

# Minnesota State Senate

Education Policy Committee  
Wednesday, March 12, 2025  
12:30 PM, 1200 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

## Minutes

**Present:** Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski - **Chair**, Senator Erin K. Maye Quade - **Vice Chair**, Senator Julia E. Coleman - **Ranking Minority Member**, Senator Jim Abeler, Senator Liz Boldon, Senator Zach Duckworth, Senator Grant Hauschild, Senator Mary K. Kunesh, Senator Alice Mann, Senator Jeremy R. Miller, Senator Nathan Wesenberg

**Absent:** No Members Absent

Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski called the meeting to order at 12:38 p.m. Senator Cwodzinski passed the gavel to Vice Chair Maye Quade at 12:44 p.m.

### Call to Order

**S.F. 1336: Senator Cwodzinski: School year beginning before Labor Day for certain school years authorization.**

Senator Cwodzinski moved to adopt A2 amendment on S.F. 1336, voice vote, amendment adopted.

Testifiers:  
Colin Cox, St. Louis Park School Board Member  
Mandy Fletcher, Superintendent at Blue Earth Area Schools (virtual)  
Kristi Peterson, Board Vice Chair at Shakopee Public Schools  
Joel Carlson, Community of Minnesota Resorts  
Joanna Wallenberg, Community of Minnesota Resorts

Be laid over.

**S.F. 1311: Senator Cwodzinski: Charter schools and charter school authorizers requirement to publish financial information.**

Senator Cwodzinski moved to adopt A2 amendment on S.F. 1311, voice vote, amendment adopted.

Testifiers:  
Joey Cienian, Executive Director of MN Association of Charter Schools  
Beth Topoluk, Executive Director at Friends of Education  
Wendy Swanson Choi, Executive Director Novation Education Opportunities  
Haben Ghebregergish, Board Member of Innovative Quality Solutions  
Brett Wedlund, Executive Director at Nova Classical Academy  
Sabrina Williams, Executive Director and Founder of Excell Academy  
Jason Ulbrich, Executive Director at Eagle Ridge Academy (Virtual)  
Kate Hinton, Executive Director at Math and Science Academy Joan Arbisi Little, Director of Special Projects at Career Pathways (Virtual)  
Kyle Parsons, Vice President of Community Engagement at Great Minnesota Schools

Matt Shaver, Ed Allies

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 p.m.



Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski, Chair



Eileen Otto, Legislative Assistant