

# 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 Carla J. Nelson, Senator Eric R. Pratt, Senator Aric Putnam

**Absent:** Senator Karin Housley

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Chair Senator Champion calls the hybrid Jobs and Economic Development Committee Meeting to order at 5:32 PM conducted in Minnesota Senate Building room 1100 and over zoom broadcast.

### Call To Order

**S.F. 2783:** Senator Dibble: PFund Foundation and Quorum establishment of a business expansion program for LGBTQ+ entrepreneurs grant appropriation Testifiers: Aaron Zimmerman, Executive Director, PFund Foundation Rebecca Waggoner, Executive Director, Quorum Belo Miguel Cipriani, Ed.D., Founder, Oleb Media.

S.F. 2783 - Dibble: PFund Foundation and Quorum establishment of a business expansion program for LGBTQ+ entrepreneurs grant appropriation presentation begins at 5:35 PM by Senator Dibble and ends at 5:37 PM.

S.F. 2783 - Dibble: PFund Foundation and Quorum establishment of a business expansion program for LGBTQ+ entrepreneurs grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Aaron Zimmerman, Executive Director, PFund Foundation, starting at 5:37 PM and ending at 5:38 PM.

S.F. 2783 - Dibble: PFund Foundation and Quorum establishment of a business expansion program for LGBTQ+ entrepreneurs grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Rebecca Waggoner, Executive Director, Quorum Belo, starting at 05:38 PM and ending at 05:41 PM.

S.F. 2783 - Dibble: PFund Foundation and Quorum establishment of a business expansion program for LGBTQ+ entrepreneurs grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Miguel Cipriani, Ed.D., Founder, Oleb Media, starting at 05:41 PM and ending at 05:42 PM.

Questions Begin at 05:43 PM and ends at 5:00 PM

Senator Champion moves for SF 2783 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Senator Champion moved that S.F. 2783, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 2865: Senator Oumou Verbeten: Redemption Project appropriation for workforce development services for adults leaving incarceration**  
**Testifiers: Tim Owens, Co-Founder of The Redemption Project Tom Pippitt, went through The Redemption Project programming.**

**S.F. 2865 - Oumou Verbeten: Redemption Project appropriation for workforce development services for adults leaving incarceration presentation begins at 6:41 PM by Senator Oumou Verbeten and ends at 6:42 PM.**

**S.F. 2865 - Oumou Verbeten: Redemption Project appropriation for workforce development services for adults leaving incarceration presentation continues with a testimony by Tim Owens, Co-Founder of The Redemption Project, starting at 6:42 PM and ending at 6:43 PM.**

**S.F. 2865 - Oumou Verbeten: Redemption Project appropriation for workforce development services for adults leaving incarceration presentation continues with a testimony by Tom Pippitt, went through The Redemption Project programming, starting at 6:44 PM and ending at 6:46 PM.**

**Questions Begin at 6:46 PM and ends at 6:50 PM**

Senator Mohamed moves for SF 2865 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

Senator Mohamed moved that S.F. 2865, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 2452: Senator Boldon: Southeast Minnesota health care simulation training center appropriation Testifier: Julie Nigon, Executive Director of Greater Rochester Advocates for Universities and Colleges (GRAUC).**

**S.F. 2452 - Boldon: Southeast Minnesota health care simulation training center appropriation presentation begins at 6:50 PM by Senator Boldon and ends at 6:52 PM.**

**S.F. 2452 - Boldon: Southeast Minnesota health care simulation training center appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Julie Nigon, Executive Director of Greater Rochester Advocates for Universities and Colleges (GRAUC), starting at 6:52 PM and ending at 6:54 PM.**

**Questions Begin at 6:54 PM and ends at 6:59 PM**

Senator Mohamed moves for SF 2452 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

Senator Mohamed moved that S.F. 2452, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 2784: Senator Green: Remote recreational businesses forgivable loan program modification Testifiers: Ed Arnesen, Commissioner, Lake of the Woods County Joe Henry, Executive Director, Lake of the Woods Tourism.**

**S.F. 2784 - Green: Remote recreational businesses forgivable loan program modification presentation begins at 6:59 PM by Senator Green and ends at 7:00 PM.**

**Senator Green offers the A1 amendment. Senator Champion moves the A1 amendment. The motion prevails, and the amendment is adopted.**

**S.F. 2784 - Green: Remote recreational businesses forgivable loan program modification presentation continues with a testimony by Ed Arnesen, Commissioner, Lake of the Woods County, starting at 7:00 PM and ending at 7:01 PM.**

**S.F. 2784 - Green: Remote recreational businesses forgivable loan program modification presentation continues with a testimony by Joe Henry, Executive Director, Lake of the Woods Tourism, starting at 7:01 PM and ending at 7:02 PM.**

**Questions Begin at 6:56 PM and ends at 7:14 PM**

**Senator Mohamed moves for SF 2784 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill**

**Senator Mohamed moved that S.F. 2784, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.**

**S.F. 1779: Senator Mohamed: Grants appropriation to programs to provide employment support services to persons with mental illness Testifiers: Robert Reedy, Senior Director of Vocational Services, Rise Inc. Danial Dooley, Rise Inc.**

**S.F. 1779 - Mohamed: Grants appropriation to programs to provide employment support services to persons with mental illness presentation begins at 05:48 PM by Senator Mohamed and ends at 5:50 PM.**

**S.F. 1779 - Mohamed: Grants appropriation to programs to provide employment support services to persons with mental illness presentation continues with a testimony at 05:50 PM by Robert Reedy, Senior Director of Vocational Services, Rise Inc and ends at 5:52 PM.**

**S.F. 1779 - Mohamed: Grants appropriation to programs to provide employment support services to persons with mental illness presentation continues with a testimony by Danial Dooley, Rise Inc., starting at 5:52 PM and ending at 05:54 PM.**

**Questions Begin at 6:00 PM and ends at 6:04 PM**

**Gustafson motions to move SF 1779 to pass and be re-referred to State and Local Gov by voice vote. The motion prevails and SF 1779 is re-referred to State and Local Gov.**

**S.F. 2235: Senator Mohamed: Emerge Community Development grant appropriation Testifiers: Terra Mayfield, Vice President of Programs, EMERGE Minnesota Larcell Mack, Re-entry program manager, EMERGE Minnesota.**

**S.F. 2235 - Mohamed: Emerge Community Development grant appropriation presentation begins at 7:15 PM by Senator Mohamed and ends at 7:16 PM.**

**S.F. 2235 - Mohamed: Emerge Community Development grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Terra Mayfield, Vice President of Programs, EMERGE Minnesota, starting at 7:16 PM and ending at 7:19 PM.**

**S.F. 2235 - Mohamed: Emerge Community Development grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Larcell Mack, Re-entry program manager, EMERGE Minnesota, starting at 7:19 PM and ending at 7:21 PM.**

**Senator Gustafson moves for SF 2235 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill**

**S.F. 2793: Senator Mohamed: All Square of Minnesota grant appropriation Testifiers: Emily Hunt Turner, Founder & CEO, All Square Minneapolis Onika Goodluck, Fellowship Director, All Square Minneapolis Maya Johnson, Prison to Law Pipeline Director, All Square Minneapolis.**

**S.F. 2793 - Mohamed: All Square of Minnesota grant appropriation presentation begins at 7:21 PM by Senator Mohamed and ends at 7:23 PM.**

**S.F. 2793 - Mohamed: All Square of Minnesota grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Emily Hunt Turner, Founder & CEO, All Square Minneapolis, starting at 7:23 PM and ending at 7:25 PM.**

**S.F. 2793 - Mohamed: All Square of Minnesota grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Onika Goodluck, Fellowship Director, All Square Minneapolis, starting at 7:25 PM and ending at 7:27 PM.**

**S.F. 2793 - Mohamed: All Square of Minnesota grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Maya Johnson, Prison to Law Pipeline Director, All Square Minneapolis, starting at 7:27 PM and ending at 7:29 PM.**

**Senator Gustafson moves for SF 2793 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill**

**S.F. 2665: Senator Putnam: Small business growth acceleration appropriation Testifiers: Lynn Shelton, Vice President, Enterprise Minnesota Doug Von Arb, President, Blow Molded Specialties (zoom).**

**S.F. 2665 - Putnam: Small business growth acceleration appropriation presentation begins at 7:32 PM by Senator Putnam and ends at 7:33 PM.**

**S.F. 2665 - Putnam: Small business growth acceleration appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Lynn Shelton, Vice President, Enterprise Minnesota, starting at 7:33 PM and ending at 7:35 PM.**

**S.F. 2665 - Putnam: Small business growth acceleration appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Doug Von Arb, President, Blow Molded Specialties (zoom), starting at 7:36 PM and ending at 7:38 PM.**

Questions Begin at 7:38 PM and ends at 7:39 PM

**Senator Mohamed moves for SF 2665 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.**

Senator Mohamed moved that S.F. 2665, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 1998: Senator Champion: Project for Pride in Living appropriation Testifiers: Antonio Cardona, VP of Career Readiness, Project for Pride in Living Antonio (Tony) Carnell, Diploma Connect student, Project for Pride in Living.**

S.F. 1998 - Champion: Project for Pride in Living appropriation presentation begins at 6:35 PM by Senator Champion and ends at 6:36 PM.

S.F. 1998 - Champion: Project for Pride in Living appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Antonio Cardona, VP of Career Readiness, Project for Pride in Living, starting at 6:36 PM and ending at 6:38 PM.

S.F. 1998 - Champion: Project for Pride in Living appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Antonio (Tony) Carnell, Diploma Connect student, Project for Pride in Living, starting at 6:38 PM and ending at 6:40 PM.

Senator Mohamed moves for SF 1998 to be laid over for possible inclusion

Senator Mohamed moved that S.F. 1998, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 2632: Senator Champion: MNSBIR grant to secure research and development funding appropriation Testifiers: Pat Dillon, CDR, USN (Ret), President, MNSBIR, Inc. Dr. Tim Childs, CEO, TLC Precision.**

S.F. 2632 - Champion: MNSBIR grant to secure research and development funding appropriation presentation begins at 6:21 PM by Senator and ends at 6:24 PM.

Senator Champion offers the A1 amendment. Senator Mohamed moves the A1 amendment. The motion prevails and the amendment is adopted by voice.

S.F. 2632 - Champion: MNSBIR grant to secure research and development funding appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Pat Dillon, CDR, USN (Ret), President, MNSBIR, Inc, starting at 6:24 PM and ending at 6:26 PM.

S.F. 2632 - Champion: MNSBIR grant to secure research and development funding appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Dr. Tim Childs, CEO, TLC Precision, starting at 6:26 PM and ending at 6:28 PM.

Questions Begin at 6:28 PM and ends at 6:35 PM

Senator Mohamed motions for SF 2632 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

Senator Mohamed moved that S.F. 2632, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 2970: Senator Champion: Appropriation provision for grants to provide a community-based approach to reduce violence through employment, empowerment and social equity building Testifiers: Reverend Jerry McAfee, Founder/CEO, Salem Inc. Lisa Clemmons, Founder/CEO, A Mother's Love.**

S.F. 2970 - Champion: Appropriation provision for grants to provide a community-based approach to reduce violence through employment, empowerment and social equity building presentation begins at 6:00 PM by Senator Champion and ends at 6:05 PM.

S.F. 2970 - Champion: Appropriation provision for grants to provide a community-based approach to reduce violence through employment, empowerment and social equity building presentation continues with a testimony by Jerry McAfee, Founder & CEO, Salem Inc., starting at 6:05 PM and ending at 6:07 PM.

S.F. 2970 - Champion: Appropriation provision for grants to provide a community-based approach to reduce violence through employment, empowerment and social equity building presentation continues with a testimony by Lisa Clemmons, Founder & CEO, A Mother's Love Founder/CEO, starting at 6:07 PM and ending at 6:09 PM.

Questions Begin at 6:10 PM and ends at 6:22 PM

Senator Mohamed motions for SF 2970 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

Senator Mohamed moved that S.F. 2970, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM



Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Chair



Alexis Varner, Legislative Assistant