

# Minnesota State Senate

Education Finance Committee  
Tuesday, March 25, 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 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 K. Kunesh called the meeting to order at 8:37 am, Senator Doron Clark took the gavel at 8:40 am. Senator Mary K. Kunesh took the gavel at 9:23 am. Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten took the gavel at 9:45 am.

### Call to Order

**S.F. 2502: Senator Maye Quade: Metro Deaf School appropriation.**

Senator Kunesh presented the bill.

The following individuals testified on S.F.2502:  
Dr. Susan Outlaw, Executive Director, Metro Deaf School  
Sara Klarstrom, Parent, Metro Deaf School  
Berit (age 12), Older Sibling of Student, Metro Deaf School  
Nicky Hemann, Parent, Metro Deaf School  
Hayley Rydell, Parent, Metro Deaf School  
Jessica Rau, Parent, Metro Deaf School  
Chantell Johnson, Parent, Metro Deaf School  
Tiffany Gumm, Parent/Intern, Metro Deaf School  
Alicia Lane, Government Relations Director, Minnesota Commission for the Deaf, DeafBlind, & Hard of Hearing

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 1202: Senator Kunesh: School district aid calculation clarification provision and levy limitations upon return of excess tax increment or decertification of a tax increment district.**

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 1679: Senator Rarick: School districts cooperation and expense sharing to operate an ice rink authorization provision.**

The following individuals testified on S.F.1679:

Dr. Michael Cary, Superintendent, Cloquet Public Schools (Remote)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 2713: Senator Clark: School board renewal of an expiring referendum requirements clarification provision.**

Senator Clark moved the A-2 amendment - motion prevailed.

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

**S.F. 2250: Senator Maye Quade: Hours of educational instruction modification.**

The following individuals testified on S.F.2250:

Patrick Walsh, Superintendent, BBE Schools (Remote)

Dr. Renee Corneille, Superintendent, St. Anthony New Brighton Schools

Dr. Lucy Payne, Parent, EngageMN

Sharell Edwards, Exploration High School

Julian Spencer, Good Trouble

Jeff Pawlicki, Principal, Shakopee High School (Remote)

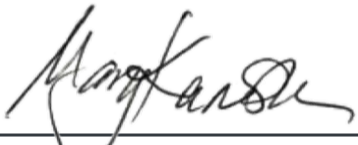
Dr. Aqueelah Roberson, Policy Director, Education Evolving

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**Adjourn**

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**The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 am.**



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**Senator Mary K. Kunesh, Chair**



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**Tessa Yeager, Legislative Assistant**