

Minnesota State Senate

Education Finance Committee
Wednesday, March 12, 2025
8:30 AM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Mary K. Kunesh - **Chair**, Senator Heather Gustafson - **Vice Chair**, Senator Jason Rarick - **Ranking Minority Member**, Senator Doron Clark, Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski, Senator Robert D. Farnsworth, Senator Karin Housley, Senator Andrew R. Lang, Senator Eric Lucero, Senator Erin K. Maye Quade, Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten, Senator Bonnie S. Westlin

Absent: Senator Michael E. Kreun

Senator Erin K. Maye Quade called the meeting to order at 8:35 am. Senator Mary K. Kunesh took the gavel at 8:47 am. Senator Doron Clark took the gavel at 10:10 am.

Call to Order

S.F. 1323: Senator Gustafson: Mission modification of the Minnesota math corps program.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1323:
Jodi Fanth, Principal, Barnhum High School
Dr. Pete Nelson, Principal Research Scientist, Slate Evaluation

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1275: Senator Boldon: Extended time revenue linked to increases in the general education basic formula allowance provision and appropriation.

Senator Westlin moved the A-1 amendment - motion prevailed.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1275:
Amy Eiches, Executive Director of Community Education, Rochester Public Schools (remote)
Michelle Baland, Principal, Mahtomedi Academy, Northeast Metro 916
Kari Denissen Cunnien, Executive Director, Ignite Afterschool

As amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1457: Senator Westlin: Cardiac emergency response plans requirement and appropriation.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1457:
Katie Hawke, Mother of Keegan Hawke
Keegan Hawke, Stillwater High School Student and Sudden Cardiac Arrest Survivor
Dale Wakasugi, Sudden Cardiac Arrest Survivor and American Heart Association Advocate
Roger Aronson, MSBA, AMSD, Principals Association, MSHSL
Norm and Kim Okerstrom, Minnesota Sudden Cardiac Arrest Coalition

Tiffany Olson, Director of Communications & Strategic Development, Shakopee Public Schools
Tracy Courneya, Health Services Supervisor, Shakopee Public Schools
Ronni Beatty-Kollasch, MN Athletic Trainers Association

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1462: Senator Kunesh: Grant programs transferal from the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board to the Department of Education.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1462:

Dr. Yelena Bailey, Executive Director, Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board

Angela Osuji, Chair, Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (Remote)

Dr. Aqueelah Roberson, Policy Director, Education Evolving

Samira Abdurahman, Multilingual Learner Teacher, Willow Creek Middle School (Remote)

Ehtalow Zar, Mathematics Teacher, Johnson Senior High School

Eh Paw Wah Shwe, 10th grade student, Central Senior High School

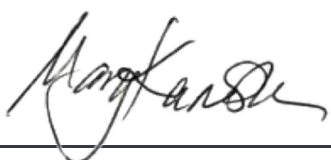
Ler Kler Moo, 9th grade student, Johnson Senior High School

Loral Webster, English Teacher, Dawson-Boyd High School (Remote)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 am



Senator Mary K. Kunesh, Chair



Tessa Yeager, Legislative Assistant