

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIRST MEETING  
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

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.



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Representative Ron Kresha, Chair



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Jynell Boulka, Committee Legislative Assistant