

Legislative Study Group on Educator Licensure Minutes

Tuesday, August 23, 2016 1:00 p.m. Basement Hearing Room – State Office Building

Members Present:

Co-chair: Representative Sondra Erickson

Co-Chair: Senator Charles Wiger Representative Drew Christensen

Senator Greg Clausen
Senator Kevin Dahle
Senator Gary Dahms
Representative Jim Davnie
Senator Karin Housley
Representative Jenifer Loon
Senator Eric Pratt
Representative Barb Yarusso

Members Excused:

Representative Carlos Mariani

Call to Order by Rep. Erickson at 1:00 p.m.

Motion to approve Minutes of the July 21st Meeting made by Sen. Dahms. Motion prevails.

Stakeholders that provided testimony:

- Joshua Crosson ~ MinnCAN
- David Aron, Attorney ~ Education Minnesota
- Gary Amoroso, Executive Director ~ Minnesota Association of School Administrators
- Ryan Stromberg, HR Director ~ Spring Lake Park Public Schools
- Jim Bartholomew ~ Minnesota Business Partnership
- Mary Russell ~ Teach for America
- Eugene Piccolo ~ Minnesota Association of Charter Schools
- John Miller ~ Center for School Change
- Cyndy Crist, Legislative & Policy Liaison ~ Minnesota Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
- Dr. Elizabeth Finsness, Director, Office of Field & International Experience ~ Minnesota State University, Mankato
- Eli Kramer, Executive Director ~ Hiawatha Academies

Hue Nguyen, Assistant Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Education provided an update on governance models and a presentation on the CTE Task Force.

Janet L. Mohr, Executive Director Board of School Administrators and Mary Mackbee indicated that they feel the current structure is working well.

Erin Doan, Executive Director & Alex Luizzi, Teacher Education Specialist from the Minnesota Board of Teaching provided and update on governance models and presented recommendation for draft models for tiered licensure.

A discussion occurred regarding reports and preparation of drafts of proposals for the next meeting on September 29th at 9:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.