



# Agriculture and Rural Development Finance & Policy Committee

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## 1. Call to Order

## 2. S.F. 3096 (Johnson) Ag Innovation Campus appropriation.

- Tom Slunecka, CEO – Ag Management Solutions
- Cory Bennett – Minnesota Soybean Growers Association

## 3. S.F. 4019 (Westrom) Agriculture provisions modifications and appropriations.

- Thom Petersen, Commissioner – Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA)
- Andrea Vaubel, Deputy commissioner – MDA
- Michelle Medina, Director of Government Affairs - MDA
- Sherry Kromschroeder, Director of Finance and Budget - MDA
- Ashley Bress, Grants Supervisor - MDA
- Paul Hugunin, Director of Ag Marketing and Development - MDA
- Mark Abrahamson, Director of Plant Protection – MDA

## 4. Adjournment

**Agriculture and Rural Development Finance & Policy Committee**

1150 Minnesota Senate Building  
Monday, Wednesday  
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM