

CDE MEETING AGENDA



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Meeting Logistics & Desired Outcomes

MEETING:	Special Education Fiscal Advisory Committee Review Meeting
DATE & TIME:	October 28, 2021, 9:00 am-10:30 am
LOCATION:	Zoom
MEETING LEAD:	Jon Paul Burden, Paul Foster
MEETING PARTICIPANTS: <i>(Who most needs to attend?)</i>	Sarah Belleau, Moira Blake, Kim Boylan, Jon Paul Burden, Tamara Durbin, Paul Foster, Samantha Gallagher, Vicki Graham, Tamara Johnson, Gina Lanier, Sandy Malouff, Carolena Steen, Lynnette Steinhoff, Callan Ware, Judy Stirman, Lauren Rossini, Lori Kochevar
MEETING OBJECTIVES: <i>(Is a meeting necessary to accomplish the objectives?)</i>	Facility School Tuition Rate setting, SEFAC elections, Legislative Report finalization

Agenda Items and Next Steps

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	NOTES & NEXT STEPS <i>(Be sure to include communications to those not at the meeting who need to know the results)</i>
9:00 am	Announcements/public comment period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announcements 3 minutes per person who has requested to speak to the committee, no later than 24 hours prior, by emailing Kim Boylan, boylan_k@cde.state.co.us. No member of the public requested to speak to the committee.
	Executive Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee Chairman announces intent to enter Executive Session following public comment period. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/3 Committee vote to begin Executive Session. There were not enough members present for a quorum, Executive Session was not entered.
9:10 am	Facility Schools Tuition Rate setting discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judy Stirman, Lauren Rossini, and Lori Kochevar of CDE to join the committee's discussion and answer questions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuition costs are projected to go up. In process of submitting the rates to the State Board, the footnote on the document will be revised. The rates are typically for occupancy, the cost of keeping the school open, not the excess cost of educating students with disabilities. AUs know that they will most likely pay a higher rate due to the special services, documented on the IEP. The tuition cost rate is a base rate. Depending on the population at a facility school, there may be related service providers on staff, those salaries and benefits are built into the tuition cost rate. If the related service provider needs to be contracted, that cost does not get built into the rate. There will be links provided on the Facility School's webpage to explain job codes, etc., that demonstrates how the rates are calculated for staff.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Actual costs of teachers are factored into the facility school's rate setting. No averages are used. ○ Some facility schools provide different contracts for different AUs, those costs should be transparent and consistent. ○ Guidance is needed for the facility schools to provide transparency in their contracts, list therapeutic costs and what those entail, indirect costs and what those entail, coming up with a model template for the facility schools to use would be very helpful. Including definitions of the costs would be beneficial. ○ A breakdown of ESY costs and definitions are requested as well. ESY rates are not set by CDE.
	SEFAC Elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Postponed to spring meeting, due to lack of quorum.
	Finalization of the Legislative Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Emailed to committee members to finish writing the recommendations.
10:30am		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Committee Chairman announces meeting adjournment. ● Next meeting: TBD