

Education Finance and Policy Committee  
Wednesday, February 9, 2022  
3:00 PMLivestream YouTube

## Minutes

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**Present:** Senator Roger C. Chamberlain - Chair, Senator Justin D. Eichorn Vice Chair, Senator Julia E. Coleman, Senator Steve Cwodzinski, Senator Zach Duckworth, Senator Jason Isaacson, Senator Mary K. Kunesh, Senator Charles W. Wiger

**Absent:** Senator Scott J. Newman

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Senator Roger C. Chamberlain called the meeting to order at 3:06

An informational hearing on LETRS and literacy. This hybrid committee hearing will be held in-person with remote participation available for members and others. The hearing may be viewed remotely at [https://www.senate.mn/media/media\\_coming\\_up.html](https://www.senate.mn/media/media_coming_up.html). Please note there is greatly reduced room capacity for viewing the hearing in-person, pursuant to the Senate COVID-19 Preparedness Plan.

Senator Chamberlain called the committee to order.

### Presenters:

Betty Hjelseth, Senate Legislative Analyst, presented MCA's scores and the impact of covid on education outcomes.

LETRS and Literacy presentations: Dr. Amy Schulting, MDE Specialist presented MDE roll-out of LETRS grants.

Khulia Pringle, Sara Spafford Freeman, and David Weingartner, MPS Academics Advocacy.

Jessica Town-Gunderson, Director of Teaching & Learning for Princeton Public Schools.

Lisa Silsmer, Ed.D., Literacy Specialist, LETRS Certified Trainer and Literacy Coach Brooklyn Park School.

Dr. Carrie Pfeifer, Professor of Education, Bethany Lutheran College.

Susan Thompson and Dr. David Parker of Reading Corps.

DDMn, Rachel Berger, Director Decoding Dyslexia MN.

Senator Chamberlain offered concluding remarks and summarized, thanking the presenters. Discussion only. The meeting was adjourned at 4:44