

# Minnesota State Senate

## Jobs and Economic Development Committee

Monday, March 25, 2024

12:30 PM, 1100 Minnesota Senate Bldg.



### Minutes

**Present:** Senator Bobby Joe Champion - Chair, Senator Zaynab Mohamed Vice Chair, Senator Rich Draheim, Senator Heather Gustafson, Senator Fong Hawj, Senator Karin Housley, Senator Carla J. Nelson, Senator Eric R. Pratt, Senator Aric Putnam

**Absent:** No Members Absent

Vice Chair Senator Mohamed calls the hybrid Jobs and Economic Development Committee Meeting to order at 12:36pm conducted in Minnesota Senate Building room 1100 and over zoom broadcast. Chair, Senator Champion: Present Vice Chair, Senator Mohamed: Present Ranking, Senator Draheim: Present Senator Gustafson: Present Senator Hawj: Present Senator Housley: Present Senator Pratt: Present Senator Putnam: Present Senator Nelson: Present A quorum is present

### Call To Order

**S.F. 4182:** Senator Fateh: Community wealth-building grant program pilot project modifications and appropriations Testifier: Electra Skrzydlewski, Director of Shared Ownership, Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers (via Zoom).

S.F. 4182 – Fateh, Community wealth-building grant program pilot project modifications and appropriations presentation begins at 12:37pm by Senator Fateh and ends at 12:38pm.

S.F. 4182 – Fateh, Community wealth-building grant program pilot project modifications and appropriations presentation continues with a testimony via zoom by Electra Skrzydlewski, Director of Shared Ownership, Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers, starting at 12:38pm and ending at 12:41pm.

Questions and comments on SF 4182 begin at 12:41pm and end at 12:48pm

- Senator Draheim moves the A1 amendment at 12:47pm. The motion prevails and the A1 amendments is adopted via voice vote.

Vice Chair Moves that SF 4182, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

Senator Mohamed moved that S.F. 4182, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 4401: Senator Oumou Verbeten: FilmNorth grant appropriation Testifier: Andrew Peterson, Executive Director, FilmNorth.**

S.F. 4401 - Oumou Verbeten: FilmNorth grant appropriation presentation begins at 12:48pm by Senator Oumou Verbeten and ends at 12:52pm.

S.F. 4401 - Oumou Verbeten: FilmNorth grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Andrew Peterson, Executive Director, FilmNorth, starting at 12:52pm and ending at 12:54pm.

Senator Draheim moves the A1 amendment at 12:54pm. The motion prevails and the A1 amendment is adopted via voice vote.

Questions and comments on the SF 4401 begins at 12:55pm and ends at 12:57pm

Vice Chair Senator Mohamed moves that SF 4401, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

Senator Mohamed moved that S.F. 4401, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 4816: Senator Dornink: Meat-cutting and butchery training grants appropriations Testifiers: Eric Sawatzke, MN Association of Agricultural Educators (Via Zoom) Stu Lourey, MN Farmers Union.**

S.F. 4816 – Dornink: Meat-cutting and butchery training grants appropriations presentation begins at 12:57pm by Senator Dornink and ends at 12:59pm.

S.F. 4816 – Dornink: Meat-cutting and butchery training grants appropriations presentation continues with a testimony via zoom by Eric Sawatzke, MN Association of Agricultural Educators, starting at 12:59pm and ending at 1:01pm.

S.F. 4816 – Dornink: Meat-cutting and butchery training grants appropriations presentation continues with a testimony by Stu Lourey, Government Relations Director, MN Farmers Union, starting at 1:02pm and ending at 1:03pm.

Questions and comments on S.F. 4816 begin at 1:03pm and end at 1:11pm

Vice Chair Senator Mohamed moves that SF 4816 be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

Senator Mohamed moved that S.F. 4816, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 3167: Senator Mohamed: Fortis Capital revolving loan fund appropriation Testifier: Jim Terrell, Co-Founder & President, Fortis Capital.**

S.F. 3167 – Mohamed, Fortis Capital revolving loan fund appropriation presentation begins at 1:44pm by Senator Mohamed and ends at 1:45pm.

S.F. 3167 – Mohamed, Fortis Capital revolving loan fund appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Jim Terrell, Co-Founder & President, Fortis Capital, starting at 1:45pm and ending at 1:47pm.

Questions and comments on SF 3167 begins at 1:48pm and ends at 1:54pm

Senator Champion moves that SF 3167 be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Senator Champion moved that S.F. 3167, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 4914: Senator Hawj: Coalition of Asian American Leaders grant appropriation Testifiers: -ThaoMee Xiong (she/her), Executive & Network Director, Coalition of Asian American Leaders (CAAL) -Kab Xiong, Small Business Owner.**

Before the presentation on SF 4914, Coalition of Asian American Leaders grant appropriation, begins, Senator Hawj offers the A2 amendment. The motion prevailed and the A2 amendment is adopted via voice vote at 1:12pm

S.F. 4914 – Hawj, Coalition of Asian American Leaders grant appropriation presentation begins at 1:12pm by Senator Hawj and ends at 1:15pm.

S.F. 4914 – Hawj, Coalition of Asian American Leaders grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by ThaoMee Xiong (she/her), Executive & Network Director, Coalition of Asian American Leaders (CAAL), starting at 1:15pm and ending at 1:17pm.

S.F. 4914 – Hawj, Coalition of Asian American Leaders grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Kab Xiong, Small Business Owner, starting at 1:18pm and ending at 1:19pm.

Questions and comments on SF 4914 begins at 1:21pm and ends at 1:28pm

Senator Draheim offers the A3 amendment during questioning at 1:25pm. The motion prevails and the A3 amendment is adopted via voice vote.

Vice Chair Senator Mohamed moves for SF 4914, as amended, be laid over for possible

Senator Mohamed moved that S.F. 4914, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 4609: Senator Hauschild: Entrepreneur Fund grant appropriation Testifiers: Shawn Wellnitz, CEO of the Entrepreneur Fund Jessica Lietz, Owner, Boomtown Brewery & Woodfire Grill (via Zoom).**

S.F. 4609 – Hauschild, Entrepreneur Fund grant appropriation presentation begins at 1:29pm by Senator Hawj and ends at 1:30pm.

S.F. 4609 – Hauschild, Entrepreneur Fund grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Shawn Wellnitz, CEO of the Entrepreneur Fund, starting at 1:30pm and ending at 1:31pm.

S.F. 4609 – Hauschild, Entrepreneur Fund grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony via zoom by Jessica Lietz, Owner, Boomtown Brewery & Woodfire Grill, starting at 1:31pm and ending at 1:32pm.

Questions and comments on SF 4609 begins at 1:33pm and ends at 1:43pm

- Senator Draheim offers the A1 amendment at 1:34pm. The motion prevails and the A1 amendment is adopted via voice vote.

Vice Chair Senator Mohamed moves that SF 4609, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

Senator Mohamed moved that S.F. 4609, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 4869: Senator Champion: InspireMSP grant appropriation Testifier: Dan Ryan, InspireMSP.**

S.F. 4869 – Champion, InspireMSP grant appropriation presentation begins at 1:54pm by Senator Champion and ends at 1:56pm.

S.F. 4869 – Champion, InspireMSP grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Dan Ryan, InspireMSP, starting at 1:56pm and ending at 1:58pm.

Questions and comments on SF 4869 begins at 1:58pm and ends at 00:00pm

- Senator Draheim offers the A1 amendment during questioning at 2:00pm. The motion prevails, and the A1 amendment is adopted via voice vote.

Vice Chair Senator Mohamed moves that SF 4869, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

Senator Mohamed moved that S.F. 4869, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02pm



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Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Chair



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Alexis Varner, Legislative Assistant