

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 13, 2025

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Pickett, Vice Chairman Hawkins, Representatives Clow, Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Nelsen, Sauter, Harris, Marmon, Tanner(13), Mathias, Church

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Pickett called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Chairman Pickett put the meeting at ease for one minute to recognize the Legislative Page.

MOTION: **Rep. Church** made a motion to approve the minutes of January 7, 2025. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Matthew Joseph, Senior Policy Advisor, Education Funding, Excel in Education, spoke about Charter School Facility Financing. He said Idaho has created a national model success story by helping Charter Schools reduce facility costs and focus on resources on instruction. He explained the benefit of well-designed facility financing policies that work together to leverage private investment and maximize savings so charter schools can invest more in instruction.

In response to committee questions, **Blake Youde**, Executive Director of Idaho Charter School Network, spoke about lottery funding, statute obligations, growth and demand for Charter Schools.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.

Representative Pickett
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary