

# Minnesota State Senate

Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee  
Tuesday, February 18, 2025  
3:00 PM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

## Minutes

**Present:** Senator FOUNG Hawj - **Chair**, Senator Jennifer A. McEwen - **Vice Chair**, Senator Justin D. Eichorn - **Ranking Minority Member**, Senator Steve Green, Senator Grant Hauschild, Senator John A. Hoffman, Senator Mary K. Kunesh, Senator Andrew R. Lang, Senator Nathan Wesenberg

**Absent:** Senator Ann M. Johnson Stewart

Senator FOUNG Hawj called the meeting to order at 3:09pm. A quorum is present. Senator McEwen joined by Remote.

### Call To Order

**S.F. 912: Senator Pappas: Minnesota Transportation Museum appropriation.**

The following individuals testified on S.F.0912:

- a. Josh Hoaby, Executive Director, Minnesota Transportation Museum

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 912, be laid over. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

**S.F. 907: Senator Kupec: Moorhead cultural mall appropriation.**

The following individuals testified on S.F.0907:

- a. Fowzia Adde, Executive Director, Immigrant Development Center
- b. Mayor Shelly Carlson, City of Moorhead (REMOTE)
- c. Shannon Schweigert, Managing Partner, PACE Fundraising (REMOTE)
- d. Katherine Grindberg, Fargo Moorhead West-Fargo Chamber of Commerce (REMOTE)
- e. Siham Amedy - member

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 907, be laid over. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

**S.F. 1411: Senator Maye Quade: Minnesota Zoological Garden appropriation.**

The following individuals testified on S.F.1411:

- a. John Frawley, Director, Minnesota Zoo
- b. Joe Stephenson, Customer Service Specialist, Minnesota Zoo AFSCME Local 1929

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 1411, be laid over. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

**S.F. 1387: Senator Hoffman: Minnesota Black Farmers Association appropriation.**

Senator Hoffman offers the A-1 Author's amendment. Senator Hoffman moves to adopt the amendment. Passed by voice vote.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1387:

- a. Angela Dawson, 40 Acre Co-op Farm
- b. Peace Mitchell, Frog Tree Farm (REMOTE)
- c. Yaya Cochoran, Mahogany Farms, MN Black Farmers Association

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 1387, be laid over. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

#### **Clean Water Council FY26-27 Recommendations**

The following individuals testified on Clean Water Council FY26-27 Recommendations:

- a. John Barten, Chair, Clean Water Council
- b. Paul Gardner, Administrator, Clean Water Council

Senator Hawj moved that Clean Water Council FY26-27 Recommendations, discussion only.

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**The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm**



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**Senator Fong Hawj, Chair**



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**Maikao Vue, Legislative Assistant**