

# **Education Policy Committee**

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Co-Chair Peggy Bennett  
Vice-Chair Josiah Hill  
Vice-Chair Patricia Mueller  
March 18, 2026  
Capitol Room G23

## **AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the minutes from Tuesday, March 17, 2026
- III. HF3714 (Clardy) - Enrollment and eligibility priority modified for children in foster care for various children, youth, and families education and financial assistance programs; Northstar foster care child care allowance modified; and licensing agencies required to provide license holders with information about child care costs and early childhood education programs.
  - Osahon, Akpata-Tanious, Executive Director, Foster Advocates
  - Zoua Vue, Lived Expert, Minnesota
  - Deborah Jackson, Lived Experienced, Minnesota
- IV. HF4399 (Leibling) - Independent School District No. 535, Rochester; school board elections provided.
  - Cathy Nathan, Chair, Rochester Public Schools, Independent School District #535
- V. HF4176 (Youakim) - Site-governed school requirements modified.
  - Lars Esdal, Executive Director, Education Evolving
  - Dr. George Nolan, Principal, Gatewood Elementary, Hopkins Public Schools
- VI. HF2544 (Virnig) - Dual Enrollment Task Force established, report required, and money appropriated.
  - Mark Grant, Government Relations Director, Minnesota State College Faculty
  - Beatrice Handlin, President, People for Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO)
  - Konnor Tran, PSEO Student, Century College and White Bear Lake High School
  - Khalique Rogers, Executive Director, Catalyst for Systems Change
- VII. Adjournment

*Agenda items may be added or changed*