

EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Bennett, Chair of the Education Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM, on March 10, 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

Representative Mueller moved the minutes of March 4, 2026, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

READ Act Implementation Presentation and Discussion.

Presenters:

Bobbie Burnham, Assistant Commissioner of Teaching and Learning, Minnesota Department of Education  
Dr. Yelena Baily, Executive Director, Professional Educator Licensing Standards Board  
Dr. Lucy Payne, Board Chair, Professional Educator Licensing Standards Board  
Erin Doan, Director of Education Preparation and Pathways, Professional Educator Licensing Standards Board  
Amy LaDue, Associate Superintendent, Minnetonka Public Schools  
Alyssa Rutherford, Literacy Coordinator, Minnetonka Public Schools  
Kimberly Smith, Literacy Lead, Hopkins Public Schools  
Chris Streiff Oji, School Board Member, White Bear Lake School Board

**HF3421 (Clardy) Early literacy field experience required for teacher candidates providing early literacy instruction, rulemaking required, and money appropriated.**

Chair Jordan moved the H3421A2 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifiers:

Dr. Aqueelah Roberson, Policy Director, Education Evolving  
Erin Gillett, Professor, Minnesota State Moorhead  
Isaac Martin, Early Education Major Student, Minnesota State Moorhead

Chair Bennett laid over HF3421, as amended for further consideration at a later date.

Evidenced-Based Math Presentation and Discussion.

Presenters:

Patrick Lyons, Senior Policy Specialist, National Conference of State Legislatures  
Julia Quanard, CEO, ServeMinnesota.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49PM.



Representative Peggy Bennett, Chair



Morgan Maiden, Committee Legislative Assistant