

# Minnesota State Senate

**Housing and Homelessness Prevention Committee**  
**Thursday, February 15, 2024**  
**12:30 PM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.**

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## Minutes

**Present: Senator Lindsey Port - Chair, Senator Liz Boldon - Vice Chair, Senator Rich Draheim, Senator Karin Housley, Senator Eric Lucero, Senator Zaynab Mohamed, Senator Susan Pha, Senator Tou Xiong**

**Absent: No Members Absent**

**Senator Lindsey Port called the meeting to order at 12:32pm.**

**Call to Order**

**Introductions and overview of committee jurisdiction**

**Overview of the state of housing: Minnesota Housing Partnership**

Anne Mavity, Executive Director

Discussion

**Presentation by Minnesota Housing Finance Agency**

Commissioner Jennifer Ho  
Dan Kitzberger, Legislative Director

Discussion

**S.F. 3201: Senator Mohamed: Tenants right to organize and penalties for retaliation for tenant organizing authorization.**

Senator Mohamed offered the A1 amendment, discussion

Senator Mohamed moved the A1 amendment, motion prevailed, amendment adopted

Senator Mohamed provided an overview of the bill

Testifiers  
Katherine Banbury, HOME Line  
Sedia Omar, New American Development Center  
Marian Butler, African Career Education Resource, Inc.  
Margaret Kaplan, Housing Justice Center  
Leanna Stefaniak, Minnesota Multi Housing Association, Board Chair

Discussion  
Margaret Kaplan, Housing Justice Center

Senator Boldon moved that S.F. 3201, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. -  
**MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42pm.

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Senator Lindsey Port, Chair

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Courtney Schaff, Legislative Assistant