



West Virginia Senate

Select Committee on School Choice

Minutes for February 04, 2026, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Select Committee on School Choice met on February 04, 2026, 1:00 PM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Rucker, Taylor, Azinger, Clements, Maynard, Roberts, Rose, Thorne, Woelfel

Members absent: None

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

On motion of Vice-Chair Taylor, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

SB63 Creating Sustaining Opportunities for Academics in Rural Schools Act was discussed.

Melissa Alder, Counsel, explained the bill.

On motion of Vice-Chair Taylor, the committee reported the bill to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

SB683 Removing certain requirements for private, parochial, or church schools was discussed.

Melissa Alder, Counsel, explained the bill and responded to questions.

On motion of Vice-Chair Taylor, the committee reported the bill to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Vice-Chair Taylor, the committee adjourned.



Patricia Puertas Rucker

Chair



Benjamin Mack

Clerk