

STATE OF MINNESOTA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THIRD MEETING
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

House Education Policy Committee

MINUTES

Representative Bennett, Chair of the Education Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM, on February 18, 2025, in Room G23 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

BENNETT, Peggy, Chair
MUELLER, Patricia, Vice Chair
JORDAN, Sydney, Lead
BIERMAN, Robert
DIPPEL, Tom
FALCONER, Alex
FOGELMAN, Maij
GORDON, Jimmy
GREENE, Julie
HILL, Josiah
KEELER, Heather
LAWRENCE, Bryan
ROACH, Drew

Representative Fogelman moved the minutes of February 12, 2025 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF0029 (Kresha) Social studies standards adoption suspended and review cycle modified, ethnic studies requirements repealed, and ethnic studies appropriations cancelled.

Chair Bennett moved that HF0029 be re-referred to the Education Finance Committee.

Representative Kresha presented on HF0029.

The following testified on HF0029:

Katherine Kersten, Senior Policy Fellow, Center for American Experiment
DeEtta Moos, Isanti School Board Member
Mark J. Westpfahl, Minnesota Council for the Social Studies
Crystal Johnson, Minnesota Council for the Social Studies.
Kendall Qualls
Hilary Swanson, Parent, TakeCharge Minnesota
Marcus Penny, Communications Manager, Education Evolving
Jim Grathwol, St Paul Public Schools
Karin Miller
Courtney Major, Educator, Edina Public Schools
Claude Sigmund, Educator, Edina Public Schools
Diane Smith
Michael E. McCarthy, Fixing Stillwater Schools
Adosh Unni, Minnesota Department of Education
Kofi Montzka, Volunteer, Coalition for Empowered Education
Quinn "Yao" Buchl, Student, Highland Park Senior High School
Seenna Gobena, Washington Technology High School
Angeline Patrick-Pacheco
Luisa Gaona, Student, University of Minnesota
Rena Curtis
Amelia María de la Luz Montes, Professor, University of Minnesota

Chair Bennett renewed her motion to re-refer HF0029 to the Education Finance Committee. Representative Jordan requested a roll call. The results were as follows:

AYES

BENNETT, Peggy, Chair
MUELLER, Patricia, Vice Chair
DIPPEL, Tom
FOGELMAN, Marj
GORDON, Jimmy
LAWRENCE, Bryan
ROACH, Drew

NAYS

JORDAN, Sydney, Lead
BIERMAN, Robert
FALCONER, Alex
GREENE, Julie
HILL, Josiah
KEELEER, Heather

On a vote of 7 AYES and 6 NAYS, **THE MOTION PREVAILLED.**

Representative Mueller assumed the gavel at 4:21 PM.

HF0065 (Bennett) Authority to adopt rules implementing statewide health standards repealed, and certain funds cancelled.

Chair Bennett moved that HF0065 be re-referred to the Education Finance Committee.

Chair Bennett presented on HF0065.

The following testified on HF0065:

Linda Leiding, Minnesota Association of School Boards
Janett Jimenez, Young Women's Initiative & Women's Foundation of Minnesota
Priscilla Mayowa, Director, Minnesota Youth Council
Adosh Umi, Minnesota Department of Education
Aurora Gallagher
Jill Farris, University of Minnesota
Meg Bartlett-Chase, Executive Director, Honest Sex Ed Minnesota

Chair Bennett renewed her motion to re-refer HF0065 to the Education Finance Committee.

THE MOTION PREVAILLED.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Peggy Bennett
Representative Peggy Bennett, Chair

Isaac Pilon
Isaac Pilon, Committee Legislative Assistant