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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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*Miles Briggs (Lothian) (Con)
*Pam Duncan-Glancy (Glasgow) (Lab)
*Ross Greer (West Scotland) (Green)
*Bill Kidd (Glasgow Anniesland) (SNP)
*John Mason (Glasgow Shettleston) (Ind)
*Paul McLennan (East Lothian) (SNP)
*Willie Rennie (North East Fife) (LD)

*attended

CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE

Pauline McIntrye

LOCATION

The Robert Burns Room (CR1)

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[The Convener opened the meeting at 09:24]

Interests

The Convener (Douglas Ross): Good morning and welcome to the 24th meeting in 2025 of the Education, Children and Young People Committee.

Our first agenda item is a declaration of interests. I welcome Paul McLennan, who is replacing our colleague Joe FitzPatrick. On behalf of the committee, I thank Mr FitzPatrick for his contribution to our work.

Because this is Mr McLennan's first meeting as a committee member, I invite him to declare any relevant interests.

Paul McLennan (East Lothian) (SNP): Thank you, convener. For a number of years, I was a member of the commission on school reform with Reform Scotland, which is now known as Enlighten, and I was a member of Reform Scotland's advisory board. I was also a member of East Lothian Council from 2007 to 2022 and sat on various education committees. That is my declaration.

The Convener: Excellent. Thank you very much. That concludes the short public part of our proceedings, and the committee will now move into private session to consider its other agenda items.

09:25

Meeting continued in private until 11:53.

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