



West Virginia House of Delegates

Standing Committee on Education

Minutes for March 10, 2025, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Standing Committee on Education met on March 10, 2025, 1:00 PM, in the House Education Committee Room 432-M.

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

Members absent: None.

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.

Next on the agenda was markup and passage. First item for consideration was Committee Substitute for HB2143. Chairman Ellington recognized Aaron Kidd, Committee Counsel, to explain the legislation. The floor was opened to questions of counsel from the committee. The Chairman then called on the Vice-Chair who moved to report the Committee Substitute to the full House for consideration. The motion carried.

Next Melissa White, Committee Counsel, was recognized to explain Committee Substitute for HB2513. Following her explanation the floor was open for questions from the committee. The Chairman then called on the Vice-Chair who moved to report the Committee Substitute to the full House for consideration. The motion carried.

Counsel White was then recognized to explain HB2516. Hearing no amendments or questions the Chairman then called on the Vice-Chair who moved to report the bill to the full House for consideration. The motion carried.

Next the Chairman recognized Morgan Miller, Committee Analyst, to explain HB2635. The floor was then opened for questions. The Chairman then called on the Vice-Chair who moved to report the Committee Substitute to the full House for consideration, but that it first be referred to the Committee on Finance. During discussion the committee discussed the possibility of having the second reference to Finance waived. The vote was called on the Vice Chairman's motion. The

motion carried. Then Delegate Jennings moved to request Finance to waive the second reference, and the motion carried.

Next Mr. Kidd was then recognized to explain Committee Substitute for HB2167. Following the explanation Mr. Kidd took questions from the committee. With no objection Sonya White, Deputy Superintendent of Schools took the podium to answer questions followed by Adam Kissel, Chairman of the West Virginia Professional Charter School Board. Vice Chairman Statler then moved to lay the bill over. The motion carried.

Next on the agenda were bills on the committee hearing stage. Delegate Statler was recognized to explain HB2355. Upon completion of his explanation Delegate Statler answered questions from the committee. Then Chairman then called for agencies and hearing none he asked for experts or members of the public who wished to give comment. Recognized to speak on the subject was David Price, Executive Director, WVSSAC. Mr. Price answered questions of the committee. Last to speak was Jay Cipoletti, John Adams Middle School Coach.

With the allotted time for committee being exhausted the last two bills for committee hearing were delayed till the next meeting.

With no other business to come before the committee, on Motion of Delegate Statler the committee adjourned.

Joe Ellington
Committee Chair

Melinda R. Swagger
Committee Clerk