

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Susan Estes at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, in room 218-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Representative Louis Ruiz – Excused

Committee staff present:
Elaina Rudder, Legislative Research Department
Jason Long, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Michelle Sims, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Nicole Fielder, Legislative Research Department

Conferees appearing before the Committee:
Ethan Spurling, Vice President of Policy and Government Relations, SparkWheel.
Dr. Randy Watson, Commissioner of Education, Kansas State Board of Education.

Others in attendance:
No list available

Request for bill introductions

Chairwoman Estes called for any bill introductions.

Representative Moser requested the following bill introduction.

25rs0047 - Education relating to school attendance.

The request for bill introduction was accepted without objection.

Presentation on:

Ethan Spurling, Vice President, Policy and Government Relations, SparkWheel, presented an overview of the services they provide. ([Attachment 1](#)).

Chairwoman Estes recognized Kelly Stanford, Chief Program Officer, to explain how SparkWheel extends themselves from the school building to the community.

Discussion ensued.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Literacy Update

Dr. Randy Watson, Commissioner of Education, Kansas State Board of Education, presented overviews on Kansas State Department of Education's Dyslexia Screening Protocol K-12 (2024-2025), Required Dyslexia Modules, Kansas Education Framework for Literacy Update, and an article written by Sharon Vaughn and Nathan Clemens, entitled Misunderstandings of the Science of Reading, ([Attachment 2](#)) ([Attachment 3](#)) ([Attachment 4](#)) ([Attachment 5](#)) ([Attachment 6](#)).

Dr. Watson stood for questions.

Chairwoman Estes recognized Shane Carter, Director of Teacher Licensure, Kansas State Board of Education.

Discussion ensued.

Chairwoman Estes asked Dr. Watson to return on January 27, 2025 to finish answering questions.

Meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.