

Elections Committee
Thursday, March 14, 2024
3:00 PM, 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. Cwudzinski, Senator Gene Dornink, Senator Mark W. Koran, Senator Warren Limmer, Senator John Marty, Senator Andrew Mathews, Senator Nicole Mitchell, Senator Lindsey Port, Senator Ann H. Rest

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Jim Carlson called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m.

Call to order

A quorum is present.

The gavel was transferred to Senator Westlin.

S.F. 4729: Senator Carlson: Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board authority to impose a civil penalty and late fees modification; electioneering communication definition expansion; major political party definition modification.

Testifiers:

Senator Carlson

Chip Tangen, Vice Chair & Political Director, Libertarian Party of Minnesota

Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director, Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Senator Carlson moved the A2 Author's Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A2 Author's Amendment was adopted.

S.F. 4729 was laid over.

S.F. 4700: Senator Putnam: Certain activities exemption from the definition of "lobbyist".

Testifiers:

Senator Putnam

(zoom) Ed Reynoso, Political Director/Chief Lobbyist, Teamsters Local 230

Roz Peterson, Public Policy Director, NAIOP MN

Amy Walstein, Senior Policy Director, MGRC

Paul Cassidy, Counsel, MGRC

Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director, Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Senator Boldon moved the A2 Author's Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the A2 Author's Amendment was adopted.

Senator Mathews moved the A3 Amendment. Senator Mathews requested a roll call, and a roll call was granted.

Senator Carlson - Nay

Senator Westlin - Nay

Senator Koran - Aye

Senator Anderson - Aye
Senator Bahr - Aye
Senator Boldon - Nay
Senator Cwodzinski - Nay
Senator Dornink - Aye
Senator Limmer - Aye
Senator Marty - Nay
Senator Mathews - Aye
Senator Mitchell - Nay
Senator Port - Absent
Senator Rest - Nay

With a roll call vote of 6 Ayes and 7 Nays, and 1 Absent, the motion failed, and the A3 Amendment was not adopted.

S.F. 4700 was laid over.

S.F. 4951: Senator Westlin: School board member office vacancy filling requirements modifications.

Testifiers:

Senator Westlin

Gregory A. Winter, Superintendent, Melrose Area Public Schools (ISD 740)

Adam Wattenbarger, Deputy General Counsel, Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Public Schools (ISD 196)

S.F. 4951 was laid on the table.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.



Senator Jim Carlson, Chair



Christine Blood, Legislative Assistant