

STATE OF MINNESOTA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE

TWENTY FIRST 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 February 26, 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
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

A quorum was present.

Representative Mueller moved that the minutes of February 24, 2026 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Presentation from the Minnesota Department of Education on the Calculation of Average Daily Membership and Compensatory Aid

- Cathy Erickson, Director of School Finance, Minnesota Department of Education IV.
- Angela Mansfield, Assistant Commissioner

Presentation from Attendance Pilot Project Participants

- Morgan McDowell, MSW, LICSW, Teacher on Special Assignment, MTSS, ISD #191
- Amy Piotrowski, Ed.S., Director of Special Education, ISD #191

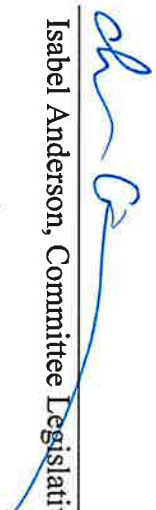
Presentations on Attendance Issues and Student Mental Health

- Kathy Schulz, LSN, Health Service Coordinator, Anoka-Hennepin School District
- Molly S. Forrest, Licensed School Nurse, Intermediate School District 287
- Clinton Ferguson, Minneapolis Public Schools, Washburn High School, School Counselor, MN School Counselors Association
- Hilary Horob, Social Worker, Rochester Public Schools
- Dr. Anna Li, School Psychologist

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.



Representative Cheryl Youakim, Chair



Isabel Anderson, Committee Legislative Assistant