

ARIZONA STATE SENATE

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE

Minutes of the Meeting
January 16, 2025
2:00 P.M., SHR 1

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Members Present:

Senator David C. Farnsworth, Chair
Senator Carine Werner, Vice-chair
Senator Flavio Bravo
Senator Eva Diaz
Senator Catherine Miranda

Members Excused:

Senator Timothy "Tim" Dunn
Senator J.D. Mesnard

Staff:

Mason Holler, Education Research Analyst
Samuel Rosenberg, Education Assistant Research Analyst
Katie Kudron, Education Research Staff Intern

Chairman Farnsworth called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. and attendance was taken.

Senator Farnsworth offered comments.

PRESENTATION

Declining K-12 Enrollment and the Implications for School Facilities

Glenn Farley, Director of Policy Research, Common Sense Institute, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "K-12 Demographic Change" (Attachment A) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

The Committee offered comments.

Mr. Farley offered additional comments.

Senator Farnsworth offered comments.

SUNSET REVIEW OF THE ARIZONA SCHOOL FACILITIES OVERSIGHT BOARD

Presentation by the Arizona Office of the Auditor General

Jeff Gove, Director, Performance Audit Division, Office of the Auditor General, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Arizona School Facilities Oversight Board" (Attachment B) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Farnsworth offered comments.

Response by the Arizona School Facilities Oversight Board

Scott Thompson, Vice-chair, Arizona School Facilities Oversight Board, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "School Facilities Oversight Board Sunset Presentation" (Attachment C) and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Farnsworth offered comments.

Mr. Thompson answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Farnsworth offered additional comments.

Public Testimony

Mike Barragan, Glendale Elementary School District (GESD), offered comments and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Farnsworth offered comments.

Mr. Barragan offered additional comments.

Senator Farnsworth offered additional comments.

Discussion and Recommendation

Senator Werner moved that the Senate Education Committee of Reference recommend the Arizona School Facilities Oversight Board be continued with revisions. The motion CARRIED by a voice vote.

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

Attached is a form noting the individual who submitted a Speaker slip on the agenda items (Attachment E).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Benally
Committee Secretary

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