



Student Attendance and Truancy Legislative Study Group

Monday, November 18, 2024
2:30 PM
Room G-3, State Capitol
<https://www.lcc.mn.gov/satlsq/>

Members Present:

Representative Heather Keeler, Chair
Representative Ben Bakeberg
Representative Bryan Lawrence
Representative Bianca Virnig

Senator Mary Kunesh, Vice Chair
Senator Steve Cwodzinski
Senator Robert Farnsworth
Senator Michael Kreun

Meeting Minutes

Rep. Keeler called the meeting of the Student Attendance and Truancy Legislative Study Group to order at 2:32 PM. A quorum was present.

Approval of October 21, 2024, Minutes

Rep. Lawrence moved to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2024, meeting of the Student Attendance and Truancy Legislative Study Group. A vote was taken. The motion prevailed and the minutes were approved.

Staff Overview of Preliminary Report Recommendations

The Study Group heard an overview of the recommendations in the preliminary report from Nick Nigro, LCC Research Analyst.

Public Testimony on Preliminary Report Recommendations

The Study Group heard testimony from members of the public about the recommendations in its preliminary report:

- Michelle Bryant, School Social Worker at Susan Lindgren Elementary School (St. Louis Park)
- Matt Shaver, Policy Director at EdAllies
- Claire Eckley, Pacer Coalition
- Cathy Manning, Pacer Coalition
- Priscilla Mayowa, Director at Minnesota Youth Council

- Ashley Hightower, Community Engagement and Strategy Manager at Hennepin County Attorney's Office Be@School Program
- Terry Morrow, General Counsel at Minnesota School Boards Association and Nicollet County Commissioner
- Roger Aronson, Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals and Minnesota Elementary School Principals Association
- Jessica Heiser, youth Services/Education Team Leader at Minnesota Disability Law Center, Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid
- Rick Heller, Twice Exceptional Advocate

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:16 PM.