

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting
Wednesday, September 23, 2015
1:30 p.m., Senate Hearing Room 109

Members Present:

Senator David Bradley, Co-Chair
Senator Steve Yarbrough
Dr. Kelly Anderson
Aiden Fleming, Superintendent's designee
Marcia Karls

Representative Kate Brophy McGee, Co-Chair
Representative Lisa Otondo
Alicia Miller
Caryn Plummer
Andrea Weck-Robertson

Members Absent:

Michelle Wood

Staff:

Brandi Lease, Senate Research Assistant Analyst
Aaron Wonders, House Research Analyst

Co-Chairman Bradley called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and attendance was taken.

Introduction of Members

Senator Bradley requested that the members of the Committee introduce themselves.

Purpose of Study Committee

Brandi Lease, Senate Research Assistant Analyst, explained the purpose of the Study Committee.

Senator Bradley made opening remarks.

Brief Explanation

Caryn Plummer, representing herself, gave a brief explanation of the issues that precipitated this Study Committee.

Presentation and Discussion

Aiden Fleming, Deputy Director, Arizona Department of Education, distributed handouts entitled “Empowerment Scholarship Account Contract” (Attachment A) and “Empowerment Scholarship Account Program” (Attachment B). Mr. Fleming gave a Powerpoint presentation and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Fleming answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Public Testimony

Jane Fackelman, representing herself, testified on the Empowerment Scholarship Account.

Katherine Visser, representing herself, testified on the Empowerment Scholarship Account.

Future meetings, agenda items and goals

The Committee made comments on drafting up proposed legislation for the upcoming Legislative Session.

Attached is a list noting the individuals who registered their position on the agenda items (Attachment C).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toy Brown
Committee Secretary

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