



# Minnesota Senate Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy Committee

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

12:30pm

MSB 1100

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## **Agenda:**

### 1. Call To Order

### 2. S.F. 4014 – Morrison Minnesota Sports and Events grant appropriation for the World Junior Hockey Championships

- Wendy Blackshaw, CEO of Minnesota Sports and Events
- Fartun Osman, CEO and Founder of Girls Rock
- Wade Luneberg, UNITE HERE Video from
- Lou Nanne, Member of the United States Hockey Hall of Fame, played in the  
1968 Olympics, and former Minnesota North Stars Player and General Manager  
(VIDEO TESTIMONY)
- Suni Lee, USA Gymnastics Olympic Gold Medalist (VIDEO TESTIMONY)

### 3. S.F. 3233-Pratt: Additional financing of metropolitan area transit capitol expenditures provisions and authorizing the issuance of certain obligations

#### Testifiers:

- Tim Zunker, President, Shakopee Chamber of Commerce

### 4. S.F. 3891-Mohamed: Jobs Foundation grant appropriation

#### Testifiers:

- Heather Walch, CEO Repowered Ellis Simmons, Work Readiness
- Ellis Simmons, Work Readiness Employee

### 5. S.F. 3892-Mohamed: Bolder Options for youth programming appropriation

#### Testifiers:

- Darrell Thompson, President & CEO
- Vienna Chang, Participant, Twin Cities
- Christian Gary Participant, Rochester

### 6. S.F. 3588-Mohamed: Unemployment insurance eligibility modifications under certain conditions for applicants involved in a labor dispute

#### Testifiers:

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## **Minnesota Senate Jobs and Economic Development Committee**

Monday, Wednesday  
Room 1100  
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

- Jake Schwitzer, ED, North Star Policy Action
- Bart Andersen, AFSCME Council 5
- Todd Dahlstrom, Minnesota AFL-CIO
- John Kontzelmann, United Auto Workers Local 125
- Chris Rubesch, Minnesota Nurses Association
- Jay Chatleain, United Steelworkers
- Dean Benson, Teamsters Local 120
- Catina Taylor, Minneapolis Federation of Teachers
- Lisa Schaefer, HR Director, League of MN Cities
- Sarah Gallett, Hastings Food Service Worker
- Mike Bartos, SEIU Local 26
- Jared Mituga, SEIU Healthcare Minnesota & Iowa

7. Adjournment