

Education Finance Committee

MINUTES

Representative Kresha, Chair of the Education Finance Committee, began the meeting at 1:00PM, on March 4, 2025, in Room 120 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

KRESHA, Ron, Chair
BAKEBERG, Ben, Vice Chair
ALTENDORF, Pam
BAHNER, Kristin
BENNETT, Peggy
CLARDY, Mary Frances
DIPPEL, Tom
ENGEN, Elliot
GREENE, Julie
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

Members Excused:

HILL, Josiah

Non-Voting Member Present:

YOUAKIM, Cheryl, Lead

Representative Mueller moved the minutes of February 27, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 984 (CLARDY) - ELEMENTARY COUNSELING SERVICES FOR NONPUBLIC PUPILS INCLUDED IN NONPUBLIC PUPIL AID, AND MONEY APPROPRIATED.

Chair Kresha moved HF984 before the committee.

Representative Clardy presented on HF984.

Presenter:

Tim Benz, President, MINNDEPENDENT

Public Testifiers:

Elizabeth Carver, LSW, MSW, Phoenix School Counseling
Shepard Harris, Fredrikson Government Relations
Carmen Grace Poppert, Director of Academics and Elementary, Risen Christ School
Kyle Rickbeil, Principal, St. Joseph's Catholic School

Kate Lynne Snyder, Education Minnesota
Dr. Michelle Kramer, Director of Schools, Diocese of New Ulm (Remote)
Andrew Hilliker, President, Stella Maris Academy (Remote)

Chair Kresha laid over HF984 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill or further consideration at a later date.

HF921 (KRESHA) – AID AND LEVY ADJUSTMENTS WHEN A TAX INCREMENT FINANCE EXCESS IS RECEIVED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Chair Kresha moved that HF921 be placed on the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF922 (KRESHA) - AID AND LEVY AMOUNTS FOR COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS CLARIFIED.

Chair Kresha moved that HF922 be re-referred to the Taxes Committee. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Presentation and Discussion of Dual Enrollment Programs.

Presenters:

Tim Strom, Research Analyst, House Research Department
Kurt Stumpf, Superintendent, Pequot Lakes School District
Aaron Nelson, Principal, Pequot Lakes High School

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46PM.



Representative Ron Kresha, Chair



Jynell Boulka, Committee Legislative Assistant