

STATE OF MINNESOTA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE

TWENTY NINTH MEETING
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Cheryl Youakim, Chair of the Committee on Education Finance, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on April 9th, 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
DIPEL, Tom
GANDER, Steve
GORDON, Jimmy
GREENE, Julie
JOHNSON, Pete
LEE, Liz
KNUDSEN, Krista
LAWRENCE, Bryan
MUELLER, Patricia
QUAM, Duane
REHM, Lucy
REHRAUER, Kari
RYMER, Max
SENCER-MURA, Samantha
VIRNIG, Bianca

Members Excused:

HILL, Josiah
PEREZ-VEGA, Maria Isa

A quorum was present.

HF3119 (Sencer-Mura); Minimum compensation for teachers and certain other school staff established, aid programs to support teacher base compensation and unlicensed staff wage requirements established, and report required.

Representative Sencer-Mura moved that HF3119 be laid over for further consideration.

Representative Sencer-Mura moved the A3 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Testimony on HF3119 as amended:

- Ninive Calegari, CEO, Teacher Salary Project
- Dr. Yelena Bailey, Executive Director, Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board
- Aaron Rosenthal, Research Director, North Star Policy Action
- Sarah Burt, Lobbyist, Education Minnesota
- John Wohlhafter, Teaching and Learning Specialist, Anoka Hennepin School District
- Brianna Lawrence, 7-12 Grade School Counselor, Waseca Public Schools
- Mikisha Nation, Executive Director, Teach for America – Twin Cities
- Nellie McLean Browne, Elementary Teacher, Sullivan Community School, Minneapolis Public Schools

Vice Chair Clardy assumed the gavel at 1:47 pm.

Chair Youakim reassumed the gavel at 1:50 pm

Continued testimony on HF3119 as amended:

- Kevin Elton, Student Success Coach and Middle and High School Math Teacher, Sibley East Public Schools
- Dr. Aqueelah Roberson, EdD, Policy Director, Education Evolving
- Lori Goth, Special Education Paraprofessional, St. Michael Albertville School District
- Kristen Scott, Special Education Assistant, ISD728, AFSCME Council 65 Member Local 3331
- Brian McCarthy, Social Studies Teacher, Two Rivers High School, West Saint Paul Public Schools

Chair Youakim renewed the motion that HF3119 as amended be laid over for further consideration. The bill was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 pm.


Representative Cheryl Youakim, Chair


Isabel Anderson, Committee Legislative Assistant