

Who Won the Week?

Democrats – Session looks like bust between a speaker facing an ethics investigation, and senate infighting already looming. Plus a new Republican push for “vetting” offers the prospect of ill-fitting candidates in swing districts.

Karla Eslinger – Commissioner of Education will be a capstone for a long career focused on improving education.

Charlie Shields – Led the State Board of Education to fill Margie Vandeven’s spot quickly and with little drama, eschewing the usual fake ‘national search’ when he saw the person who checked all the boxes right there in front of them.

Gabe Gore – Took quite a gamble to walk into the mess of the St. Louis Circuit Attorney’s office promising a clean-up. But he’s managed to bring back competence, and has no serious detractors as he ramps up for an election cycle.

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