

Education Finance Committee  
Tuesday, February 14, 2023  
8:30 AM Livestream YouTube

### Minutes

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**Present:** Senator Mary K. Kunesh - Chair, Senator Heather Gustafson - Vice Chair, Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski, Senator Robert D. Farnsworth, Senator Michael E. Kreun, Senator Eric Lucero, Senator Erin K. Maye Quade, Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten, Senator Jason Rarick, Senator Bonnie S. Westlin

**Absent:** No Members Absent

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Senator Mary K. Kunesh called the meeting to order at 8:39 am

**S.F. 619:** Senator Kunesh: Teachers of Color Act modification and appropriation.

Senator Gustafson assumed the role as Chair

#### Testifiers: Testifiers

Hannah Putnam, National Council on Teacher Quality (remote)

Alfrieda Baldwin, Chair of the board of TakeCharge MN (in-person) Youth Past Testifiers Video

Dr. Theresa Battle, Superintendent, Burnsville District 191 (in-person)

Sarah Lancaster, 1st Grade Teacher, Onamia School District, and 2022 MN Teacher of the Year Mariah Valenzuela, Student at South H.S., Minneapolis (remote)

Angelica Torralba-Olague, Teacher, South H.S., Minneapolis Public Schools (remote)

Darla Warren, Teacher, Mahnomon High School; Teacher Candidate, Bemidji State (remote)

Vincent Thomas Teacher Candidate, Metro State University (remote)

Violeta Hernández Espinosa, Coordinator of Equity and Inclusion, Independent School District 196 Laura Mogelson-MN, Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (in-person)

Sariyah Crawford, Senior at Duluth Denfeld High School (remote)

Dr. Gabriela Theis, 4th grade teacher at Lowell Elementary, Duluth (remote)

Paula Cole, Educators for Excellence (remote)

Paul Spies PhD, Legislative Action Team Lead, Coalition to Increase Teachers of Color and American Indian Teachers in MN (in-person)

Senator Farnsworth presents the a-8 amendment and requests a roll call.

Senator Cwodzinski no

Senator Farnsworth yes

Senator Gustafson no

Senator Kreun yes

Senator Lucero yes

Senator Maye Quade no

Senator Oumou Verbeten no

Senator Rarick yes

Senator Westlin no

Senator Kunesh no

Senator Kunesh moved that S.F. 619, be laid over and maybe considered for omnibus bill.

- MOTION PREVAILED.

**Senator Kunesh reassumed role as Chair**

**S.F. 865: Senator Westlin: Minnesota Council on Economic Education ongoing grants authorization and appropriation.**

**Not heard**

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Kunesh".

Senator Mary Kunesh, Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sami Rajab".

Sami Rajab, Legislative Assistant

