

EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Representative Sydney Jordan, Chair of the Committee on Education Policy, called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM on, Wednesday, March 18, 2026, in Room G23 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

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

A quorum was present.

Representative Roach moved that the minutes from March 17, 2026, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 3714 (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.

Chair Jordan moved that HF 3714 be re-referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Chair Jordan moved the A3 amendment to HF 3714.

Representative Clardy presented the A3 amendment to HF 3714.

Chair Jordan renewed the motion to adopt the A3 amendment to HF 3714. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Clardy presented HF 3714, as amended.

Testifying:

- Osahon, Akpata-Tanious, Executive Director, Foster Advocates
- Zoua Vue, Lived Expert, Minnesota
- Deborah Jackson, Lived Experienced, Minnesota

Chair Jordan renewed the motion to re-refer HF 3714, as amended, to the Committee on Education Finance. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 4399 (Liebling) Independent School District No. 535, Rochester; school board elections provided.

Chair Jordan moved that HF 4399 be referred to the General Register.

Chair Jordan moved the A2 amendment to HF 4399.

Representative Liebling presented the A2 amendment to HF 4399.

Chair Jordan renewed the motion to adopt the A2 amendment to HF 4399. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Liebling presented HF 4399, as amended.

Testifying:

- Cathy Nathan, Chair, Rochester Public Schools, Independent School District #535

Chair Jordan renewed the motion to re-refer HF 4399, as amended, to the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 4176 (Youakim) Site-governed school requirements modified.

Chair Jordan moved HF 4176 before the committee.

Chair Jordan moved the A1 amendment to HF 4176.

Representative Youakim presented the A1 amendment to HF 4176.

Chair Jordan renewed the motion to adopt the A1 amendment to HF 4176. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Youakim presented HF 4176, as amended.

Testifying:

- Lars Esdal, Executive Director, Education Evolving
- Dr. George Nolan, Principal, Gatewood Elementary, Hopkins Public Schools

Chair Jordan renewed the motion to lay over HF 4176, as amended.

Chair Jordan laid over HF 4176, as amended.

Chair Jordan recessed the meeting at 3:55 P.M.

Chair Jordan reconvened the meeting at 3:56 P.M.

HF 2544 (Virnig) Dual Enrollment Task Force established, report required, and money appropriated.

Chair Jordan moved that HF 2544 be referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Chair Jordan moved the A3 amendment to HF 2544.

Representative Virnig presented the A3 amendment to HF 2544.

Chair Jordan renewed the motion to adopt the A3 amendment to HF 2544. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

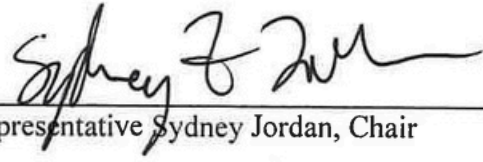
Representative Virnig presented HF 2544, as amended.

Testifying:

- Beatrice Handlin, President, People for Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO)
- Khalique Rogers, Executive Director, Catalyst for Systems Change
- Mark Grant, Government Relations Director, Minnesota State College Faculty

Chair Jordan renewed the motion to re-refer HF 2544, as amended, to the Committee on Education Finance. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 PM.

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Representative Sydney Jordan, Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chloe Keller", written over a horizontal line.

Chloe Keller, Committee Legislative Assistant