



## THE SENATE

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## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2016

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Government Operations was scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at 12:30 p.m., in the Senate Hearing Room of the Boji Tower.

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The agenda summary is as follows:

1. Discussion regarding SB 710 & SB 711 (Sen. Hansen)

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The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. He instructed the Clerk to call the roll. At that time, the following members were present; Chairman Meekhof, Sen.(s) Hansen, Kowall, Ananich and Hood, a quorum was present.

The Chairman entertained a motion by Sen. Kowall, supported by Ananich, to adopt the committee meeting minutes from February 9, 2016. The vote was as follows:

Yeas: Chairman Meekhof, Sen.(s) Hansen, Kowall, Ananich and Hood

Nays: None

The motion prevailed and the minutes were adopted.

Sen. Hood gave a video presentation regarding the condition of Detroit Public Schools.

The Chairman invited the following individuals presented testimony regarding SB 710 & SB 711:

Dan Quisenberry, Michigan Association of Public School Academies – Neutral

Brad Willams & Greg Handel, Detroit Regional Chamber – Support

Shirley Stancato, New Detroit President – Support

John Rakolta, New Detroit Board Member – Support

Scott Romney, New Detroit Board Member – Support

Bill Taubman, New Detroit Board Member – Support

Bill Milliken Jr., New Detroit Board Member – Support

Nick Cinramitaro, AFSCME

John Austin, State Board of Education President

Jared Burkhart, Michigan Council of Charter School Authorizers

Jennifer Smith, Michigan Association of School Boards – Neutral

Dan Varner, Excellent Schools Detroit

Rev. Dr. Keith Whitney – Neutral

Oyuk Yudho, Detroit Student – Support

Naja Nile, Detroit Student – Support

Due to time constraints, the following individuals were invited to testify at the next hearing on SB 710 & SB 711:

Tom Pedroni, Wayne State University – Neutral  
Joanne Jackson, Citizen – Support  
Shoniqua Kemp, Citizen – Neutral  
Imani Harris, Student – Support  
Lucus Beale, Student – Support  
Tijuana Morris, Citizen – Oppose  
Tawanna Simpson, DPS Board Member – Oppose  
Roquesha O’Neal, Citizen – Support

At 2:50 p.m., the Chairman entertained a motion by Sen. Kowall, Supported by Sen. Ananich, to adjourn the meeting. Without objection, the committee was adjourned.

Date Adopted by Committee: