



Commission on the Future of Public Education in Vermont

Monday, October 21, 2024, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Randolph Technical Career Center
17 Forest Street, Randolph, Vermont 05060
Virtual via Microsoft Teams
Meeting Call In: 1-802-828-7667
Conference ID: 375 196 178#
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Per H.887, Section 1(a), a Commission on the Future of Public Education in Vermont is created. The purpose is to study the provision of education in Vermont and make recommendations for a statewide vision for Vermont's public education system to ensure that all students are afforded substantially equal educational opportunities in an efficient, sustainable, and stable education system. The Commission shall also make recommendations for the strategic policy changes necessary to make Vermont's educational vision a reality for all Vermont students.

Members: **Meagan Roy, Chair**, Census-Based Funding Advisory Group; **Peter Conlon**, Representative Addison-2 District; **Ann Cummings**, Senator Washington District; **Zoie Saunders**, Interim Secretary of Education; **Craig Bolio**, Tax Commissioner; **Jennifer Deck Samuelson**, State Board of Education; **Jay Nichols**, Vermont Principals' Association (VPA); **Michael Lechlitter**, Vermont Superintendents Association (VSA); **Jeff Fannon**, Vermont National Education Association (VTNEA); **Nicole Mace**, Vermont School Boards Association (VSBA); **Elizabeth Jennings**, Vermont Association of School Business Officials (VASBO); **John Castle**, Vermont Rural Education Collaborative; **Oliver Olsen**, Vermont Independent Schools Association (VISA).

- 1:00 p.m. Call to Order, Introductions and Roll Call, Amendments to Agenda**
- 1:05 p.m. Approval of [Meeting Minutes from September 9, 2024](#)**
- 1:10 p.m. Public to be Heard**
- 1:25 p.m. Subcommittee Reports**
 - Steering Group
 - Education Finance Subcommittee
 - Communication and Engagement Subcommittee
- 1:55 p.m. Discussion: Education Finance System – Education Finance Subcommittee**
- 3:15 p.m. Document Review and Discussion (see pages 2 -3)**
- 3:40 p.m. Next Steps/Agenda Items for November 4, 2024 Meeting**
- 3:45 p.m. Public to be Heard**
- 4:00 p.m. Adjourn**

General Documents

Prior legislation: Act [46](#), Act [173](#), Act [127](#)

[Joint Budget Memo](#) from VSA/VASBO/VSBA

[Governor's Letter to Superintendents](#)

Education Finance Materials

- [Tax Workshop on Education Finance](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions of Pupil Weights in Vermont's Education Funding Formula and Act 127 \(2022\) Changes](#)
- [Act 173 Study of Vermont State Funding for Special Education](#) (Kolbe)
- [Task Force on the Implementation of the Pupil Weighting Factors Report](#)
- [Pupil Weighting Factors Report](#) (Kolbe)
- Picus Reports
 - #1: [An Evaluation of Vermont's Education Finance System](#)
 - #2: [Using the Evidence-Based Method to Identify Adequate Spending Levels for Vermont Schools](#)
 - #3: [An Evidenced-Based Approach to Identifying an Adequate Education Spending Level in Vermont](#)
- [Income-Based Education Tax Study Committee](#) (Leg Staff)
- Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) 101 (JFO)
 - [Understanding the Common Level of Appraisal - VT Legislative Joint Fiscal Office](#)
- Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) changes slide deck (Richter)
 - [Overview of CLA Change in the Yield Bill](#)
- [Vermont Agency of Education FY 24 Budget Book](#), especially categorical aid (pgs 61 – 72)
- [2024 FI\\$CAL FACT\\$ - VT Legislative Joint Fiscal Office](#) (pgs 44, 73-78)
- [Act 46 report from AOE](#)
- [2023 Report on Vermont's Education Financing - VT Legislative Joint Fiscal Office \(Richter\)](#)
- [An Annotated Guide to the Education Fund Outlook \(Richter\)](#)
- Auditor's Report on Tuitioning: Vermont Schools: [Approved Independent \(Private\) Schools Are Not Subject to Most of the Statutes and Rules That Govern Public Schools](#)
- Auditor's Report: [K-12 Schools More Students Attending Vermont Approved Independent \[Private\] Schools and Fewer Attending Out-of-State Schools at Public Expense](#)

- [Brigham v. State, 166 Vt. 246 \(1997\)](#)
- [Tax Dept Property Tax Explainers](#), especially the first two hyper links
 1. [Frequently asked questions](#)
 2. [Property Tax Rate Explainer \(download needed\)](#)