

Wrap Up

Chair Mooney concluded and adjourned the meeting.

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

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