

MINUTES
Basic Education Program (BEP) Review Committee
Conference Call Meeting
July 28, 2016

Members Present: Patrick Boggs (for Rep. Harry Brooks), David Connor, Michael Maren (for Sen. Dolores Gresham), Ben Torres, Nathan James (for Sara Heyburn), Toni Miller (for Dorsey Hopson), Karen King, Maryanne Durski (for Candice McQueen), Greg Turner (for Larry Martin), Wayne Miller, Rick Nicholson, Don Odom, Cliff Lippard (for Lynnissee Roehrich-Patrick), Larry Ridings, Fielding Rolston, Mary Ann Sparks

Others Present: McKenzie Manning

Mr. Fielding Rolston called the meeting to order once quorum was established at 2 PM CDT.

The committee resolved with no dissenting votes to send a letter to the Governor, the Commissioner of Finance and Administration and the Commissioner of Education outlining the five priorities of the committee for funding. The five priorities, in order:

1. Sustained commitment to teacher compensation
2. English Language Learner funding (to bring ratios closer to the level called for in the BEP Enhancement Act of 2016)
3. Funding the number of guidance counselors at a level closer to national best practices
4. Funding Response to Instruction and Intervention positions
5. Sustained technology funding

Ms. Karen King moved to prioritize the order and authorize the issuance of the letter by State Board of Education staff. Mr. Don Odom seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fielding Rolston adjourned the meeting at 3 PM CDT.