

Minnesota State Senate

Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee
Tuesday, February 25, 2025
3:00 PM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

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

Absent: Senator John A. Hoffman, Senator Ann M. Johnson Stewart

Senator Founj Hawj called the meeting to order at 3:05pm. A quorum is present at 3:15pm.

Call To Order

S.F. 1504: Senator Pappas: Walker West Music Academy appropriation.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1504:
Braxton Haulcy, Executive Director, Walker Music Academy

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 1504, be laid over. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 1669: Senator Dahms: Minnesota FFA new and expanded access for Minnesota FFA members involved in art-and-history-related FFA activities appropriation.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1669:
a. Val Aarsvold, Executive Director, Minnesota FFA Foundation
b. T.J. Brown, Executive Director, Minnesota FFA Association

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 1669, be laid over. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 1375: Senator Kupec: River watch program appropriation.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1375:
a. Hunter Schow, Teacher, Norman County East High School
b. Katelyn Duray, Student, Norman County East High School

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 1375, be laid over. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 976: Senator McEwen: Wilderness programs appropriation.

The following individuals testified on S.F.0976:
a. Erika Rivers, Executive Director - Wilderness Inquiry
b. Tracy Larson, Education Program Manager, Wilderness Inquiry

c. Justin Schiffler, Teacher, Pleasantview Elementary, Sauk Rapids

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 976, be laid over. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 1637: Senator Hauschild: Lake County appropriation.

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 1637, be laid over. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

Overview on Grant Programs from Minnesota Humanities Center

The following individuals testified on Overview on Grant Programs from Minnesota Humanities Center:

- a. Kevin Lindsey, CEO, MN Humanities Center
- b. Tristy Auger, Grants Administrator, MN Humanities Center

Discussion only.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44pm



Senator Fong Hawj, Chair



Maikao Vue, Legislative Assistant