

Education Finance Committee

MINUTES

Representative Bakeberg, Vice Chair of the Education Finance Committee, began the meeting at 1:01PM, on March 3, 2026, in Room 120 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

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
QUAM, Duane
REHM, Lucy
REHRAUER, Kari
SENCER-MURA, Samantha
VIRNIG, Bianca

Excused:

KRESHA, Ron, GOP Chair
PEREZ-VEGA, Maria Isa
RYMER, Max

Representative Bennett moved the minutes of February 26, 2026, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The House Fiscal Analysis Department presented an overview of the Minnesota Department of Education agency funding:

Solveig Beckel, Fiscal Analyst, Fiscal Analysis Department

The Minnesota Department of Education presented an Organizational and Funding Overview.

Willie Jett, Commissioner

Maren Hulden, Deputy Commissioner

Dr. Macarre Traynham, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Equity & Engagement

Daron Korte, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Student Support Services

Bobbie Burnham, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Teaching and Learning

Angela Mansfield, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Educational Opportunity

Patty Hand, Chief Operating Officer

Sean Fahnhorst, Director of Agency Finance

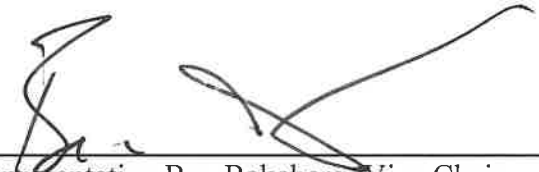
The Perpich Center for Arts Education presented Program Activities and a Funding Overview.

Allegra Smisek, Executive Director

John Toop, Financial Director

Betsy Anderson, Communications Director

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46PM.



Representative Ben Bakeberg, Vice Chair



Jynell Boulka, Committee Legislative Assistant