

OHIO SENATE
Committee on Education Minutes
February 21, 2023
135th General Assembly

The Senate Committee on Education was called to order pursuant to the meeting notice at approximately 3:00 p.m. in the South Hearing Room of the Statehouse.

Attendance was taken. A quorum was present.

The minutes of the February 14th, 2023 committee meeting were approved.

The Chair called up S.B. 1 for its 4th hearing.

Senator O'Brien moved to amend with AM 0063 (Qualifications of DEW Deputy Directors). The motion was agreed to by a vote of 4-1.

Senator O'Brien moved to amend with AM 0028-3 (Public meetings requirement). The motion was agreed to without objection.

Senator O'Brien moved to amend with AM 0022-3 (Limits on rulemaking authority and guidance documents). The motion was agreed to without objection.

The following testimony was provided:

Robert Davis, Ohio Education Association - Interested Party (Written Testimony)
Michelle Newman, Citizen of Ohio - Opponent (Written Testimony)
Robin Koslen, Citizen of Ohio - Opponent (Written Testimony)
Andrew J. Gase, M.D., Tiffin City Schools Board - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Thomas Jackson, Citizen of Ohio - Opponent (Written Testimony)
William Phillips, Ohio Coalition for Equity and Adequacy of School Funding - Opponent (Written Testimony)
Mike Halaiko, Thursday Action Group - Opponent (Written Testimony)
Lalitha Pamidigantam, YWCA Columbus - Opponent (Written Testimony)
Alison Paxson, Children's Defense Fund Ohio - Opponent (Written Testimony)
Linda Striefsky, Citizen of Ohio - Opponent (Written Testimony)
Harriet Applegate, Citizen of Ohio - Opponent (Written Testimony)
Cynthia Peeples, Honesty for Ohio Education - Opponent (Written Testimony)
Melissa Cropper, Ohio Federation of Teachers - Opponent (Written Testimony)
Kevin Duff, Ohio Excels - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Renee Smith, Fostoria Learning Center - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)
Tod Bowen, Ohio Restaurant Association - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)
David Zak, Crawford Partnership for Education and Economic Development - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)
Tony Podojil, Alliance for High Quality Education - Interested Party (Written Testimony Only)
Patricia Kellner, MD, Citizen of Ohio - Interested Party (Written Testimony Only)
Linda Harvey, Mission America - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)
Sarah Stitzlein, Citizen of Ohio - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)
Gail Larson, Citizen of Ohio - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)
Bridget Rueter, Citizen of Ohio - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)

Christina Collins, Citizen of Ohio - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)
Kyle Garrett, Citizen of Ohio - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)
Kevin Shearer, Citizen of Ohio - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)
Jan Nesper, Citizen of Ohio - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)
Jan Resseger, Citizen of Ohio - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)
Jacqueline Peck, Citizen of Ohio - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)
Rachel DeGolia, Citizen of Ohio - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)
Frances Mentch, Citizen of Ohio - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)
Helen Hertz, Citizen of Ohio - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)
Laura Rusthon, Citizen of Ohio - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)
Mary Anne Simpson, Citizen of Ohio - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)
Karen Keefer, Citizen of Ohio - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)
Melody Joy Hart, Citizen of Ohio - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)
John Stover, Ohio Value Voters - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)
Jennifer Adair, Columbus City Schools Board of Education - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)
Maria Bruno, Equality Ohio - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)
Jocelyn Huntz, Ohio Federation of Teachers - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)
Jeanne Melvin, Public Education Partners - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)
Erika D White, CWA Local 4319 - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)
Susan Kaiser, League of Women Voters of Ohio - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)
Katherine Petrey, League of Women Voters of Ohio - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)
Jonathan Broadbent, Protect Ohio Children - Opponent (Written Testimony Only)

The Chair called up S.B. 11 for its 2nd hearing.

The following testimony was provided:

Troy McIntosh, Ohio Christian Education Network - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Asim Farooqui, Muslim Parental Rights Advocacy Group - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Raymond Kochis, Cincinnati Christian Schools - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Sharla Elton, Heritage Christian Schools - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Taija Meager, Heritage Christian Schools - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Taliah Meager, Heritage Christian Schools - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Heidy Cael Canto, Heritage Christian Schools - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Melissa Cael Canto, Heritage Christian Schools - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Mhari Weir, Heritage Christian Schools - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Erin Finan-Dubois, Citizen of Ohio - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Jaden Daviduk, Heritage Christian Schools - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Cynthia Sheets, Citizen of Ohio - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Tera Myers, Citizen of Ohio - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Robyn Houze, Citizen of Ohio - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Chad Aldis, Thomas B. Fordham Institute - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Joshua Bowling, Cincinnati Christian School - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Jacob Bowling, Citizen of Ohio - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Donovan O'Neil, Americans for Prosperity - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Lisa Chaffee, Parents rights in Education Ohio - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Vanessa Luckey, CCV - Proponent (Written Testimony)
David Desser, Citizen of Ohio - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Larry Keough, Catholic Conference of Ohio - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)
Sarah Koplen, Citizen of Ohio - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)
Steven Morbitzer, St. Mary's Columbus - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)
Omar Tarazi, Citizen of Ohio - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

Melissa Williams, Citizen of Ohio - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)
Christina Yeary, Citizen of Ohio - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)
Chris Long, Ohio Christian Alliance - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)
Nick Olson, Citizen of Ohio - Proponent (Written Testimony Only)

The committee adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.

Andrew O. Brenner, Chair