



**MICHIGAN**  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
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**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE**  
**ON**  
**MICHIGAN COMPETITIVENESS**

Wednesday, February 15, 2017                      12:00 noon                      Room 307 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Michigan Competitiveness was called to order by the Chair.

Chairman Chatfield requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Members present: Reps. Chatfield, Lilly, Cole, Vaupel, Rendon, Wentworth, Geiss, Neely, Hammoud.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Lilly moved to approve the minutes from the February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4192 before the committee:

HB 4192 (Glenn)	Education; curriculum; implementation of certain curriculum standards and assessments in place of common core curriculum standards and assessments in this state; require.
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Representative Glenn testified with Melanie Kurdys, in support of this bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Former representative Tom McMillin testified with Nikki Snyder, in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Kevin Stotts, representing Talent 2025 – West Michigan Employees, testified in opposition to the bill.

Randall Thompson, representing Faith and Freedom Coalition of Michigan, testified in support of the bill.

Mark Howe, representing Michigan Department of Education, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Mark Gurley, representing the Michigan Republican Party - Grassroots, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Chris Glass, representing West Michigan Talent Triangle, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Scott Ely, representing Spring Lake Public Schools, testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

Dr. Paul Salah, representing Wayne RESA, testified in opposition of the bill. Questions and discussion followed.

The following individuals submitted a card in support of the bill, wishing to speak, but were unable due to time constraints:

Lindsey Marcum, representing herself.  
Marian Sheridan, representing Lake Area Tea Party.  
Michelle Gregoire, representing District 62.

The following individuals submitted a card in opposition to the bill, wishing to speak, but were unable due to time constraints:

Bob Kefgen, representing the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals.  
Abby Allen, representing Michigan Association of Adminsrators of Special Education.  
Dr. Thomas Langdon, Superintendent of the Sturgis Public Schools.  
Dr. Steve Matthews, Superintendent of the Novi Community Schools.  
Lindsey Case Palsrok, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber.  
Jason Mancini, representing the Education Trust – Midwest.  
Nell K. Duke, representing herself.  
Kathy Anderson, representing herself.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Kerry Luomala, representing herself.  
Keith Graham, representing himself.  
Jerriann Barnier, representing herself.  
Margie Wojcik, representing herself.  
David Lonier, representing the Utility Meter Choice 4 Michigan.  
Carolyn Kirin, representing our children.  
Bill Barron, representing his grandchildren.  
Dan Goebel, representing Better Education.  
Linda Hurd, representing the Michigan Conservative Coalition.  
Brenda Hewett, representing herself as a parent.  
Joseph Raguso, representing himself as a taxpayer.  
Donald England, representing himself as a parent.  
Michelle Frederick, representing Stop Common Core in Michigan.  
Wes Irons, representing himself.  
Reginald Kozub, representing himself.  
Sharon Kozub, representing herself.

Sandra Bockelman, representing herself as a grandparent.  
Heidi Campbell, representing the children of Michigan, the Algonac School Board of Trustees, and the 10th District Executive Committee.  
Connie Lapham, representing herself as a citizen of Gratiot County.  
Yvette Clark, representing herself.  
Dorene Weisberg, representing herself.  
Laura Squier, representing parents.  
Jennifer Halucha, representing parents.  
Elizabeth Prested, representing herself.  
Kim Renick, representing herself.  
Connie Robinson, representing herself.  
Carol Secord, representing The Michigan Conservative Coalition.  
Rosanne Ponkowski, representing the Michigan Conservative Coalition.  
Beverly Solik, representing herself.  
Dawn D. Dodge, representing herself.  
Misty Wind, representing herself.  
Sharon Lollo, representing herself.  
Arlene Pearson, representing herself.  
William Gordon, representing the Washtenaw County Republican Party.  
Peter Hendrickson, representing himself.  
Doreen M. Wright, representing herself.  
Sabrina Ramirez, representing the Campaign for Liberty.  
Shane Trejo, representing the Michigan Tenth Amendment Center.  
Elizabeth Grate, representing herself as a former teacher and parent.  
Abigail Nobel, representing herself.  
Patricia Peterson, representing herself.  
Julie Young, representing herself.  
Lana Mangiapane, representing herself.  
Joan Johnson, representing herself.  
Rosie J. Balberde, representing herself.

The following individuals submitted cards in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Peter Spadafore, representing the Michigan Association of School Administrators.  
Justin Clement, representing the Northwest Evaluation Association.  
Allie Bush, representing the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce.  
Emily Laidlaw, representing ESA Legislative Group.  
Julie Rowe, representing the AFT Michigan.  
Christina Canfield, representing the Michigan Education Association.  
Fran Brennan, representing the Michigan State AFL-CIO.  
Jennifer Smith, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards.  
Barb Anness, representing the Michigan PTA.  
Ruthann Jaquette, president of Michigan PTA  
Lisa Hansknecht, representing Oakland Schools.  
Mary Pollock, representing American Association of University Women of Michigan.  
Susan C. Griffith, representing herself.

The following individual submitted a card on the bill with no position indicated, and not wishing to speak:

Pam Dawson, retired teacher.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:27 p.m.

**Representative Lee Chatfield, Chair**\_\_\_\_\_

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