



# Minnesota Senate Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy Committee

Monday, February 20, 2023

12:30pm

MSB 1100

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## **Agenda:**

### **1. Call to Order**

### **2. S.F. 1208 -Dziedzic: East Side Neighborhood Services appropriation**

Testifiers:

- Katey Wade, Vice President, Strategy & Results
- Barbara Freeman, Participant, Senior Community Employment Program

### **3. S.F. 1239 -Frentz: COPAL appropriation for worker center**

**programming**

Testifier:

- Francisco Segovia - Executive Director, COPAL

### **4. S.F. 0910 -Seeberger: Temporary housing for burn victims and their families during treatment appropriation.**

Testifier:

- Jake LaFerriere, Founder and Executive Director, Firefighters for Healing

### **5. S.F. 0984 -Boldon: Bridges to Healthcare appropriation**

Testifiers:

- Jinny Rietmann – Executive Director, Workforce Development Inc.
- Barb Embacher - Vice President, Riverland Community College
- Jill Hamberg – Student, Bridges to Healthcare

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**Minnesota Senate Jobs and Economic Development Committee**

Monday, Wednesday  
Room 1100  
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**6. S.F. 0915 -Gustafson: White Bear Center for the Arts paid high school internship program appropriation.**

Testifiers:

- Alex Legeros, Director of Development & Communications, White Bear Center for the Arts
- Lexi Munson, Development & Membership Coordinator, White Bear Center for the Arts
- Wonser Mongrue, Student, White Bear Lake High School
- Arianna Vann-Cook, Student, White Bear Lake High School

**7. S.F. 0720 -Jasinski: Owatonna Learn to Earn Coalition grant appropriation to help the Owatonna and Steele County region grow and retain a talented workforce.**

Testifiers:

- Brad Meier, Owatonna Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism

**8. S.F. 0968 -Jasinski: Greater Minnesota business development public infrastructure grant program appropriation**

Testifiers:

- Erik Simonson, Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities
- Craig Clark, City Administrator, Austin, MN

**9. S.F. 0569 -Draheim: High-wage, high-demand careers prioritization in awarding competitive grants.**

**10. Adjournment**