Minnesota State Senate

Education Finance Committee
Tuesday, January 21, 2025
8:30 AM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

<u>Present</u>: Senator Mary K. Kunesh - Chair, Senator Jason Rarick - Chair, Senator Robert D. Farnsworth - Vice Chair, Senator Heather Gustafson - Vice Chair, Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski, Senator Karin Housley, Senator Michael E. Kreun, Senator Andrew R. Lang, Senator Eric Lucero, Senator Erin K. Maye Quade, Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten, Senator Bonnie S. Westlin

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Mary Kunesh called the meeting to order at 8:32 am

Call to Order

Opening Remarks from Co-Chair Kunesh

Opening Remarks from Co-Chair Rarick

Committee Introductions

Looking at the Future of Minnesota's Student Population - Presentation from Susan Brower, Minnesota State Demographer.

The following individuals presented on Looking at the Future of Minnesota's Student Population: Susan Brower, Minnesota State Demographer

November Forecast Presentation - Presentation from Jenna Hofer, Senate Fiscal Analyst.

The following individuals presented on the November Forecast: Jenna Hofer, Senate Fiscal Analyst

Special Education Forecast Presentation - Presentation from Cathy Erickson, Director of School Finance, Minnesota Department of Education.

The following individuals testified on the Special Education Forecast:

Cathy Erickson, Director of School Finance, Minnesota Department of Education

Adosh Unni, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Department of Education

Paul Ferrin, Supervisor of Special Education Funding and Data, Minnesota Department of Education

Senator Mary K. Kunesh Chair

Tessa Geager
Tessa Yeager, Legislative Assistant