

Elections Committee
Tuesday, January 17, 2023
3:00 PM, Room 1200, Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Jim Carlson - Chair, Senator Bonnie S. Westlin Vice Chair, Senator Bruce D. Anderson, Senator Calvin K. Bahr, Senator Liz Boldon, Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski, Senator Gene Dornink, Senator Mark W. Koran, Senator Warren Limmer, Senator John Marty, Senator Andrew Mathews, Senator Nicole L. Mitchell, Senator Ann H. Rest

Absent: Senator Lindsey Port

Senator Jim Carlson called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

S.F. 26: Senator Champion: Right to vote restoration to individuals convicted of a felony upon completion of any term of incarceration imposed and executed by a court for the offense.

Testifiers:

Senator Champion
Steve Simon, Minnesota Secretary of State
Wintana Melekin, Local Business Owner
Ken Peterson, Board Member, Clean Elections Minnesota
Naomi Gaines-Young, Organizer, Minnesota Freedom Fund
Sarah Florman, Public Policy Manager, Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Ryan Hamilton, Government Relations Manager, Minnesota Catholic Conference
Cecily McMillan, Activist
Brian Fullman, Lead Organizer, ISIAAH

Senator Westlin moved the A7 amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A7 Amendment was adopted.

Senator Westlin moved that SF 26 be recommended to pass as amended and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. Senator Koran requested a roll call vote, and a roll call was granted.

Senator Carlson - Yea
Senator Westlin - Yea
Senator Koran - Nay
Senator Anderson - Nay
Senator Bahr - Nay
Senator Boldon - Yea
Senator Cwodzinski - Yea
Senator Dornink - Nay
Senator Limmer - Nay
Senator Marty - Yea
Senator Mathews - Nay
Senator Mitchell - Yea
Senator Port - Absence
Senator Rest - Yea

By a roll call vote of 7 Yeas, 6 Nays, and 1 Absence, the motion prevailed and SF 26, as amended, was re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee.

Senator Westlin moved that S.F. 26, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. - MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Jim Carlson

Senator Jim Carlson, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christie Blood". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Christie Blood, Legislative Assistant for
Taylor Spreeman, Legislative Assistant