

State of Nebraska
School Financing Review Commission
Minutes of the Friday, October 31, 2025, Meeting
Nebraska Department of Education Office Building, State Board Room,
500 S. 84th Street, Lincoln, NE, 68510

Publicized notice of the meeting was given by posting notice on the Department of Education website and emailed to a list of news media, which gave the date, time, and location of the meeting.

1. Call to Order – Chairperson, Commission Brian L. Maher, called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

- a. Roll call – Roll call showed the following members were present:

Tom Briese	Jason Dolliver	Ann Foster
Shavonna Holman	Shawna Koger	Grant Latimer
Lou Ann Linehan	Brian Maher	Fred Meyer
Aaron Plas	Keith Runge	John Schwartz
Sarah Scott	Liz Standish	Paul Turman
Sen. Jana Hughes	Sen. Dave Murman	

The following members were absent:
Sen. Eliot Bostar

- b. The chairperson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Announcement of the Open Meetings Act

The chairperson announced the placement of the Open Meetings Act information in the meeting room.

3. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion by Turman, second by Holman to approve the minutes of the previous School Financing Review Commission meeting.

Maher	Yes	Koger	Yes
Turman	Yes	Runge	Yes
Scott	Yes	Holman	Yes
Briese	Yes	Plas	Yes
Latimer	Yes	Linehan	Yes
Standish	Yes	Foster	Yes
Schwartz	Yes	Meyer	Yes
Dolliver	Yes		

The motion was adopted.

4. Review of Timelines and Phases for Committee Work
The chairperson reviewed the proposed timelines and phases for the work of the Commission.
5. Review of Information Presented at September 22, 2025, Meeting
The chairperson asked NDE staff member Bryce Wilson to review information presented at the September 22, 2024, meeting, specifically: 1) State vs. Local School District Revenue; 2) Total Property Taxes Paid Trend; and 3) Average General Fund Expenditure Update. Commission members asked questions and engaged in discussion related to these reports.
6. Discussion on Information Presented at September 22, 2025, Meeting
Commission members engaged in small group discussions, six members per group, related to the information presented at the September 22 meeting with the directive by the chairperson to report a summary of the small group discussion to the Commission. Following the small group discussions, group leaders John Schwartz, Liz Standish, and Paul Turman reported a summary of their respective group discussions. Discussion continued among the full Commission.
7. Reports on Requested Information
The chairperson asked NDE staff member Bryce Wilson and Commission member Sarah Scott to provide an overview of information requested at the previous Commission meeting, specifically: 1) Individual District Revenue Comparisons; 2) Valuation per Student Information; and 3) State Comparable Valuation Information. Commission members asked questions and engaged in discussion related to these reports.
8. Discussion on Reports
Commission members engaged in small group discussion, six members per group, related to the information presented in agenda item #7 with the directive by the chairperson to report a summary of the small group discussion to the Commission. Following the small group discussions, group leaders John Schwartz, Liz Standish, and Paul Turnman reported a summary of their respective group discussions. Discussion continued among the full Commission.
9. Public Comment
There was no public comment.
10. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

The next meeting of the School Financing Review Commission will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, on November 18, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.