

The House Committee on Public Education

89th Legislature

June 1, 2026

10:00 a.m.

JHR 140

Pursuant to a notice posted on May 27, 2026, the House Committee on Public Education met in a public hearing and was called to order by the chair, Representative Buckley, at 10:04 a.m.

The initial quorum call was answered as follows: Representatives Buckley; Ashby; Bryant; Cunningham; Frank; Hinojosa; Hunter; Kerwin; Leach; Leo Wilson; Schoolcraft; and Talarico.

A quorum was present.

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The Chair made opening remarks.

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Testimony taken/registration recorded. (See attached witness list.)

(Representative Bernal now present.)

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Teacher Recruitment and Retention

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At 8:01 p.m., on the motion of the chair and without objection, the meeting was adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

Rep. Buckley, Chair

Jack Reed, Clerk

