COLORADO
Department of Education

Financial Policies and Procedures Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday February 12th, 2026

Meeting Facilitator
Mayra Ramirez, School District 27J

Agenda Items

Call to order

Approval of agenda

Approval of prior meeting minutes

Legislative Session

Office of the State Auditor

Training

Financial Reporting

Other Topics of Interest

Upcoming Meetings

Adjourn

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Request a motion for approval

Request for a secondary approval

Any objections from the remaining members?

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Legislative Session (HB26-1174 1 of 4)

HB26-1174 | School Finance Mid-Year Adjustments

- For FY25-26, funded pupil count was lower than projected, and property tax/SOT revenues were higher than projected
- The bill adjusts total program funding down by $33.5 million
- This includes a decrease of $103,472,508 to state share of total program
- The bill also clarifies hold harmless provision (for FY25-26, total program for districts that would get less under new formula calculation than old formula calculation will be greater of their FY24-25 total program amount, or their amount calculated for FY25-26 under the old formula.

Legislative Session (HB26-1174 2 of 4)

HB26-1174 Addendum

- Issue was found in the phased in calculations during Mid-Year True-Up
- For four districts the phased-in calculation was negative
  - Aspen
  - Liberty
  - Mesa 51
  - Hinsdale
- Formula was not setup to account for a negative phase-in
- HB26-1174 holds these districts harmless for FY25-26 due to this issue.

Legislative Session (HB26-1174 3 of 4)

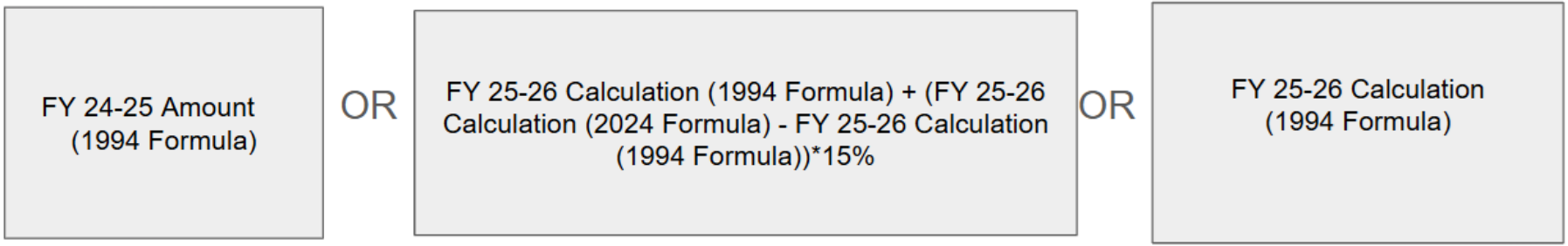
HB26-1174 Addendum

"Phase In" Calculation		Hold Harmless
FY 25-26 Calculation (1994 Formula) + (FY 25-26 Calculation (2024 Formula) - FY 25-26 Calculation (1994 Formula))*15%	OR	FY 24-25 Amount (1994 Formula)

Legislative Session (HB26-1174 4 of 4)

HB26-1174 Addendum

Addendum Phase-In Calculation Issue



Legislative Session (SB26-023)

SB26-023 | School Finance Act

- Sets basewide state per pupil funding for FY26-27 at $8,909.10
- This includes an increase of $217.30 for inflation
- Sets FY26-27 total program funding $10,209,589,888
- Current posted FY26-27 run ties out to this bill

Legislative Session (HB26-1175)

HB26-1175 | State Education Fund Reading to Ensure Academic Development Act & Colorado Teacher of the Year Program

- Changes funding method for these programs from an annual transfer from State Education Fund to an annual appropriation
- Amounts will not change; this only changes the mechanism by which funds are moved from the state to the program

Legislative Session (26-1176)

HB26-1176 | Modify Fourth-Year Innovation Pilot Program

- Winds program funding down through FY25-26 and FY26-27
- Appropriation for FY25-26 will be discontinued (LEPs receive reduced funding for the program for FY25-26 and no funding for the program in FY26-27)
- CDE will prorate distributions for eligible graduates from years prior to FY25-26
- FY25-26 Eligible graduates must start post-secondary program by Dec. 31, 2026
- DHE must make all applicable scholarship distributions by close of FY26-27
- DHE will not have to submit a final program evaluation

Legislative Session (SB25-315)

SB25-315 | Postsecondary & Workforce Readiness

- Start-Up Rulemaking Hearing March 2026
  - Proposed Rules and Funding Formula have been shared
- Sustain funding starting in FY26-27
  - Proposed Rules and Model Funding Formula have been shared
  - Awaiting stakeholder and board feedback for updates

Legislative Session (Updates)

JTC Update / School Finance Modernization Update

- The RFP process has been finalized by CDE and a vendor for the software has been chosen.
- Staff is finalizing contractual negotiations with the vendor
- April 16th FPP Meeting: Introduction to Vendor and roadmap for implementation.
- CDE also submitted a JTC request for a project manager to help coordinate implementation between districts, CDE, and the Vendor

FPP
OSA Update
February 12, 2026

Crystal Dorsey, CPA

Local Government Audit Manager

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GASB No. 103 (1 of 5)

Management's Discussion & Analysis

- Limited to the following topics:
  - Overview of financial statements
  - Financial summary
  - Detailed analyses
  - Significant capital asset and long-term financing activity
  - Currently known facts

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GASB No. 103 (2 of 5)

Management's Discussion & Analysis

- Explain the WHY!
- Avoid boilerplate discussions
- Focus on primary government
  - Distinguish between component units

GASB No. 103 (3 of 5)

Unusual or Infrequent Items

- Unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence
  - Defined by GASB 62
- Display inflows/outflows separately as the last item



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GASB No. 103 (4 of 5)

Major component Unit Information

- Present each major component separately
  - IF it does not reduce readability
  - Statement of Net Position
  - Statement of Activities
- Combining statements after the fund statements
  - If needed

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GASB No. 103 (5 of 5)

Budgetary Comparison Information

- Must be Required Supplementary Information (RSI)
  - May not be part of basic financial statements (before the notes)
- Include separate columns for variances:
  - Between original and final budget
  - Between final budget and actual
- Explanations of significant variances
  - Notes to RSI



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Budget Compliance (1 of 2)

- Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) requirements:
  - General Fund
  - Each major special revenue fund
  - Comparison, original and final budget, actual



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Budget Compliance (2 of 2)

- Audit Law, Section 29-1-605, C.R.S., requirements:
  - Each fund or activity with an adopted budget
  - Comparison, budget to actual
- General fund and major special revenue funds
  - RSI
- All other funds
  - SI

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School District Fiscal Health

Planning for August Legislative Audit Committee

- Late April – send information for review
- Responses in May



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Training Updates: CDE School Finance Unit Office Hours

Upcoming Trainings:

● Fund Balance Training	2/19/26	9:00am - 10:30am
● Budget Training Pt II	3/12/26	9:00am - 10:30am
● *Open Office Hours*: Tips & Tricks	4/7/26	9:00am - 10:30am
● *Open Office Hours*: Budgeting	5/12/26	9:00am - 10:30am
● *Open Office Hours*: Year-End	6/2/26	9:00am - 10:30am

***Open Office Hours*:**

- Designed as open time for staff to be available & answer questions

Training Updates: CDE/CSFP Strategic School Finance Training

Updated trainings with new topics

- State Budget Update
- Revenue Optimization
- Expenditure Optimization
- Fund Balance Strategies
- Grants Update
- Performance Excellence & Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

Training Updates: CDE/CSFP Strategic School Finance Training - Dates

- **2026 Training Schedule**
  - 1/29/26 - 1/30/26 - Greeley, Co
  - 4/23/26 - 4/24/26 - Pueblo, Co
  - 5/14/26 - 5/15/26 - Durango, Co
  - 6/4/26 - 6/5/26 - Frisco, Co
  - 8/6/26 - 8/7/26 - Grand Junction, Co
  - 10/1/26 - 10/2/26 - Loveland, Co

Training Updates: School Finance Cohorts

Targeted Training for New School Finance Staff

- **Overview:** A year-long cohort designed for new business staff across Colorado.
- **Admissions:** Participants applied via CDE online form (Fall 2025).
- **Format:**
  - Virtual meetings (Monthly/Bi-monthly, Jan–Dec).
  - Includes 1-on-1 check-ins and personalized training sessions.
- **Expert Facilitators:**
  - **Glenn Gustafson:** Charter Schools (Beginner & Intermediate)
  - **Katherine Proctor:** School Districts (Beginner & Intermediate)

Financial Reporting
Finance December - Due Dates

Submissions were Due December 31st

Extensions through Office of State Auditor (request due by December 31st)

Extensions may be granted for 60 days, through March 1, 2026

Financial Data Warehouse Reports

July 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026

Financial Reporting
Finance December - Submit to CDE

School Finance Division, submit electronically to schoolfinance@cde.state.co.us.

What to send

- FY 2024-2025 Financial Audits
- Assurances for Financial Accreditation
- Single Audit, if issued separately (Uniform Guidance/2CFR 200) – Districts that expend $750,000 or more in Federal Awards (increased to $1,000,000 on 10/1/2024).
- Charter School Audits, if applicable
- Reconciliation Reports and Other Supporting Documentation
  - Tier I & II warnings and Grant Revenue Reconciliation Report

Financial Reporting
Finance December - Submit to OSA

Local Government Division, Website Submission: **https://apps.leg.co.gov/osa/lg**

Audit, exemptions (meeting electronic signature policy) and extension can be submitted to the OSA via our online portal at: **https://apps.leg.co.gov/osa/lg**. Registration is not required but recommended if someone will be making multiple submissions. When submitted through the portal the sender will receive an automated reply that the OSA has received the submission.

What to send

- FY 2024-2025 Financial Audit
- Charter School Audits, if applicable
- Single Audit

Financial Reporting
Finance December - Common Review Items

Common Review Items:

Financial Transparency pages should be updated

Spending in Excess of Appropriations #44-13 (budgeted = appropriated) in the budget-to-actual tables

Fund Balance Coding

CPP/UPK Reporting

Data Pipeline vs Financial Audit

- Beginning Fund Balance Warnings (Tier 2 #FD049)

Remember to Submit:

- Reconciliations: Tier 1, Tier 2 and Grant Revenue Received Reports
- Assurances for Financial Accreditation

Other Topics of Interest - CGFOA

Upcoming Trainings, All of these are virtual and discounted for CGFOA members.

Intro to Govt Accounting Immersion Series

- February 24th - Session 1
- March 11th - Session 2
- March 17th - Session 3
- March 18th - Session 4

Budget 101 and Demography is a great session for folks new to their roles.

- March 10th

email chelsea@cgfoa.org with any questions

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Finance Officers Association

Other Topics of Interest - CASBO

Colorado Association of School Business Officials

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- Spring Conference registration is opened: April 22nd-24th
- Student Scholarship: Accepting applications til March 1st: Student Scholarship Program
- Service to the Profession Award: Accepting applications til March 1st Service to the Profession Award
- Get Involved: Board Nomination for the Spring Election are now open

Other Topics of Interest

CASB, no updates at this time

COCPA - no updates at this time - seeking representative

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Upcoming Meetings

April 16th, 2026 - Meeting Facilitator: Brian Gustafson, Poudre R-1

June 18th, 2026 - Meeting Facilitator: Cathy Watts, Academy 20

Adjourn

Thank you for attending!