

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, January 26, 2026

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW41

MEMBERS: Chairman Hawkins, Vice Chairman Handy, Representatives Mendive, Ehardt, Wisniewski, Garner, Nelsen, Sauter, Marmon, Pickett, Hostetler, Veile, Mathias, Galaviz

**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 Hawkins called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

RS 33019: **Rep. Fuhriman** presented **RS 33019**, proposed legislation regarding education funding, disabilities.

MOTION: **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to introduce **RS 33019**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Idaho Department of Education, introduced **Laron Johnson**, 2026 Idaho Teacher of the Year, from Rigby High School. Mr. Johnson, spoke about building connections with students, economics and personal development.

Chairman Hawkins put the committee at ease for one minute.

Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Idaho Department of Education, explained changes to federal regulations and student assessment.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:59 am.

Representative Hawkins
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary