

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Susan Estes at 1:30 pm on Monday, February 17, 2025, in room 218-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Linda Featherston – Excused  
Representative Jerry Stogsdill – Excused

Substitute members:

Representative Linda Featherston, appointed substitute member to the committee  
Representative Tobias Schlingensiepen, appointed substitute member to the committee

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:

Stacey Knoell, Executive Director, Kansas African American Affairs Commission  
Baraka Ruttumukiza, Student, Frank Rushton Elementary School  
Adriadne Garcia-Montoya, Student, Frank Rushton Elementary School

Others in attendance:

No list available

### **Welcome**

Chairwoman acknowledged and welcomed former elected official and Wichita city council member Lavonta Williams, and Sandra Rankins from Wichita.

Chairwoman Estes stated the committee will work on Senate bills the following week.

### **Discussion & action on: HB2299 — Prohibiting discriminatory practices on the basis of religion at public educational institutions and authorizing the attorney general to investigate violations and assess civil penalties under the Kansas act against discrimination.**

Chairwoman Estes stated the Committee would start with discussion and possible action on **HB2299**.

Chairwoman Estes requested a balloon amendment that corrected a drafting error for **HB2299**. ([Attachment 1](#)).

Chairwoman Estes recognized Jason Long, Senior Assistant Revisor, Office of the Revisor of Statutes who explained the amendment. ([Attachment 2](#)).

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Unless specifically noted, the individual remarks recorded herein have not been transcribed verbatim. Individual remarks as reported herein have not been submitted to the individuals appearing before the committee for editing or corrections.

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Chairwoman Estes moved, seconded by Representative Steele to accept the balloon amendment to **HB2299**. Motion carried. Discussion ensued.

Chairwoman Estes moved, seconded by Representative Goetz to pass **HB2299** as amendment. Motion carried.

The following Representatives requested their "nay" votes recorded.

Representative Miller, Representative Ruiz, Representative Winn, Representative Featherston.

**Hearing on: HB2330 — Designating November 14 of each year as Ruby Bridges walk to school day in the state of Kansas.**

Chairwoman Estes opened the hearing on **HB2330**.

Chairwoman Estes recognized Jason Long, Senior Assistant Revisor, Office of the Revisor of Statutes explained the bill. ([Attachment 3](#)).

Proponent In-Person

Stacey Knoell ([Attachment 4](#)).

Baraka Ruttumukiza ([Attachment 5](#)).

Ariadne Garcia-Montoya ([Attachment 6](#))

Proponent Written-Only Last names A-M ([Attachment 7](#)).

Proponent Written-Only Last names N-W ([Attachment 8](#)).

Chairwoman Estes suggested working the bill that was just heard.

Representative Estes moved, seconded by Representative Winn to declare emergency action to take final action on **HB2330**. Motion carried.

Discussion ensued.

Representative Ruiz moved to pass **HB2330**, seconded by Representative Schreiber. Motion failed.

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Division was requested.

There were 11 "Nay" votes:

There were 5 "Aye" votes:

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.