



Public Education Funding Commission

October 14, 2024



Welcome from the Co-Chairs



Approval of Meeting Minutes



Our Community Agreements - Relational

A community agreement is “a consensus on what every person in our group needs from each other and commits to each other in order to feel safe, supported, open, productive and trusting... so that we can do our best work, achieve our common vision, and serve our [students/families/constituents] well.” – National Equity Project

- Be present
- Attend to equity of voice
- Avoid repetition of ideas to respect the group’s time, e.g. saying “I agree with person X.”
- Honor diverse ideas, perspectives, and experiences
- Disagree with the idea or perspective, not the person

Our Community Agreements - Operational

- Virtual meetings will be conducted via Zoom.*
- Decision making will be by roll call vote with simple majority.
- Meeting materials will be shared with PEFC members 7 days in advance of meetings.
- Decision making on agenda items requiring a vote will be conducted during the meeting following the month the topic was presented.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

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Meetings will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 pm ET

Revisit Meeting Logistics and Timeline

Update from the Chair

Timeline

- **Recommendations made in October 2025 would be for the FY27 budget**
 - *earliest* implementation July 1, 2026
- **Final recommendations made in July 2026 would be for the FY28 budget**
 - *earliest* implementation July 1, 2027

Hearing from Commission Members: New Funding System, Amend Current System

Michael Griffith, LPI

Questions/Topics from September Meeting

- Referendum reform
- Capitol funding
- Transportation
- Adequacy
- Charter school funding
- Early learning
- Special education
- Student based funding
- Funding equity
- Recruitment and retention of highly qualified educators and other staff (salaries and benefits)

Hold Harmless

Michael Griffith, LPI

Referenda Reform: DE Context

Lisa Lawson, Superintendent, Brandywine School District

Jill Floore, CFO, Brandywine School District

Referenda Reform: Examples from Other States

Michael Griffith, LPI

Public Comment

- Members of the public are welcome to speak before the PEFC during the scheduled public comment period as noted on the publicly posted meeting agendas. Interested persons should:
 - (1) send their name, the name of the group they represent and the topic of their comment via email to Anna Sullivan (asulliv@wested.org), ideally 7 days in advance of the meeting, to request to have their name put on the public comment list for the upcoming meeting;
 - OR (2) raise their hand during the meeting. Those who register ahead of time will be called on by the facilitator to provide public comment first, followed by those who raise their hand during the meeting.
- In order to provide all members of the public with an equal opportunity to speak before the PEFC, each individual is limited to two minutes, unless otherwise noted at the beginning of the meeting.
- Public comments received by DOE 7 days in advance will be sent to members with advance meeting materials via email. All written public comments will be included with the meeting minutes and publicly posted following each committee meeting.

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Adjourn

