

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, February 23, 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:** Rep. Galaviz

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 9:01 am.

Dr. Ed Kaitz, Headmaster, Kootenai Classical Academy, said they are part of Hillsdale Classical Schools across the nation. He explained moral and intellectual virtues taught in schools, providing an American classical education, and standardized test scores.

Sally A. Brown, PhD, Associate Professor of Education, Idaho Higher Education Literacy Partnerships (IHELP) and Literacy Initiatives, explained the purpose of this program, which is to advocate for the advanced literacy education in Idaho. She spoke about the science of reading and higher education partnership.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 10:03 am.

Representative Hawkins
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary