

EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Representative Sydney Jordan, Chair of the Committee on Education Policy, called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM on, Wednesday, February 18, 2026, in Room G23 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

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

A quorum was present.

Vice-Chair Hill moved that the minutes from April 2, 2025, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

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

HF3435 (Jordan) Access to school sites limited.

Chair Jordan moved that HF 3435 be re-referred to the General Register.

Chair Jordan moved the DE1 amendment to HF 3435. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Jordan presented HF 3435 as amended.

Testifying:

- Christoph Dundas, Band Teacher, Austin Public Schools
- Josh Hermerding, Lucy Laney Elementary, Minneapolis Public Schools
- David Aron, General Counsel, Education Minnesota
- Tammy Knapper, Wilmar Public Schools, virtual
- Alex Samuelson, Educator, St. Paul Federation of Teachers
- Jasmine Clark, Educator, St. Paul Federation of Teachers
- Hlies Scully, Educator, St. Paul Federation of Teachers
- Lucia Cook, Educator, St. Paul Federation of Teachers
- Emily Uecker, Educator, St. Paul Federation of Teachers
- Keri Donlon, Educator, St. Paul Federation of Teachers
- Adela Holguin, Educator, St. Paul Federation of Teachers
- Anthony Jensen, Educator, St. Paul Federation of Teachers
- Michou Fotso Tchoffo, Educator, St. Paul Federation of Teachers
- Samia, Student, Minnesota
- Elsa, Student, Minnesota
- Chris Stinson, Policy Director, Service Employees International Union Local 284
- Zurisaddai Alfonso, Community Defense Legal Assistant, Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota
- John Fanning, Director, Education Partnerships Coalition

- John Boehler, Policy Counsel, American Civil Liberties Union

Chair Bennet moved the DE2 amendment to HF 3435 as amended.

Chair Bennett presented the DE2 amendment to HF 3435 as amended.

Chair Bennett requested a roll call.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

AYES

BENNETT, Peggy
MUELLER, Patricia
DIPPEL, Tom
FOGELMAN, Marj
GORDON, Jimmy
LAWRENCE, Bryan
ROACH, Drew

NAYS

JORDAN, Sydney
HILL, Josiah
BIERMAN, Robert
FALCONER, Alex
GOTTFRIED, David
GREENE, Julie
KEELER, Heather

There being 7 AYES and 7 NAYS, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Chair Jordan requested a roll call.

Chair Jordan renewed her motion that HF 3435, as amended, be re-referred to the General Register.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

AYES

JORDAN, Sydney
HILL, Josiah
BIERMAN, Robert
FALCONER, Alex
GOTTFRIED, David
GREENE, Julie
KEELER, Heather

NAYS

BENNETT, Peggy
MUELLER, Patricia
DIPPEL, Tom
FOGELMAN, Marj
GORDON, Jimmy
LAWRENCE, Bryan
ROACH, Drew

There being 7 AYES and 7 NAYS, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Chair Jordan assumed the gavel at 4:30 PM.

HF 3409 (Sencer-Mura) Denial of an education based on immigration status prohibited.

Chair Jordan moved that HF 3409 be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.

Chair Jordan moved the A1 amendment to HF 3409. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Sencer-Mura presented HF 3409 as amended.

Testifying:

- Ari, Student, Saint Paul Public Schools
- Khulia Pringle, Executive Director, STAND UP Minnesota Parents United
- Mustafa Diriyeh, Executive Director, Anwar Institute
- Dr. Steve Unowsky, Superintendent, Richfield Public Schools
- Kyle, Student, Minnesota
- Samia, Student, Minnesota
- Dulce, Student, Minneapolis Public Schools

Chair Jordan laid over HF 3409 as amended.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 PM.



Representative Sydney Jordan, Chair



Chloe Keller, Committee Legislative Assistant