

10-MINUTE MEETING AGENDA AND GUIDE: RAISING STANDARDS FOR TEACHER LICENSURE AND PREPARATION



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I. Short video on tiered licensure (3 minutes)

II. Information on the Educator Policy Innovation Center's (EPIC) paper on teacher preparation, released in 2018 (see EPIC one-pager). (3 minutes)

a. In 2017, Minnesota's state lawmakers drastically reduced the requirements to teach in Minnesota classrooms. This has dramatic implications for Minnesota's students, especially students of color.

b. Minnesota is at a critical juncture for our students. We must decide if our children – all of our children – deserve the best, most highly prepared educators or if they deserve less. Our children deserve more than cheap and easy proposals that do not address the roots of the inequities and injustices in our education system. They deserve highly trained, skilled, and professional educators.

c. You can contact Sara Ford at sara.ford@edmn.org for more information on the paper and how to get involved in the union around this issue.

d. Questions?

III. Pass out pledge cards and digital engagement activity (3 minutes)

a. Have members fill out one for themselves

b. Have extra cards for members to take for colleagues

c. Members can use #edmnvotes and #chooseunion to post about why licensure matters to them in this election (shareables for this issue can be found at www.edmnvotes.org).

IV. Each member in attendance says what motivates him or her to vote using one or two words. (1 minute)

Materials needed:

- Video (www.edmnvotes.org)
- One-pager on licensure (www.edmnvotes.org)
- Pens/pencils
- Pledge cards
- One-pager on EPIC paper (www.edmnvotes.org)
- Copies of EPIC paper if desired (contact EdMN field staff)

