

# Minnesota State Senate

## Jobs and Economic Development Committee

Monday, April 15, 2024

12:30 PM, 1100 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

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### Minutes

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**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

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Chair Senator Champion calls the hybrid Jobs and Economic Development Committee Meeting to order at 2:20pm 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. 3502:** Senator Maye Quade: Grant appropriation to nonprofits to support LGBTQ people relocating to Minnesota SF 3502 will be picked up off the table and re-referred to the committee on HHS.

Senator Mohamed moves that SF 3502 be taken up from the table at 2:38pm.

Senator Mohamed moves that SF 3502 be passed and re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services. The motion prevails and SF 3502 is re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services at 2:39pm.

Senator Mohamed moved that S.F. 3502, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

**S.F. 4913:** Senator Fateh: Block Builders Foundation grant appropriation Testifiers: 1) Derrick Spencer, Founder and CEO of Block Builders Foundation 2) Rory Purnell, Board member of Block Builders Foundation 3) Karen Coffee, Block Builders Foundation.

S.F. 4913 – Fateh: Block Builders Foundation Grant Appropriation presentation begins at 2:40pm by Senator Fateh and ends at 2:41pm.

**S.F. 4913 – Fateh: Block Builders Foundation Grant Appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Derrick Spencer, Founder and CEO of Block Builders Foundation, starting at 2:41pm and ending at 2:43pm.**

**The presentation was halted for questioning at 2:43pm and resumed at 2:45pm**

**S.F. 4913 – Fateh: Block Builders Foundation Grant Appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Rory Purnell, Board Member of Block Builders Foundation, starting at 2:45pm and ending at 2:47pm.**

**Questions and comments on S.F. 4913 begin at 2:47pm and ends at 2:51pm**

**- Senator Draheim moves the A1 amendment at 2:50pm. The motion prevails and the A1 amendment is adopted via voice vote.**

**Senator Champion moves that S.F. 4913, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion**

**Senator Champion moves for the committee to be in recess at 2:53pm, and will reconvene at 5:30pm**

**Senator Champion moved that S.F. 4913, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 4446: Senator Hauschild: Explore Minnesota Film establishment Testifiers: 1) Melodie Bahan, Executive Director, Minnesota Film and TV 2) Hannah Alstead, Political and Labor Director, Teamsters Joint Council 32 3) Brian Simpson, International Alliance of Stage Employees & Studio Mechanics (IATSE) Local 490 Legislative Committee.**

**Senator Champion moves for the committee to reconvene at 5:30pm**

**S.F. 4446 – Hauschild: Explore Minnesota Film Establishment presentation begins at 5:34pm by Senator Hauschild and ends at 5:36pm.**

**Senator Hauschild offers the A1 amendment at 5:36pm. Senator Putnam moves the A1 amendment. The motion prevails, and the A1 amendment is adopted via voice vote at 5:39pm.**

**S.F. 4446 – Hauschild: Explore Minnesota Film Establishment presentation continues with a testimony by Melodie Bahan, Executive Director, Minnesota Film and TV starting at 5:39pm and ending at 5:42pm.**

**S.F. 4446 – Hauschild: Explore Minnesota Film Establishment presentation continues with a testimony by Hannah Alstead, Political and Labor Director, Teamsters Joint Council 32 starting at 5:43pm and ending at 5:44pm.**

**The presentation was halted for questioning at 5:44pm and resumed at 5:50pm**

**S.F. 4446 – Hauschild: Explore Minnesota Film Establishment presentation continues with a testimony by Brian Simpson, International Alliance of Stage Employees & Studio Mechanics (IATSE) Local 490 Legislative Committee starting at 5:50pm and ending at 5:52pm.**

**S.F. 4446 – Hauschild: Explore Minnesota Film Establishment presentation continues with a testimony by Van Hayden, starting at 5:52pm and ending at 5:55pm.**

Questions and comments on S.F. 4446 begin at 5:55pm and ends at 6:01pm

Senator Champion moves for S.F. 4446, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion

Senator Champion moved that S.F. 4446, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 5274: Senator Mohamed: Somali Community Resettlement Services grant appropriation Testifiers: 1) Abdullah Hared 2) Ifrah Ahmed 3) Fardowsa Hassan.**

S.F. 5274 – Mohamed: Somali Community Resettlement Services Grant Appropriation presentation begins at 6:03pm by Senator Mohamed and ends at 6:05pm.

S.F. 5274 – Mohamed: Somali Community Resettlement Services Grant Appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Abdullah Hared, starting at 6:05pm and ending at 6:06pm.

S.F. 5274 – Mohamed: Somali Community Resettlement Services Grant Appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Ifrah Ahmed, starting at 6:06pm and ending at 6:08pm.

Questions and comments on S.F. 5274 begin at 6:08pm and ends at 6:18pm

- Senator Draheim moves the A1 amendment during questions at 6:12pm. The motion prevails and the A1 amendment is adopted via voice vote.

Senator Champion moves that S.F. 5274, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion

Senator Champion moved that S.F. 5274, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 5218: Senator Putnam: Child care business management solutions vendor contract with the commissioner of employment and economic development appropriation Testifier: 1) Chris Evans, CEO, Wonderschool.**

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S.F. 5218 – Putnam: Childcare Business Management Solutions Vendor Contract with the Commissioner of Employment and Economic Development Appropriation presentation begins at 2:24pm by Senator Putnam and ends at 2:27pm.

S.F. 5218 – Putnam: Childcare Business Management Solutions Vendor Contract with the Commissioner of Employment and Economic Development Appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Chris Evans, CEO, Wonderschool, starting at 2:28pm and ending at 2:31pm.

Questions and comments on S.F. 5218 begin at 2:32pm and ends at 2:36pm

- Senator Draheim moves the A2 amendment during questioning. The motion prevails and the A2 amendment is adopted via voice vote at 2:33pm.

Senator Champion moves that SF 5218, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion

Senator Champion moved that S.F. 5218, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 5289: Senator Champion: Supplemental budget adjustments for the Department of Employment and Economic Development**

**Testifiers: 1) Matt Varilek, DEED Commissioner 2) Darielle Dannen, Government Relations Director, DEED.**

S.F. 5289 – Champion: DEED Supplemental Budget Adjustments presentation begins at 6:18pm by Senator Champion and ends at 6:19pm.

S.F. 5289 – Champion: DEED Supplemental Budget Adjustments presentation continues with a testimony by Matt Varilek, DEED Commissioner starting at 6:19pm and ending at 6:20pm.

S.F. 5289 – Champion: DEED Supplemental Budget Adjustments presentation continues with a testimony by Darielle Dannen, Government Relations Director, DEED starting at 6:21pm and ending at 6:26pm.

Questions and comments on S.F. 5289 begin at 6:26pm and ends at 6:35pm

Senator Mohamed moves that S.F. 5289 is laid over for possible inclusion

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Senator Mohamed moved that S.F. 5289, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:38pm



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Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Chair



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Alexis Varner, Legislative Assistant