

Elections Committee

Tuesday, March 25th, 2025

03:00 PM, (Hybrid Hearing) 1200 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Jim Carlson - Chair, Senator Bonnie S. Westlin - Vice Chair, Senator Mark W. Koran, Senator Calvin K. Bahr, Senator Liz Boldon, Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski, Senator Warren Limmer, Senator Eric Lucero, Senator John Marty, Senator Andrew Mathews, Senator Lindsey Port

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Jim Carlson called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

- **Call to Order**
A quorum is present.
- **S.F. 1812 (Westlin): Prohibiting election-related bribery**

The following individuals testified on Prohibiting election-related bribery:

Senator Bonnie Westlin

Paul Huffman, Election and Redistricting Policy Coordinator, League of Women Voters of Minnesota

Mary Hartnett, Executive Director, Clean Elections Minnesota

Senator Westlin moved the A2 Amendment. Senator Westlin moved an Oral Amendment to the A2 Amendment. On line 1.14, delete “materially” and insert “directly”. By a voice vote, the Oral Amendment motion prevailed. By a voice vote, the A2 Amendment motion prevailed.

Senator Carlson moved that S.F. 1812, be recommended to pass, as amended, and re-referred to the Judiciary Committee. Senator Koran requested a roll call vote on the passage of SF 1812. With a vote of 8/3, the motion prevailed.

Ayes: Carlson, Westlin, Bahr, Boldon, Cwodzinski, Limmer, Marty, Port

Nays: Koran, Lucero, Mathews

S.F. 1812, as amended, is recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary Committee.

- **S.F. 2021 (Westlin): Plain language lobbying handbook**

The following individuals testified on Plain language lobbying handbook:

Senator Bonnie Westlin

Marie Ellis, Minnesota Council of Nonprofits

Elillii Ebisso, Representing Clean Elections Minnesota

Kate Klossner, Legislative Committee Co-Chair, MGRC

S.F. 2021 was laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

- **S.F. 1662 (Westlin): Exempting submission of a proposal in response to an RFP from the definition of lobbying**

The following individuals testified on Exempting submission of a proposal in response to an RFP from the definition of lobbying:

Senator Bonnie Westlin

Marie Ellis, Minnesota Council of Nonprofits

Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director, Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Senator Westlin introduced the A1 Author's Amendment. By a voice vote, the motion prevailed.

S.F. 1662 was laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

- **S.F. 2562 (Westlin): Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board's Lobbying Recommendations**

The following individuals testified on Campaign Finance & Public Disclosure Board's Lobbying Recommendations:

Senator Bonnie Westlin

Amy Walstien, Vice-President, MGRC

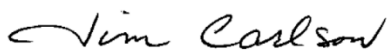
Laura Ziegler, Associated General Contractors of MN

Marie Ellis, Minnesota Council of Nonprofits

Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director, Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

S.F. 2562 was laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.



Senator Jim Carlson, Chair



Christie Blood, Legislative Assistant