

Minutes of the Finance, Performance, and Accountability (FPA) Subcommittee Meeting

Virtual

Friday July 19, 2024

11:30 am

Commissioners attending: Eric Tucker, Jen Walmer, Teresa Kostenbaker

Advisors attending: Mark Cavanaugh, Mark Superka, Melinda Piket-May

Commissioner Tucker: Bypassed minutes for May due to no quorum

I. **Affordability Message Update and Presentation — *Dr. Mark Baccei, Policy Analyst*** 2023-RFI #1

“The Department is requested to collaborate with institutions to develop a statewide affordability message to help students, parents and K-12 administrators better understand that low-income students are unlikely to pay tuition and feed at IHE’s”

RFI Requirements

- Facilitate a working group to help and inform the project
- Compile financial aid data from institutions to clarify tuition and fees for low-income students
- Identify changes to institutional policies and recommendations for state changes
- Develop tool kit for K-12 staff

RFI Work in Progress

- Developed a College Affordability Webpage
- Conducted a Colorado Affordability perception survey
- Partnership with institutions to develop recommendations for the JBC to expand existing promise programs

Recap for HB23-1340 refundable tax credit

- Covers first 65 credits
- Last dollar award
- Family income up to \$90,000

II. **V. FY 25-26 Base Operational Increases — *Crystal L. Collins, Chief Financial Officer***

- Salary increase of 3% aligned with state salary increase included in the FY25 Long Bill.
- Benefits increase of 5% aligns with the National Health Expenditures Average Growth rate.

- Other expenses aligned with Office of State Planning and Budgeting June 2024 Colorado Inflation forecast
- Resident and nonresident tuition is based on the FY 25 Long Bill tuition Revenue Assumptions

III. VI. Funding Formula Review Timeline Update — *Crystal L. Collins, Chief Financial Officer*

- Currently talking to the Governor’s office about timing, still operating off the draft timeline- starting in late fall with a deliverable for November 2026
- Commissioner Tucker: Things we need to consider:
 - Switch or add parameters
 - Focus on the impact of the Base building
 - Reporting requirements

IV. VII. Initial Capital Scoring — *Kennedy Evans, Budget and Policy Analyst*

- Preliminary capital construction and renewal priority ranking – received 30 project requests
- 2 continuation projects: CSU Clark Building and Auraria campus safety center
- 8/ 30 projects are capital renewal (projects that need more funding) cannot be considered controlled maintenance anymore
- Recent bill passed raising controlled maintenance threshold from \$2 million to \$5 million
- Average age of projects sitting is reducing
- Scores may change based on supplementals
- All IHE’s have the ability to appeal ranking

V. VIII. Overview of Proposed Capital Rubric Review — *Kennedy Evans, Budget and Policy Analyst* Postponed until next meeting

VI. IX. Public Comment

No comment

12:57 Meeting adjourned