

Education Finance Committee

MINUTES

Representative Kresha, Chair of the Education Finance Committee, began the meeting at 1:00PM, on March 10, 2026, in Room 120 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

KRESHA, Ron, GOP Chair
YOUAKIM, Cheryl, DFL 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

Representative Lawrence moved the minutes of March 5, 2026, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Invest in Education presented on a Federal Tax Credit for Scholarship Granting Organizations: Anne Lesser, President and CEO, Invest in Education Foundation

HF3490 (MYERS) SCHOLARSHIP-GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS AUTHORIZED.

Chair Kresha moved HF3490 before the committee.

Chair Kresha moved the H3490A1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Chair Kresha moved the H3490A4 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Representative Myers presented on HF3490, as amended.

Testifiers:

Kelly Gibbons, Executive Director, SEIU Local 284
Sarah Baron, Teacher, Minnetonka High School
Jennifer Lipsky, Teacher, Minnetonka Schools and President of Minnetonka Teachers Union
Adosh Unni, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Department of Education
Ricky Austin, President, AIM Higher Foundation
Catrin Wigfall, Policy Fellow, Center of the American Experiment

Dan Beckering, Head of school, Southwest Christian High School
Lee McGrath, Opportunities for All Kids Board Member

Chair Kresha laid over HF3490, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill or further consideration at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44PM.

Representative Ron Kresha, Chair

Jynell Boulka, Committee Legislative Assistant