

EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Peggy Bennett, of the Education Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM, on February 24, 2026, in Room G23 of the State Capitol Building. A quorum was present

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

BENNETT, Peggy, Republican Chair
JORDAN, Sydney, DFL Chair
MUELLER, Patricia, Republican Vice Chair
HILL, Josiah, DFL Vice Chair
BIERMAN, Robert
DIPPEL, Tom
FALCONER, Alex
FOGELMAN, Marj
GORDON, Jimmy
GOTTFRIED, David
GREENE, Julie
KEELER, Heather
LAWRENCE, Bryan
ROACH, Drew

Vice-Chair Mueller moved the minutes of February 18, 2026, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Vice-Chair Mueller assumed the gavel at 3:03PM.

HF3489 (Bennett) Field Trip policy established, reporting to licensing boards required, and criminal offense of grooming established.

Chair Bennett moved the HF 3489 be re-referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy.

Chair Bennett moved the HF3489A1 amendment. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Bennett presented on HF3489 as amended.

Testifiers:

Hannah LoPresto, Victim Advocate
Chad Clausen, Detective, Eagan Police Department
Deb Corhouse, Attorney, Education Minnesota

Chair Bennett renewed the motion that HF3489, as amended, be re-referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Bennett assumed the gavel at 3:22PM.

The Minnesota Department of Education presented proposed Statewide Health Standards and Implementation of Social Studies Standards and Ethnic Studies Course Offering.

Presenters:

Bobby Burnham, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Teaching and Learning
Adosh Unni, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Department of Education

Testifiers:

Micheal McCarthy, Member, Fixing Stillwater Schools
Katherine Kersten, Senior Policy Fellow, American Experiment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14PM.


Representative Peggy Bennett, Chair


Morgan Maiden, Committee Legislative Assistant