

Elections Committee  
Thursday, February 15, 2024  
3:00 PM, Room 1200, Minnesota Senate Bldg.

## Minutes

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**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. Cwudzinski, Senator Gene Dornink, Senator Mark W. Koran, Senator Andrew Mathews, Senator Nicole Mitchell, Senator Lindsey Port, Senator Ann H. Rest

**Absent:** Senator Warren Limmer, Senator John Marty

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Senator Jim Carlson called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

### Call to order

Quorum is present.

**S.F. 3550:** Senator Maye Quade: Strengthening Deep Fake Prohibitions -- Pending re-referral from Judiciary.

### Testifiers:

Senator Maye Quade  
David Fisher, Strategic Advisor, Clean Elections Minnesota

Senator Mitchell moved that S.F. 3550, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. By a voice vote - MOTION PREVAILED.

**S.F. 3499:** Senator Boldon: Consolidating political committee spending on local elections with the Campaign Finance Board.

### Testifiers:

Senator Boldon  
Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director, Minnesota Campaign Finance Board  
(zoom) Karen MacLaughlin, Clerk & Board Member, City of Rochester Public School Board

Senator Carlson moved that S.F. 3499, be laid over.

**S.F. 3501:** Senator Boldon: Working group to examine whether local candidates should file campaign finance reports with the Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board.

### Testifiers:

Senator Boldon  
(zoom) Karen MacLaughlin, Clerk & Board Member, City of Rochester Public School Board  
Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director, Minnesota Campaign Finance Board

Senator Boldon moved that S.F. 3501, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the State and Local Government and Veterans Committee. By a voice vote - MOTION PREVAILED.

**S.F. 3481: Senator Westlin: Expanding doxing protections for election officials and law enforcement -- Pending re-referral from Judiciary.**

**Testifiers:**

Senator Westlin

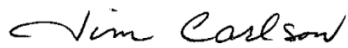
David Maeda, Deputy Secretary of State & Director of Elections, Office of Secretary of State  
Secretary of State Steve Simon

Senator Westlin moved the A2 Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A2 Amendment was adopted.

**Senator Westlin moved that S.F. 3481, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. By a voice vote - MOTION PREVAILED.**

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**The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 p.m.**



Senator Jim Carlson, Chair



Christine Blood, Legislative Assistant