



# Minnesota Education Finance Committee

Wednesday, March 15th, 2023

6:00 p.m.

Room 1150

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## **Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. S.F. 2399 Wiklund Department of Children, Youth, and Families establishment; children's cabinet modification; appropriating money
  - i. Testifiers
    1. Erin Bailey, MMB Assistant Commissioner and Children's Cabinet Executive Director
    2. Bobbie Burnham, MDE Assistant Commissioner
3. S.F. 2147 Oumou Verbeten Sanneh Foundation appropriation
  - i. Testifiers
    1. Ellen Shulman, Chief of Staff and Vice President of Learning, Sanneh Foundation (in-person)
    2. Kandace Logan, Executive VP and Executive Director of Dreamline (in-person)
4. S.F. 1415 Cwodzinski Junior Achievement North grant appropriation for expansion of its student financial literacy activities
  - i. Testifiers
    1. Sara Dziuk – President & CEO of Junior Achievement North (in-person)
    2. Dylan Nguyen, 5<sup>th</sup> grade student at Westview Elementary School (in-person)
    3. Addie Dziuk – 5<sup>th</sup> grade student at Westview Elementary School (in-person)
5. S.F. 2722 Champion Girls in Action programming grant appropriation
  - i. Testifiers
    1. Dr. Verna Cornelia Price - Founder/President of Girls Taking Action (in-person)
    2. Alexis Martin - Girls Taking Action Alum (in-person)
    3. Ami Diagne - Girls Taking Action Current Student - Twin Cities Academy - 10th Grade (in-person)
    4. Nima Hussein - Girls Taking Action Current Student - Hidden River Middle School (Formerly Ramsey Middle) - 8th Grade (in-person)

## 6. Adjournment

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