

# Minnesota State Senate

Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee  
Tuesday, March 19, 2024  
3:00 PM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

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## Minutes

**Present:** Senator FOUNG Hawj - Chair, Senator Jennifer A. McEwen Vice Chair, Senator Justin D. Eichorn, Senator Steve Green, Senator Grant Hauschild, Senator John A. Hoffman, Senator Mary K. Kunesch, Senator Andrew R. Lang, Senator Kelly L. Morrison, Senator Nathan Wesenberg

**Absent:** No Members Absent

Senator FOUNG Hawj called the meeting to order at 3:10pm. Quorum present. Senator Hauschild joined via Virtual. Senator McEwen had gavel at 5:15pm.

### Call To Order

### Overview of Legacy Fund Balances – February 2024 Forecast

The following individuals testified on Overview of Legacy Fund Balances – February 2024 Forecast:  
Dan Mueller, Lead Fiscal Analyst, Senate Counsel, Research & Fiscal Analysis

### Clean Water Council Recommendations on Clean Water Fund Appropriations

The following individuals testified on Clean Water Council Recommendations on Clean Water Fund Appropriations:  
Paul Gardner, Clean Water Council

### **S.F. 4073:** Senator McEwen: Municipal effluent testing for PFAS appropriation.

The following individuals testified on S.F.4073:  
Marianne Bohren, Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (REMOTE)

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 4073, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

### **S.F. 3946:** Senator Kunesch: Friends of Minnesota Valley River Watch program appropriation.

Senator Kunesch offers A-2 author's amendment, Senator Hawj moves to adopt the A-2, pass by voice vote

Ted Suss, Executive Director, Friends of MN Valley

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 3946, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

### **S.F. 4143:** Senator Morrison: 50-year clean water plan appropriation.

Senator Morrison offers the A-1 Amendment, Senator Hawj moves to adopt A-1, pass by voice vote. Senator Wesenberg offers the A-3 amendment, amendment withdrawal.

Dr. Andy Erickson, Chair, University of MN Water Council

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 4143, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 3911: Senator Hauschild: Parks and trail fund appropriations modifications and grant availability extension.**

Senator Hauschild offers the A-1 author's amendment, Senator Hawj moves to adopt A-1, pass by voice vote.

Rene Mattson, Greater MN Regional Parks & Trails Commission (REMOTE)

Liz Wefel, Greater MN Regional Parks & Trails Commission

As amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) Recommendations on Outdoor  
Heritage Fund Appropriations**

The following individuals testified on Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council (LSOHC) Recommendations on Outdoor Heritage Fund Appropriations:

Mark Johnson, Executive Director, LSOHC

Joe Pavelko, Assistant Director, LSOHC

Dave Morrill and Greg Munson, Friends of Silver Lake (REMOTE)

Rick Heller, LSOHC

**S.F. 3395: Senator Pappas: Justus Ramsey Stone House relocation appropriation.**

Josh Hoaby, Executive Director, MN Transportation Museum

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 3395, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 2820: Senator Dibble: Minneapolis Loring Park Berger Fountain restoration and surrounding plaza related improvements appropriation.**

Elizabeth Shaffer, MPRB

Mary Bujold, Chair of Berger Fountain

Dave Hile, Friends of Loring Park

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 2820, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 3440: Senator Klein: Hrvatski Dom Croatian Hall restoration appropriation.**

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 3440, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 3884: Senator Mitchell: Minnesota Military and Veterans Museum appropriation.**

Randal Dietrich, Director, MN Military & Veterans Museum

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 3884, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 4427: Senator Mitchell: City of Cannon Falls American Veterans Memorial Park appropriation.**

Senator Mitchell offers the A-1 Authors amendment, Senator Hoffman moves to adopt A-1, pass by voice vote.

The following individuals testified on S.F.4427:

Gao Lee, Captain Hmong Veteran

Jim Boo, Director of Development

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 4427, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 3586: Senator Oumou Verbeten: Supportive arts program appropriation.**

Antonio Espinosa, Art From the Inside

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 3586, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 5047: Senator Hoffman: Twin Cities Jazz Festival appropriation.**

Danya Martinez, Twin Cities Jazz Festival

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 5047, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 3289: Senator Howe: Establishing a 250th Anniversary Commemoration Commission and appropriating money.**

Senator Howe offers the A-1 Author's amendment, Senator Eichorn moves to adopt the A-1, pass by voice vote.

The following individuals testified on S.F.3289:

Kevin Lindsey, CEO, MN Humanities Center

David Kelliher, MN History Center

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 3289, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 3350: Senator Eichorn: Wizard of Oz ruby slippers purchase appropriation.**

Jane Heitz

John Kelsch

Judy Garland Museum

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 3350, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 5065: Senator Pha: Community grants celebrating 50 years of Southeast Asians in Minnesota appropriation.**

Senator Pha offers the A-1 author's amendment, Senator Hawj moves to adopt the A-1, pass by voice vote.

The following individuals testified on S.F.5065:

Megan Lee, Hmong SGU Veterans Board Member

Apichart Klaysingha, Siengkane Lao Mn Organization

Andrew Morris, Council on Asian Pacific MN

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 5065, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 5022: Senator Hawj: PROCEED, Inc. youth arts and cultural work appropriation.**

Senator Hawj offers an oral amendment (pg1, line 6, delete the (blank) and insert \$150K) Senator Hawj moves to adopt the oral amendment, pass by voice vote.

Dr. Melvin Miller, PROCEED

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 5022, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 5003: Senator Hawj: Underrepresented groups cultural studies materials development appropriation.**

Senator Hawj offers the A-1 Author's amendment, Senator Hawj moves to adopt the A-1, pass by voice vote.

The following individuals testified on S.F.5003:

Kevin Lindsay, CEO, MN Humanities Center

**S.F. 4434: Senator Hawj: Indigenous Roots Cultural Arts Center and Cypher Side appropriation.**

Lue Thao, Director, Cypher Side Dance Studio

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**The meeting was adjourned at 5:36pm**

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Senator FOUNG HAWJ, Chair

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Maikao VUE, Legislative Assistant