



# Seclusion Working Group

January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Draft Meeting Minutes

## Members Present:

Senator Seeberger, Chair

Senator Coleman

Representative Sencer-Mura

Nicole Woodward

Dave Haveman

Fatima Molas

Melissa Winship

Jessica Heiser

Erin Sandsmark

Kate Hulse

Greta Kjos

## Members Excused:

Representative Elliott Engen

Heather Halstead

Jamie Harthan

James Schmidtke

Kim Baker

### 1. Call to Order

Senator Seeberger convened the Working Group at 2:04 PM. A quorum was present.

### 2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Senator Coleman moved approval of the previous meeting minutes. Nicole Woodward noted changes to the roll call votes for Sections D and E of the Chair's recommendations, which incorrectly recorded her vote as 'Nay'. This was corrected, and the motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, as amended, was approved by a voice vote.

### 3. Chair Presentation

Chair Seeberger gave a presentation on the history of the topic of seclusion in the Minnesota Legislature.

#### 4. Discussion and Vote on Seclusion Timeline Recommendations

Members discussed recommendations from the Minnesota Administrators for Special Education (MASE) for Section A of the Chair's recommendations relating to a timeline for the end the use of seclusion. MASE recommendations were edited to replace "MASE" with "MDE."

Chair Seeberger moved that the Working Group adopt MASE's recommendations, as edited, and requested a roll call vote. The vote results are as follows:

Ayes: Seeberger, Coleman, Haveman, Hulse, Kjos, Woodward

Nays: Sencer-Mura, Heiser, Molas, Sandsmark, Winship

Absent: Engen, Baker, Halstead, Harthan, Schmidtke

There being 6 ayes and 5 nays, and 5 absent, the motion prevailed.

#### 5. Discussion and Vote on Final Report

Members discussed the final report, with additional small edits.

Senator Seeberger moved to approve the Seclusion Working Group's final report to the legislature, and authorized LCC staff to prepare the report and incorporate recommendations made at the meeting, and make technical changes as needed, and requested a roll call vote. The vote results are as follows:

Ayes: Seeberger, Coleman, Haveman, Hulse, Kjos, Woodward

Nays: Sencer-Mura, Heiser, Molas, Sandsmark, Winship

Absent: Engen, Baker, Halstead, Harthan, Schmidtke

There being 6 ayes and 5 nays, and 5 absent, the motion prevailed.

#### 6. Closing Comments

Chair Seeberger offered final remarks to the Working Group.

#### 7. Adjourn

There being no further business, the Working Group adjourned at 2:58 PM