

MINUTES
HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 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:** Reps. Ehardt and Mathias

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 Handy called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Nick Smoot, Founder, Build Cities and Udayos AI, introduced presenters and said AI is a great tool to assist teachers.

Karen Parker, spoke about how AI is showing up in schools across the country. She explained how AI can provide opportunities for students, assist teachers, and uses of platforms.

Harry Amend, said his focus is how AI can help the bottom 20% of students and one on one bridge building.

Committee members discussed overuse of AI and possible problems in student learning.

Chairman Handy turned the gavel over to **Chairman Hawkins**.

RS 33434: **Rep. Redman** presented **RS 33434**, proposed legislation regarding schools, daily recess.

MOTION: **Rep. Hostetler** made a motion to introduce **RS 33434. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33254: **Rep. Redman** presented **RS 33254**, proposed legislation regarding inappropriate online behavior.

MOTION: **Rep. Pickett** made a motion to introduce **RS 33254. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 33301: **Rep. Redman** presented **RS 33301**, proposed legislation regarding education, supplemental levies.

MOTION: **Rep. Galaviz** made a motion to introduce **RS 33301. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:34 am.

Representative Hawkins
Chair

Amy Bengtzen
Secretary