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## JOINT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

May 31-June 1, 2022 | 8:30 AM

Thyra Thomson State Office Building, Roundhouse Conference Room, Room 3024  
444 W Collins Drive  
Casper, Wyoming

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*This proposed agenda sets forth the order in which the Committee may consider each topic. The agenda is subject to revision and all times listed are tentative and may be subject to change. If a topic is concluded early, the Committee will proceed to the next topic. For multiple day meetings, topics not completed on the indicated day may be carried over to the next day. Breaks will be taken as necessary.*

### TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2022

#### 8:30 AM 1. Call to Order

- Roll call; Co-Chairmen Comments

#### 8:35 AM 2. Recruitment and Retention of K-12 Personnel

- Background Information on the K-12 Funding Model
  - *Matthew Willmarth, Senior School Finance Analyst, Legislative Service Office*
- Review of the September 2021 Monitoring Report and Overview of the Purpose of the Monitoring Report
  - *Christiana Stoddard, Ph.D., Legislative Consultant*
- Overview of the RCA and ECA
  - *Lori Taylor, Ph.D., Legislative Consultant*
- Overview of Teacher Preparation Programs
  - *Scott L. Thomas, Ph.D., John P. "Jack" Ellbogen Dean of the College of Education, University of Wyoming (UW)*
  - *Leslie S. Rush, Ph.D., Professor and Director of the Wyoming School-University Partnership, UW*
  - *Neil Theobald, Ph.D., Executive Professor, UW*
  - *Mark Perkins, Ph.D, Assistant Professor of Educational Research, College of Education, UW*
- Overview of Teacher Certification
  - *Brendan O'Conner, Executive Director, Professional Teaching Standards Board (PTSB)*
  - *Chad Auer, Deputy Superintendent, Wyoming Department of Education (WDE)*
- Reporting by School Districts
  - *Brian Farmer, Executive Director, Wyoming School Boards Association (WSBA)*
  - *Kevin Mitchell, Executive Director, Wyoming Association of School Administrators (WASA)*
- Public Comment
- Committee Directives

12:00 PM 3. LUNCH

1:00 PM 4. Virtual Education

- Overview of 2020 Recalibration related to Virtual Education
  - *Larry Picus, Ph.D., Legislative Consultant*
- State and District Administration of Virtual Education Programs
  - *Laurel Ballard, Student and Teacher Resources Team Supervisor, WDE*
  - *Lori Thilmany, Virtual Education Program Manager, WDE*
  - *George Mirich, Superintendent, Niobrara County School District Number One*
  - *Joe Heywood, Head of Schools, Wyoming Virtual Academy, Niobrara County School District Number One*
  - *Matt Davidson, Superintendent, Big Horn County School District Number One*
  - *Shannon Siebert, Principal, Wyoming Connections Academy, Big Horn County School District Number One*
  - *Margaret Crespo, Superintendent, Laramie County School District Number One*
  - *Lana Haffner, Principal, Cheyenne Virtual School, Laramie County School District Number One*
  - *Shane Ogden, Superintendent, Park County School District Number Sixteen*
  - *Scott McBride, Principal, Park County School District Number Sixteen*
- Certification of Virtual Education Teachers
  - *Brendan O'Conner, Executive Director, PTSB*
- Public Comment
- Committee Directives

3:30 PM 5. K-3 Successful Schools/Districts

- *Gillian Chapman, Superintendent, Teton County School District Number One*
- *Scott Stults, Superintendent, Sheridan County School District Number Two*
- *Kelly McGovern, Superintendent, Sweetwater County School District Number One*
- Public Comment

5:15 PM 6. Reimagining and Innovating the Delivery of Education (RIDE) Advisory Group Update

- *John Masters, Chairman, RIDE*
- *Representative Simpson, RIDE Advisory Member*
- *Thea True-Wells, RIDE Advisory Member*
- Public Comment

5:30 PM 7. RECESS

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2022**

8:00 AM 8. Update on Implementation of 2022 Wyo. Sess. Laws, Ch. 56 (K-3 Reading Assessment and Intervention Legislation)

- *Shelley Hamel, Chief Academic Officer, WDE*
- *Trent Carroll, Chief Financial Officer, WDE*
- Public Comment

8:30 AM 9. Community College Funding

- Community College Funding Allocation Model

- *Sandy Caldwell, Executive Director, Wyoming Community College Commission (WCCC)*
- *Michael Swank, Chief Financial Officer, WCCC*
- *Ben Moritz, Deputy Director, WCCC*
- Major Maintenance/Capital Construction Funding
  - *Sandy Caldwell, Executive Director, WCCC*
  - *Michael Swank, Chief Financial Officer, WCCC*
  - *Ben Moritz, Deputy Director, WCCC*
- Wyoming Association of Community College Trustees (WACCT)
  - *Erin Taylor, Executive Director, WACCT*
- Public Comment
- Committee Directives

**12:00 PM 10. LUNCH**

**1:00 PM 11. Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs, Funding, and Expenditures**

- WDE Program Administration and Funding
  - *Michelle Aldrich, CTE Director, WDE*
  - *Leslie Zimmershied, School Foundation Program Supervisor, WDE*
- District Implementation and Program Offerings
  - *Rob Hill, Public Policy Chairman & President of Skills USA, Wyoming Association for Career and Technical Education (WACTE)*
  - *Grace Godfrey, Agriculture Teacher FFA Advisor, Worland, WACTE*
  - *Brian Farmer, Executive Director, WSBA*
  - *Kevin Mitchell, Executive Director, WASA*
- Workforce and Community Needs
  - *Cindy DeLancey, President, Wyoming Business Alliance*
- Public Comment
- Committee Directives

**3:15 PM 12. Profile of Graduate; Content and Performance Standards; Opportunities for Public Participation**

- State Implementation
  - *Ryan Furhman, Chairman, State Board of Education (SBE)*
  - *Diana Clapp, Coordinator, SBE*
  - *Laurie Hernandez, Director of Standards & Assessment, WDE*
- School District Implementation
  - *Brian Farmer, Executive Director, WSBA*
  - *Kevin Mitchell, Executive Director, WASA*
- Public Comment
- Committee Directives

**4:55 PM 13. Committee Directives; Adjourn**

- Next Committee Meetings: September 6-7 (Cheyenne); October 10 (hybrid in-person/virtual - joint meeting with JAC); November 15-16 (Cheyenne)

\*NOTE: In accordance with Management Council policy, opportunity for public comment will also be provided upon the conclusion of each topic.