

Education Finance Committee

MINUTES

Representative Kresha, Chair of the Education Finance Committee, began the meeting at 1:00PM, on February 27, 2025, in Room 120 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

KRESHA, Ron, Chair
BAKEBERG, Ben, Vice Chair
ALTENDORF, Pam
BAHNER, Kristin
BENNETT, Peggy
CLARDY, Mary Frances
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

Non-Voting Member Present:

YOUAKIM, Cheryl, Lead

Representative Clardy moved the minutes of February 25, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Representative Bakeberg assumed the gavel at 1:02PM.

HF29 (KRESHA) - SOCIAL STUDIES STANDARDS ADOPTION SUSPENDED AND REVIEW CYCLE MODIFIED, ETHNIC STUDIES REQUIREMENTS REPEALED, AND ETHNIC STUDIES APPROPRIATIONS CANCELLED.

Representative moved HF29 before the committee.

Representative Kresha presented on HF29.

Presenters:

Katherine Kersten, Senior Policy Advisor, Center for the American Experiment
Kofi Montzka, Coalition for Empowered Education
DeEtta Moos, Public School Board Member

Public Testifiers:

Tim Biocic, Social Studies Teacher
Jim Grathwol, St. Paul Public Schools and Minneapolis Public Schools
Zong Vue, Educator

Alex Hoselton, Education Minnesota
Dominic, High School Student
Mira, High School Student
Sydney, High School Student
Elena, High School Student
Marcus Penny, Education Evolving
Agustina, High School Student
Liam, High School Student
Kaia, High School Student
Aditi, High School Student
Kristine, High School Student
Isabel, High School Student
Joyel, High School Student
Adonai, High School Student
Rozali, High School Student
Alexa, High School Student
Sara Bertschinger
Jack Baribeau, University of Minnesota Student
Kaye Thompson Peters, Retired Teacher of St. Paul Schools
Adosh Unni, Minnesota Department of Education
Estrella, High School Student

Representative Sencer Mura moved that HF29 be laid on the table and requested a roll call.

The results are as follows:

AYES

BAHNER
CLARDY
GREENE
HILL
JOHNSON
LEE
REHM
REHRAUER
SENCER-MURA
VIRNIG

NAYS

KRESHA
BAKEBERG
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RYMER

On a vote of 10 AYES and 12 NAYS, **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.**

Vice Chair Bakeberg laid over HF29 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill or further consideration at a later date. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45PM.



Representative Ron Kresha, Chair



Jynell Boulka, Committee Legislative Assistant