

Education Finance Committee

MINUTES

Representative Bakeberg, Vice Chair of the Education Finance Committee, began the meeting at 1:00PM, on March 18, 2025, in Room 120 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

YOUAKIM, Cheryl, DFL 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

Members excused:

KRESHA, Ron, GOP Chair

Representative Bennett moved the minutes of March 13, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF630 (MUELLER) - SHORT-CALL SUBSTITUTE TEACHER PILOT PROGRAM EXTENDED

Representative Mueller moved the bill before the committee.

Representative Mueller presented on HF630.

Testifiers:

Lee Westrum, Superintendent, Wadena-Deer Creek Public Schools
Kristin Dehmer, Assistant Superintendent, Moorhead Public Schools (Remote)
Patrick Walsh, Superintendent, Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa Public Schools (Remote)

Vice Chair Bakeberg laid over HF630 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill or further consideration at a later date.

HF1607 (CLARDY) - HOURS OF INSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS MODIFIED

Vice Chair Clardy moved the bill before the committee.

Vice Chair Clardy presented on HF1607.

Testifiers:

Dr. Aqueelah Roberson, Policy Director, Education Evolving

Sharell, High School Student

Keith, High School Student

Julian Spencer, Founder, Good Trouble Initiative

Vice Chair Bakeberg laid over HF1607 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill or further consideration at a later date.

Chair Youakim assumed the gavel at 1:36PM.

HF1435 (BAKEBERG) - EDUCATION INNOVATION PROVIDED AND P-TECH APPROVAL PROCESS MODIFIED

Vice Chair Bakeberg moved the bill before the committee.

Vice Chair Bakeberg presented on HF1435.

Testifiers:


Dr. Aqueelah Roberson, Policy Director, Education Evolving

Kate Lynne Snyder, Education Minnesota

Megan Arriola, Legislative Policy Manager, Minnesota Department of Education

Chair Youakim laid over HF1435 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill or further consideration at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26PM.


Representative Ben Bakeberg, Vice Chair


Jynell Boulka, Committee Legislative Assistant