



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Committee for Education

Minutes of Proceedings

23 September 2025

Meeting Location: Room 29 Parliament Buildings

Present:

Mr Pat Sheehan MLA (Deputy Chairperson)

Mr Danny Baker MLA

Mrs Michelle Guy MLA

Mrs Cathy Mason MLA

Ms Aoibhinn Treanor (Assembly Clerk)

Mr Stephen Orme (Bill Clerk)

Ms Stephanie Mallon (Clerk Assistant)

Mr Mark McQuade (Assistant Clerk)

Mr Jim Nulty (Clerical Supervisor)

Apologies:

Mr Nick Mathison MLA (Chairperson)

Ms Cara Hunter MLA

Mr David Brooks MLA

Mr Jon Burrows MLA

Mr Gary Middleton MLA



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The meeting commenced at 1:48pm in public session with the Deputy Chairperson in the Chair.

1. Apologies

An apology was received from Nick Mathison, Cara Hunter, David Brooks; Jon Burrows, and Gary Middleton.

2. Chairperson's Business

There was no Chairperson's Business.

3. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. School Uniforms (Guidelines and Allowances) Bill – Further Consideration Stage

The Committee noted Committee amendments with updated points of insertion for the Bill as amended after Consideration Stage.

The Committee moved to closed session at 1:49pm.

The Committee was briefed on Further Consideration Stage of the Bill by:

Mr Stephen Orme, Assembly Clerk, Bill Office

Ms Stephanie Mallon, Clerk Assistant, Parliamentary Services Directorate

This was followed by a question and answer session.

The Committee moved to public session 2:15pm.



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The Committee discussed as a way forward:

- Writing to notify the Minister of Education of the Committee's intention to table amendments;
- For the administrative expedient of tabling amendments in time for the Further Consideration Stage deadline on behalf of the Committee, doing so on the basis of approvals received by correspondence; and
- scheduling discussion in its meeting on 24 September 2025 on legislative processes including inter alia whether the Committee would move its amendments in the event that they were listed for debate.

5. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next Committee for Education meeting will be held on Wednesday 24 September 2025 at 2:00pm in Room 29, Parliament Buildings.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17pm.

Nick Mathison MLA
Chairperson, Committee for Education
1 October 2025