

Minnesota State Senate

Finance Committee
Wednesday, January 8, 2025
10:00 AM, 123 Capitol

Minutes

Present: Senator John Marty - **Chair**, Senator Nick A. Frentz - **Vice Chair**, Senator Melissa H. Wiklund

Absent: Senator Eric R. Pratt - **Ranking Minority Member**, Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Senator Gary H. Dahms, Senator Rich Draheim, Senator Justin D. Eichorn, Senator John R. Jasinski, Senator Warren Limmer, Senator Zaynab Mohamed, Senator Erin P. Murphy, Senator Sandra L. Pappas, Senator Torrey N. Westrom

Senator John Marty called the meeting to order at 10:11AM

Informational hearing on economic, health, and social harms resulting from online sports betting

Testifiers:

- Les Bernal, National Director, Stop Predatory Gambling
- Matt Litt, Litigator for victims of online sports betting operators
- Professor Brett Hollenbeck (UCLA Anderson School), author of The Financial Consequences of Legalized Sports Gambling
- Professor Scott Baker (Kellogg School at Northwestern University), author of Gambling Away Stability: Sports Betting’s Impact on Vulnerable Households
- Emily Arnesen (University of Oregon), author of Sports Betting Legalization Amplifies Emotional Cues & Intimate Partner Violence
- Susan Sheridan Tucker, Executive Director, Minnesota Alliance on Problem Gambling
- Craig Johnson, LADC, treatment provider at Club Recovery
- Testimony from people with lived experience of gambling disorder and family members directly impacted (provided anonymously to protect privacy)
- Joshua Simon
- Claudette McDowall, Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10PM

Senator John Marty, Chair

Killian Becker, Legislative Assistant