

Blue Ribbon Commission on Public Education

Friday Institute for Educational Innovation

1890 Main Campus Dr. Raleigh, NC

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Today's Goals:

- Develop and refine recommendations on Administrative Operations, drawing on evidence, prior discussions, and member insights to identify areas of agreement and remaining questions.
- Examine how business modernization and technology services can strengthen district capacity and improve the efficiency of state and district processes.
- Explore outcomes-based contracting as an approach to connect spending with measurable results for students.

9:30 AM *Coffee & Pastries*

10:00 AM	Welcome and Approval of Minutes	Anne Faircloth, <i>Co-Chair</i> Dr. Don Martin, <i>Co-Chair</i>
10:15 AM	Commission Updates	Emma Braaten, <i>Friday Institute</i>
10:30 AM	Exchange of Ideas and Development of Recommendations on Administrative Operations	All Members
12:00 PM	<i>Lunch</i>	
12:45 PM	Presentation from NCDPI on Business Modernization and Technology Services with Q&A	Dr. Vanessa Wrenn, <i>NCDPI</i>
2:00 PM	<i>Break</i>	
2:15 PM	Presentation on Outcomes-Based Contracting (virtual) with Q&A	Jasmin Walker, Elise Lenthe <i>Center for Outcomes-Based Contracting</i>
3:00 PM	Commission Discussion and Shareout	All Members
3:25 PM	Closing Remarks	Anne Faircloth, <i>Co-Chair</i> Dr. Don Martin, <i>Co-Chair</i>
3:30 PM	Dismissal	

Pre-Reading Material

- Charge 2: Administrative Operations Input Synthesis and Emerging Themes (attachment)
- NCDPI Strategic Plan | Pillar 5: Optimize Operational Excellence (attachment)
- From *The Hechinger Report* | [“Paying vendors for student results”](#)