

ARIZONA STATE SENATE

50TH LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

DATE: March 12, 2012 **TIME:** 2:00 p.m. **ROOM:** SHR3

CHAIRMAN: Senator Rich Crandall **VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Senator Nancy Barto

ANALYST: Liisa Laikko **INTERN:** Natalie Fleming

ASSISTANT ANALYST: Kody Kelleher **COMMITTEE SECRETARY:** Shelley Ponce

ATTENDANCE

BILLS

<u>Committee Members</u>	<u>Pr</u>	<u>Ab</u>	<u>Ex</u>	<u>Bill Number</u>	<u>Disposition</u>
Senator Gray	X			HB 2260	DP
Senator Klein	X			HB 2405	DPA
Senator Lewis	X			HB 2463	DP
Senator Lopez	X			HB 2497	HELD
Senator Schapira	X			HB 2500	DP
Senator Smith	X			HB 2501	DP
Senator Barto, Vice-Chairman	X			HB 2598	DP
Senator Crandall, Chairman	X			HB 2622	DPA
				HB 2697	DP
				HB 2707	DPA
				HB 2712	DP
				HB 2743	DP
				HB 2770	DPA
				HB 2823	DPA

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
Kathryn L. Senseman	Member, State Board for Charter Schools	CONFIRMATION
Mark M. Anderson	Member, State Board for Charter Schools	CONFIRMATION
Eldon E. Hastings	Member, Commission for Postsecondary Education	CONFIRMATION
Kathleen Player	Member, Commission for Postsecondary Education	CONFIRMATION
Jason D. Pistillo	Member, State Board for Private Postsecondary Education	CONFIRMATION
Patricia J. Leonard	Member, State Board for Private Postsecondary Education	CONFIRMATION
Kaitlin R. Thompson	Member, Arizona Board of Regents	CONFIRMATION

Chairman Crandall called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. and attendance was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Crandall stated that without objection, the minutes of March 5, 2012 were approved.

EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

Senator Crandall explained that all but two of the Executive Nominations on the agenda were heard at a previous meeting and a vote was not taken. The Committee would proceed with a vote on those nominations and then hear and vote on the remaining two nominations.

Mark M. Anderson – Member, State Board for Charter Schools – CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED

Senator Barto moved the Committee on Education recommend to the full Senate the CONFIRMATION of Mark M. Anderson as a Member of the State Board for Charter Schools. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-1 (Attachment 1).

Kathryn L. Senseman – Member, State Board for Charter Schools – CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED

Senator Barto moved the Committee on Education recommend to the full Senate the CONFIRMATION of Kathryn L. Senseman as a Member of the State Board for Charter Schools. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-1 (Attachment 2).

Eldon E. Hastings – Member, Commission for Postsecondary Education – CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED

Senator Barto moved the Committee on Education recommend to the full Senate the CONFIRMATION of Eldon E. Hastings as a Member of the Commission for Postsecondary Education. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-1 (Attachment 3).

Kathleen Player – Member, Commission for Postsecondary Education – CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED

Senator Barto moved the Committee on Education recommend to the full Senate the CONFIRMATION of Kathleen Player as a Member of the Commission for Postsecondary Education. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-1 (Attachment 4).

Jason D. Pistillo – Member, State Board for Private Postsecondary Education – CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED

Senator Barto moved the Committee on Education recommend to the full Senate the CONFIRMATION of Jason D. Pistillo as a Member of the State Board for Private Postsecondary Education. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-1 (Attachment 5).

Patricia J. Leonard – Member, State Board for Private Postsecondary Education – CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED

Natalie Fleming, Education Committee Intern, gave an overview of the State Board for Private Postsecondary Education and Ms. Leonard's resume.

Patricia J. Leonard reviewed her resume and answered questions posed by the committee.

Senator Barto moved the Committee on Education recommend to the full Senate the CONFIRMATION of Patricia J. Leonard as a Member of the State Board for Private Postsecondary Education. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-1 (Attachment 6).

Kaitlin R. Thompson – Member, Arizona Board of Regents – CONFIRMATION RECOMMENDED

Natalie Fleming, Education Committee Intern, gave an overview of the Arizona Board of Regents and Ms. Thompson's resume.

Kaitlin R. Thompson reviewed her resume and answered questions posed by the committee.

Senator Barto moved the Committee on Education recommend to the full Senate the CONFIRMATION of Kaitlin R. Thompson as a Member of the Arizona Board of Regents. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-0 (Attachment 7).

Senator Crandall explained his vote.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

HB 2712 – computer access by minors – DO PASS

Courtney Pigaga, Government Committee Intern, explained HB 2712.

Representative Steve Court, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2712.

Lori Wood, representing herself, testified in support of HB 2712.

Nathan Andersen, representing himself, testified in support of HB 2712.

Senator Crandall noted the individuals who registered their position on the bill (Attachment A).

Senator Barto moved HB 2712 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-1 (Attachment 8).

Senator Smith explained his vote.

HB 2463 – school districts; paychecks; dues payments– DO PASS (continued)

Natalie Fleming, Education Committee Intern, explained HB 2463.

Sam Polito, Tucson Area School Districts, answered questions posed by the Committee.

Marc Osborn, Arizona Chamber of Commerce, answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Barto stated that the Committee would return for consideration of HB 2463 later in the meeting.

HB 2770 – faculty; political and religious beliefs – DO PASS AMENDED

Kody Kelleher, Education Committee Assistant Analyst, explained HB 2770 and the 12-line Crandall amendment dated 03/09/12 at 10:53 a.m. (Attachment B).

Representative Tom Forese, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2770.

Senator Gray moved HB 2770 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Gray moved the 12-line Crandall amendment dated 03/09/12 at 10:53 a.m. (Attachment B) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Gray moved HB 2770 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-0-3 (Attachment 9).

Senator Barto noted the individuals who registered their position on the bill (Attachment A).

HB 2598 – schools; classification labels; parental involvement (now: school improvement plan; parental involvement) – DO PASS

Natalie Fleming, Education Committee Intern, explained HB 2598.

Representative J.D. Mesnard, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2598 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Barto noted the individuals who registered their position on the bill (Attachment A).

Senator Smith moved HB 2598 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-0-3 (Attachment 10).

HB 2743 – school districts; renewable energy development – DO PASS

Natalie Fleming, Education Committee Intern, explained HB 2743.

Representative Ted Vogt, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2743.

Jeff Sandquist, Tucson Electric Power, testified in support of HB 2743.

Senator Barto noted the individuals who registered their position on the bill (Attachment A).

Senator Smith moved HB 2743 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-2 (Attachment 11).

HB 2622 – school rankings; display; time period – DO PASS AMENDED

Liisa Laikko, Education Committee Analyst, explained HB 2622 and the 6-line Crandall amendment dated 02/29/12 at 11:17 a.m. (Attachment C).

Senator Barto noted the individuals who registered their position on the bill (Attachment A).

Senator Gray moved HB 2622 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Gray moved the 6-line Crandall amendment dated 02/29/12 at 11:17 a.m. (Attachment C) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED with a voice vote.

Senator Gray moved HB 2622 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-2 (Attachment 12).

HB 2260 – schools; ADM calculations (now: ADM calculations; Arizona online instruction) – DO PASS

Liisa Laikko, Education Committee Analyst, explained HB 2260.

Scott Thompson, Dysart Unified School District, testified in support of HB 2260.

Representative Heather Carter, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2260 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Barto noted the individuals who registered their position on the bill (Attachment A).

Senator Gray moved HB 2260 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-0-2 (Attachment 13).

HB 2500 – poorly performing schools; intervention strategy – DO PASS

Natalie Fleming, Education Committee Intern, explained HB 2500.

Representative Kimberly Yee, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2500 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Darcy Renfro, Vice President, Science Foundation Arizona, testified in support of HB 2500.

Senator Barto noted the individuals who registered their position on the bill (Attachment A).

Senator Barto moved HB 2500 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-0 (Attachment 14).

Senators Lopez and Crandall explained their votes.

HB 2501 – charter schools; previously certificated teachers – DO PASS

Natalie Fleming, Education Committee Intern, explained HB 2501.

Representative Kimberly Yee, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2501 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Vince Yanez, Executive Director, State Board of Education, answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Crandall noted the individuals who registered their position on the bill (Attachment A).

Senator Barto moved HB 2501 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-0 (Attachment 15).

HB 2405 – schools; bonded indebtedness; temporary increase – DO PASS AMENDED

Liisa Laikko, Education Committee Analyst, HB 2405 and the 5-line Crandall amendment dated 03/08/12 at 1:07 p.m. (Attachment D).

Representative David Stevens, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2405.

Kevin McCarthy, President, Arizona Tax Research Association, testified in opposition to HB 2405.

Tony Malaj, Executive Director of Support Services, Higley School District, testified in support of HB 2405.

Senator Crandall noted the individuals who registered their position on the bill (Attachment A).

Meghaen Duger, Education Finance Reform Group, testified in support of HB 2405.

Judy Richardson, Vice President, Stone & Youngberg, testified in support of HB 2405 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Barto moved HB 2405 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Barto moved the 5-line Crandall amendment dated 03/08/12 at 1:07 p.m. (Attachment D) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Barto moved HB 2405 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-3-0 (Attachment 16).

Senators Gray, Klein, Smith, Lewis, Barto and Crandall explained their votes.

HB 2697 – teachers; certification; subject knowledge – DO PASS

Natalie Fleming, Education Committee Intern, explained HB 2697.

Representative Kimberly Yee, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2697.

Senator Crandall noted the individuals who registered their position on the bill (Attachment A).

Senator Barto moved HB 2697 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 8-0-0 (Attachment 17).

Senator Lewis explained his vote.

HB 2823 – schools; teachers; principals; evaluation systems – DO PASS AMENDED

Liisa Laikko, Education Committee Analyst, explained HB 2823 and the 4-page Crandall amendment dated 03/09/12 at 1:45 p.m. (Attachment E).

Representative Doris Goodale, bill sponsor, further explained HB 2823 and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Crandall noted the individuals who registered their position on the bill (Attachment A).

Chris Kotterman, Deputy Director, Government Relations, Arizona Department of Education, answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Barto moved HB 2823 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Barto moved the 4-page Crandall amendment dated 03/09/12 at 1:45 p.m. (Attachment E) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Barto moved HB 2823 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 7-0-1 (Attachment 18).

Senators Lopez, Smith and Crandall explained their votes.

HB 2497 – school teachers; multiyear contracts – HELD

Senator Crandall stated that HB 2497 would be HELD.

HB 2707 – schools; ADM overstatement; repayment – DO PASS AMENDED

Kody Kelleher, Education Committee Assistant Analyst, explained HB 2707 and the 25-line amendment dated 03/07/12 at 12:30 p.m. (Attachment F).

Chris Kotterman, Deputy Director, Government Relations, Arizona Department of Education, testified in support of HB 2707.

Senator Crandall noted the individuals who registered their position on the bill (Attachment A).

Senator Barto moved HB 2707 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation.

Senator Barto moved the 25-line amendment dated 03/07/12 at 12:30 p.m. (Attachment F) be ADOPTED. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.

Senator Barto moved HB 2707 be returned with an AS AMENDED, DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 6-1-1 (Attachment 19).

Senator Smith explained his vote.

HB 2463 – school districts; paychecks; dues payments– DO PASS

Natalie Fleming, Education Committee Intern, explained HB 2463.

Senator Barto moved HB 2463 be returned with a DO PASS recommendation. The motion CARRIED with a roll call vote of 5-3-0 (Attachment 20).

Senators Gray, Lopez, Schapira, Smith, Lewis, Barto and Crandall explained their votes.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on the bill (Attachment A).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Ponce
Committee Secretary

(Audio recordings and attachments are on file in the Secretary of the Senate's Office/Resource Center, Room 115. Audio archives are available at <http://www.azleg.gov>)