

Education Finance Committee

MINUTES

Representative Kresha, Chair of the Education Finance Committee, began the meeting at 1:00PM, on February 11, 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
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 (remote)
VIRNIG, Bianca

Non-Voting Member Present:

YOUAKIM, Cheryl, Lead

Chair Kresha, Committee Members and Staff provided introductions.

Chair Kresha reviewed the Committee Rules and Procedures.

The Minnesota Department of Education presented Governor Walz's Education Budget Recommendations:

Willie Jett, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Education
Adosh Unni, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Department of Education
Cathy Erickson, Director of School Finance, Minnesota Department of Education

Testifiers:

Matt Shaver, EdAllies
Kate Lynne Snyder, Education Minnesota
Scott Croonquist, Association of Metropolitan School Districts, Minnesota Association of School Administrators, and Minnesota School Board Association
Heidi Nistler, Minnesota Administrators for Special Education
Meg Forgette, Associate Director of Educational Quality & Excellence, Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis
Tricia Menzhuber, Principal, John Paul II Catholic School
Quentin Moore, Vice President of Advancement, Ascension Catholic Academy

Bonnie Jungels, Principal, Notre Dame Academy
Tim Benze, President, MINNDEPENDENT
Dan Beckering, Head of Schools, Southwest Christian High School, Chaska
Ann Weiss, Executive Director, MN Association of Independent Schools

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45PM.



Representative Ron Kresha, Chair



Jynell Boulka, Committee Legislative Assistant