

Public Education Funding Commission
Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2024

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

The Public Education Funding Commission (PEFC) meeting was held on December 9, 2024, with the following members in attendance:

Mark Holodick, Ruth Ann Miller Cerron Cade, Laura Sturgeon, Kim Williams, Eric Buckson, Taylor Hawk, Tammy Croce, Kevin Carson, David Tull, Emily Falcon, Jill Floore, Nick Johnson, Michele Marinucci, Jose Aviles, Evelyn Edney, April Albury-Harmon, Karen Ewing, Crystal Nelson, Heather Hitchens, Cassie Queen, Sarah Celestin, Jennifer Fuqua, Britney Mumford, Madeleine Bayard, Meedra Surratte, Marcus Wright, Melissa Tracy, Lisa Lawson.

Also participating were Sarah Barzee, WestEd, Michael Griffith, Learning Policy Institute, Anna Sullivan, WestEd, and Emma Eglinton, Learning Policy Institute.

[Audio Recording of Meeting](#)

Welcome/Introductions

Senator Sturgeon opened the meeting and Anna Sullivan from WestEd conducted a verbal roll call and confirmed a quorum was present.

Approval of November 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The Chair requested a motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2024 meeting. Marcus Wright motioned to approve, and Taylor Hawk seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the motion carried. The meeting minutes were approved.

New Business

Senator Sturgeon reviewed the commission's community agreements and then introduced two sets of presenters. Emily Falcon, Chief Operating & Financial Officer with Colonial School District and Nick Johnson, Director of Operations with POLYTECH School District, representing the Delaware Association of School Administrators, presented on the current unit count system in Delaware. Additionally, Greg Panchisin, Chief Operating Officer at Aspira Delaware, and Rachael Dallas, Business Manager at Mot Charter School, provided insights into the unit system from the perspective of charter schools. Presenters answered questions from commissioner members.

Public Comment

The commission received one written public comment ahead of the meeting and heard comment from one person during the session.

Adjournment

Senator Sturgeon reminded the commission that there would be no meeting in January, and that the February 10th meeting would be held in person. She then requested a motion to adjourn. Marcus Wright motioned to adjourn, and Evelyn Edney seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anna Sullivan for WestEd

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