

# Minnesota State Senate

Jobs and Economic Development Committee

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## Minutes

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**Present:** Senator Bobby Joe Champion - Chair, Senator Zaynab Mohamed Vice Chair, Senator Rich Draheim, Senator Heather Gustafson, Senator Fong Hawj, Senator Karin Housley, Senator Carla J. Nelson, Senator Eric R. Pratt, Senator Aric Putnam

**Absent:** No Members Absent

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Chair Senator Champion calls the hybrid Jobs and Economic Development Committee Meeting to order at 12:33 PM conducted in Minnesota Senate Building room 1100 and over zoom broadcast.

### Call To Order

**S.F. 2109:** Senator Hauschild: Separation and retention incentive programs provision Testifier: Marianne Bouska, Chief Operating Officer, IRRRB.

S.F. 2109 - Hauschild: Separation and retention incentive programs provision presentation begins at 12:35 PM by Senator Hauschild and ends at 12:36 PM.

S.F. 2109 - Hauschild: Separation and retention incentive programs provision presentation continues with a testimony by Linda Johnson, Director of Mining and Property Development, IRRRB, starting at 12:36 PM and ending at 12:37 PM.

Senator Mahomed moves for SF 2110 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

Senator Mohamed moved that S.F. 2109, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 2110:** Senator Hauschild: Giants Ridge account creation Testifier: Linda Johnson, Director of Mining and Property Development, IRRRB.

S.F. 2110 - Hauschild: Giants Ridge account creation presentation begins at 12:37 PM by Senator Hauschild and ends at 12:38 PM.

S.F. 2110 - Hauschild: Giants Ridge account creation presentation continues with a testimony by Linda Johnson, Director of Mining and Property Development, IRRRB, starting at 12:38 PM and ending at 12:39 PM.

Senator Mahomed moves for SF 2110 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

Senator Mohamed moved that S.F. 2110, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 2354:** Senator Carlson: Robotics and STEM internships appropriation Testifiers: Nicole Schossow, Regional Director for MN, ND, SD FIRST Robotics Mark Lawrence, Chairman of the MN FIRST Regional Planning Committee, member of FIRST Upper Midwest Board of Directors, and member of the MN FIRST Executive Board George Rerat, Edina High School Student.

S.F. 2354 - Carlson: Robotics and STEM internships appropriation presentation begins at 12:39 PM by Senator Carlson and ends at 12:41 PM.

Senator Draheim offers the A1 amendment. Senator Draheim motions for a vote. The motion prevails and the A1 amendment is adopted.

S.F. 2354 - Carlson: Robotics and STEM internships appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Nicole Schossow, Regional Director for MN, ND, SD FIRST Robotics, starting at 12:41 PM and ending at 12:43 PM.

S.F. 2354 - Carlson: Robotics and STEM internships appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Mark Lawrence, Chairman of the MN FIRST Regional Planning Committee, member of FIRST Upper Midwest Board of Directors, and member of the MN FIRST Executive Board, starting at 12:45 PM and ending at 12:47 PM.

S.F. 2354 - Carlson: Robotics and STEM internships appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by George Rerat, Edina High School Student, starting at 12:43 PM and ending at 12:45 PM.

Questions Begin at 12:47 PM and ends at 12:48 PM

Senator Mahomed moves for SF 2354 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

**S.F. 2571:** Senator Pappas: Hmong American Partnership grant appropriation Testifiers: May yer Thao (pronounced "Mineza Taow"), President and CEO, Hmong American Partnership Vue Chu (pronounced "Voo Choo"), community member.

S.F. 2571 - Pappas: Hmong American Partnership grant appropriation presentation begins at 1:10 PM by Senator Pappas and ends at 1:11 PM.

S.F. 2571 - Pappas: Hmong American Partnership grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by May yer Thao, President and CEO, Hmong American Partnership, starting at 1:11 PM and ending at 1:13 PM.

S.F. 2571 - Pappas: Hmong American Partnership grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Vue Chu, community member, starting at 1:13 PM and ending at 1:16 PM.

Questions Begin at 1:16 PM and ends at 1:26 PM

Senator Mahomed moves for SF 2571 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

**S.F. 2085: Senator Kupec: MICC appropriation for workforce development services for adults with autism and learning differences Testifiers: Amy Gudmestad, MICC Executive Director Jenna Olson, MICC Graduate + Community Program Participant.**

S.F. 2085 - Kupec: MICC appropriation for workforce development services for adults with autism and learning differences presentation begins at 1:26 PM by Senator Kupec and ends at 1:29 PM.

S.F. 2085 - Kupec: MICC appropriation for workforce development services for adults with autism and learning differences presentation continues with a testimony by Amy Gudmestad, MICC Executive Director, starting at 1:30 PM and ending at 1:32 PM.

S.F. 2085 - Kupec: MICC appropriation for workforce development services for adults with autism and learning differences presentation continues with a testimony by Jenna Olson, MICC Graduate + Community Program Participant, starting at 1:32 PM and ending at 1:34 PM.

Senator nelson offers an oral amendment. Senator Kupec accepts the amendment. The motions prevails and the amendment is adopted.

Questions Begin at 1:36 PM and ends at 1:38 PM

Senator Mahomed moves for SF 2085 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

Senator Mohamed moved that S.F. 2085, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 2595: Senator Kupec: Initiative foundations grant appropriation Testifier: Tony Sertich, President & CEO, Northland Foundation.**

S.F. 2595 - Kupec: Initiative foundations grant appropriation presentation begins at 1:39 PM by Senator Kupec and ends at 1:40 PM.

S.F. 2595 - Kupec: Initiative foundations grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Tony Sertich, President & CEO, Northland Foundation, starting at 1:41 PM and ending at 1:43 PM.

Questions Begin at 1:43 PM and ends at 1:46 PM

Senator Gustafson moves for SF 2595 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

**S.F. 2634: Senator Hoffman: Nonprofits serving the African community appropriation for business loans, technical assistance and capacity building Testifiers: Jude Nnadi, CEO, Paadio Consulting Nelima Sitati Munene, Executive Director, African Career Education & Resource, Inc. (ACER, Inc.).**

**S.F. 2634 - Hoffman: Nonprofits serving the African community appropriation for business loans, technical assistance and capacity building presentation begins at 1:47 PM by Senator Hoffman and ends at 1:50 PM.**

Senator Hoffman offers an A1 amendment. Senator Draheim motions for a vote. The motion prevails and the A1 amendment is adopted.

**S.F. 2634 - Hoffman: Nonprofits serving the African community appropriation for business loans, technical assistance and capacity building presentation continues with a testimony by Jude Nnadi, CEO, Paadio Consulting, starting at 1:50 PM and ending at 1:53 PM.**

**S.F. 2634 - Hoffman: Nonprofits serving the African community appropriation for business loans, technical assistance and capacity building presentation continues with a testimony by Nelima Sitati Munene, Executive Director, African Career Education & Resource, Inc. (ACER, Inc.), starting at 1:53 PM and ending at 1:56 PM.**

Questions Begin at 1:57 PM and ends at 2:10 PM

Senator Gustafson moves for SF 2634 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

**S.F. 2507: Senator Westrom: Carts to Careers grant appropriation Testifiers: Jamie Pfuhl, President, Minnesota Grocers Association Foundation Joe Seifert, Cub Foods (zoom) John Becker, Teal's Market (zoom) Tyler Erickson, Coborn's (zoom) Kasey Flanigan-Hernandez, Coborn's (zoom).**

**S.F. 2507 - Westrom: Carts to Careers grant appropriation presentation begins at 12:50 PM by Putnam and ends at 12:52 PM.**

**S.F. 2507 - Westrom: Carts to Careers grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Jamie Pfuhl, President, Minnesota Grocers Association Foundation, starting at 12:52 PM and ending at 12:55 PM.**

**S.F. 2507 - Westrom: Carts to Careers grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Joe Seifert, Cub Foods (zoom), starting at 12:55 PM and ending at 12:57 PM.**

**S.F. 2507 - Westrom: Carts to Careers grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by John Becker, Teal's Market (zoom), starting at 12:57 PM and ending at 12:58 PM.**

**S.F. 2507 - Westrom: Carts to Careers grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Tyler Erickson, Coborn's (zoom) starting at 12:58 PM and ending at 1:01 PM.**

**S.F. 2507 - Westrom: Carts to Careers grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Kasey Flanigan-Hernandez, Coborn's (zoom), starting at 1:01 PM and ending at 1:02 PM.**

Questions Begin at 1:02 PM and ends at 1:10 PM

Senator Mohamed moves for SF 2507 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 PM



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Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Chair



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Alexis Varner, Legislative Assistant