



West Virginia House of Delegates

Committee on Education

Minutes for February 13, 2025, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the House Committee on Education met on February 13, 2025, 1:00 PM in Room Education Committee Room.

Members present: Delegates Barnhart, Campbell, T. Clark, Coop-Gonzalez, Crouse, Dittman, Garcia, Hamilton, Hornby, Jennings, Kimble, Mallow, Miller, Pritt, Pushkin, Shamblin, Statler, Stephens, Toney, Vance, Ward, White, Willis, and Ellington

Members absent: Delegate Chiarelli

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Delegate Statler, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Chairman Ellington recognized State Treasurer Larry Pack to present an overview of the HOPE Scholarship. Treasurer Pack was sworn in and preceded with his presentation. Following the presentation the floor was open for questions from members of the Committee. During this time James Fuerhoff, Legislative Liaison, West Virginia State Treasurer's Office was sworn in to help answer questions.

Upon completion of questions and with no other business to come before the Committee on motion of Delegate Statler the committee adjourned.

Delegate Stephens asked that the minutes reflect that following the meeting he sought clarification on his question of Hope Scholarship funds used for travel sports, specifically for things such as tournament fees, and the rules of scholarship do not allow such use. Delegate Stephens requested that staff reach out and have the Treasurer's Office look at that rule and make sure all participants are abiding by this rule.

Joe Ellington

Chairman

Melinda R. Swagger

Committee Clerk