

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Seth Berglee, on March 17, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Seth Berglee, Chair (R)  
Rep. Fred Anderson, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R)  
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)  
Rep. Scot Kerns (R)  
Rep. Brandon Ler (R)  
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)  
Rep. Sara Novak (D)  
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)  
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)  
Rep. Mark Thane (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Moffie Funk, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Becky Beard (R)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)  
Rep. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Secretary  
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch  
Coleen Street, Remote Meeting Coordinator

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 633, 3/15/2021; SB 206, 3/11/2021; SB 248, 3/10/2021

15:02:32 Rep. Running Wolf joined the meeting.

15:03:10 Recessed

15:09:04 Reconvened with Rep. McKamey present.

**HEARING ON SB 206**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:09:17 Sen. Mark Sweeney (D), SD 39, opened the hearing on SB 206, Revise report publication date for teacher loan forgiveness program.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:12:34 Sen. Sweeney

**HEARING ON SB 248**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:13:28 Sen. Ellie Boldman (D), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 248, Establish student-athlete rights and protections.

**[EXHIBIT\(edh53a01\)](#)**

15:16:00 Vice Chair Anderson left the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:24:06 Rep. Thane

15:24:29 Sen. Boldman

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:25:10 Sen. Boldman

**HEARING ON HB 633****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:26:04 Rep. Ed Hill (R), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 633, Establish the public charter schools act.

**[EXHIBIT\(edh53a02\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:29:05 Debra Lamm, self

15:30:47 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation (MFF)

15:33:04 Isabelle Parell, self

15:36:49 CEO Terry Ryan, Bluum; Idaho Charter School Network (ICSN)

**[EXHIBIT\(edh53a03\)](#)**

15:42:52 Melina Pyron, self

15:48:08 Monica Berner, self

15:53:35 Jane Rectenwald, self

15:54:04 Rep. Beard joined the meeting.

15:55:53 George Harris, self

15:56:10 Vice Chair Funk joined the meeting.

16:01:57 Chip Lindenlaub, self

16:06:26 Attorney General Austin Knudsen, self

16:08:46 Russ Simnick, National Alliance for Public Charter Schools (NAPCS)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

16:10:49 Amanda Curtis, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

**[EXHIBIT\(edh53a04\)](#)**

**[EXHIBIT\(edh53a05\)](#)**

16:17:47 McCall Flynn, Montana Board of Public Education (BPE)

16:21:38 Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)

16:24:03 Vice Chair Anderson joined the meeting.

16:26:35 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

16:30:40 Diane Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)

16:35:19 Kim Mangold, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

16:36:39 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

16:40:45 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)

**Informational Testimony:**

16:43:06 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:43:38 Rep. Beard

16:44:47 Debra Lamm, self

16:45:34 Vice Chair Anderson

16:46:32 Rep. Hill

16:47:03 CEO Terry Ryan, Bluum; ICSN

16:48:13 Vice Chair Anderson

16:49:04 Rep. McKamey

16:54:27 Rep. Hill  
16:54:59 Rep. Seekins-Crowe  
16:55:31 Debra Lamm, self  
16:55:56 Rep. Seekins-Crowe  
16:56:13 Debra Lamm, self  
16:57:53 Vice Chair Funk  
16:58:07 Amanda Curtis, MFPE  
16:58:49 Vice Chair Funk  
16:59:33 Paul Taylor, OPI  
17:00:20 Rep. Bertoglio  
17:01:05 Paul Taylor, OPI  
17:03:28 Rep. Reksten  
17:04:03 Monica Berner, self  
17:05:46 Rep. Bishop  
17:13:11 Lance Melton, MTSBA  
17:14:00 Chair Berglee  
17:14:20 Lance Melton, MTSBA  
17:15:39 Chair Berglee  
17:15:48 Lance Melton, MTSBA  
17:16:57 Rep. Thane  
17:18:31 Lance Melton, MTSBA  
17:19:04 Rep. Thane  
17:19:45 Rep. Kerns left the meeting.  
17:20:14 Lance Melton, MTSBA  
17:22:00 Rep. Beard  
17:22:45 Monica Berner, self  
17:24:04 Rep. Bertoglio  
17:24:27 Terry Ryan, self  
17:26:17 Chair Berglee  
17:33:26 Terry Ryan, self  
17:34:57 Rep. Bishop  
17:35:52 Lance Melton, MTSBA  
17:36:35 Rep. Reksten left the meeting.  
17:37:02 Chair Berglee  
17:37:14 Debra Lamm, self  
17:38:36 Rep. Thane  
17:38:43 Chair Berglee  
17:38:55 Rep. McKamey  
17:39:28 Chair Berglee  
17:39:36 Rep. McKamey  
17:39:53 Chair Berglee

**Closing by Sponsor:**

17:40:29 Rep. Hill

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:44:04

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Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([edh53aad.pdf](#))**