

EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Cheryl Youakim, Chair of the Committee on Education Finance, called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM on March 26, 2026 in Room 120 of the Capitol.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

YOUAKIM, Cheryl, DFL Chair
KRESHA, Ron, GOP Chair
BAKEBERG, Ben GOP Vice Chair
CLARDY, Mary Frances, DFL Vice Chair
ALTENDORF, Pam
BAHNER, Kristin
BENNETT, Peggy
DIPPEL, Tom
ENGEN, Elliot
GREENE, Julie
HILL, Josiah
HUDSON, Walter
JOHNSON, Pete
LEE, Liz
KNUDSEN, Krista
LAWRENCE, Bryan
MUELLER, Patricia
PEREZ-VEGA, Maria Isa
QUAM, Duane
REHM, Lucy
REHRAUER, Kari
RYMER, Max
SENCER-MURA, Samantha
VIRNIG, Bianca

A quorum was present.

Chair Kresha moved that the minutes of March 24, 2026 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4213 (Youakim); Forecast adjustments made to prekindergarten through grade 12 education programs, and money appropriated.

Chair Youakim moved that HF4213 be re-referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Chair Youakim presented HF4213.

Chair Youakim renewed the motion that HF4213 be re-referred to the committee on Ways and Means. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Vice Chair Clardy assumed the gavel at 1:15 pm.

HF4198 (Youakim); Student mental health grant funding provided, and money appropriated.

Chair Youakim moved that HF4213 be laid over for further consideration.

Chair Youakim presented HF4198.

Testimony on HF4198:

- Aida Mejia, Senior Development Manager, Camp Fire Minnesota
- Alexa Filipczak, Youth Board Member, Camp Fire Minnesota
- John Fanning, Director, Education Partnerships Coalition

Chair Youakim renewed the motion that HF4198 be laid over for further consideration. The bill was laid over.

Chair Youakim re-assumed the gavel at 1:41 pm.

HF3930 (Hill); Contract funding provided to support teacher retention, and money appropriated.

Representative Hill moved that HF3930 be laid over for further consideration.

Representative Hill moved the A2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Hill presented HF3930 as amended.

Testimony on HF3930 as amended:

- Nathan Eklund, Vital Network
- Dr. Erin Raab, Vital Network
- Dr. Justin Killian, Education Issues Specialist, Education Minnesota

Representative Hill renewed the motion that HF3930 as amended be laid over for further consideration. The bill was laid over.

HF3585 (Keeler); Interagency Council on Student Attendance established, report required, and money appropriated.

Chair Youakim moved that HF3585 be laid over for further consideration.

Chair Youakim moved the A2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Keeler presented HF3585 as amended.

Testimony on HF3585 as amended:

- Matt Shaver, Senior Policy Director, EdAllies
- Patrice Relerford, Vice President of Collective Impact and Giving, Minneapolis Foundation
- Megan Arriola, Legislative Policy Manager, Minnesota Department of Education
- Khaliq Rogers, Executive Director, Catalyst for Systems Change
- Zurielle Basuil, Minnesota Youth Council Coordinator
- Lawrence Wells, Student

Chair Youakim renewed the motion that HF3585 as amended be laid over for further consideration. The bill was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Representative Cheryl Youakim, Chair

Isabel Anderson, Committee Legislative Assistant