



# West Virginia House of Delegates

## Subcommittee on Educational Choice

Minutes for January 29, 2026, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Subcommittee on Educational Choice met on January 29, 2026, 1:00 PM, in the House Education Committee Room 432-M.

Members present: Delegates Crouse, Hornby, Chiarelli, Kimble, Pritt, Pushkin, Shamblin, Statler, Stephens, White.

Members absent: None.

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

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

Chair Crouse turned meeting over to the Vice Chair to present HB4817, relating to modifying the Charter Schools Startup Fund. Following her presentation, Vice Chairman Hornby opened the meeting to questions from members.

Chair Crouse recognized Tom Franta, executive director, Mountaineer Charter School Alliance, to speak on the bill. Questions came from Delegates Stephens, Hornby, and Statler.

Chair Crouse recognized Barry Holstein, executive director, West Virginia Professional Charter School Board, to speak on the bill. Questions came from Delegates Stephens, Hornby, and Statler.

Chair Crouse recognized Dale Lee, WV Education Association, to speak on the bill. Questions came from Delegates Stephens and Hornby.

Chair Crouse recognized Tom Franta again to field a question from Delegate Pritt.

On Motion of Delegate Hornby the committee adjourned.

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Kathie Crouse

Committee Chair

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Sydney Womack

Subcommittee Clerk