



# West Virginia Senate

## Select Committee on School Choice

### Minutes for February 25, 2026, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Select Senate Committee on School Choice met on February 25, 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.

**SB644** Requiring Economic Development Authority participate in federal tax credit scholarship program was discussed.

Melissa Alder, Counsel, explained the bill and the purpose of the committee substitute.

The question being on agreeing to the language of the committee substitute, the same was put and prevailed.

On motion of Vice-Chair Taylor, the committee reported the committee substitute to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

**SB1017** Establishing Charter School Direct Loan Program and Charter School Credit Enhancement Program 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.

**SB966** Changing requirements for home school instruction was discussed.

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

Senator Clements moved to amend the bill by reinstating the language on Page 2, Lines 38-40, that was stricken.

The question being on the amendment, the same was put and rejected.

On motion of Chair Rucker, the committee reported the bill to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

**Originating Bill** was discussed.

Melissa Alder, Counsel, explained the bill.

The question being on agreeing to the language of the originating bill, the same was put and prevailed.

On motion of Vice-Chair Taylor, the committee reported the originating bill to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

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



Patricia Puertas Rucker

Chair



Benjamin Mack

Clerk