

# Minnesota State Senate

State and Local Government Committee  
Tuesday, April 8, 2025  
11:00 AM, 1200 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

## Minutes

**Present:** Senator Tou Xiong - **Chair**, Senator Heather Gustafson - **Vice Chair**, Senator Erin K. Maye Quade - **Vice Chair**, Senator Andrew R. Lang - **Ranking Minority Member**, Senator Calvin K. Bahr, Senator Jim Carlson, Senator Steve A. Cwodzinski, Senator Steve Drazkowski, Senator Omar Fateh, Senator Ann M. Johnson Stewart, Senator Mark W. Koran, Senator Jeremy R. Miller

**Absent:** No Members Absent

Senator Tou Xiong called the meeting to order at 11:09 AM

### Call to Order

A quorum was present

**S.F. 2038: Senator Pha: Metropolitan Council small business programs application expansion and direct negotiation of certain contracts authorization provision.**

Testifiers:  
Jody Jacoby - Chief Procurement Officer, Metropolitan Council  
Hannah Palmier - Government Affairs Manager, Metropolitan Council

Senator Cwodzinski moved that S.F. 2038, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Transportation Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 2162: Senator Dibble: State-aid engineering and design standards variances modification.**

Testifiers:  
Don Knoph - Director of Budget and Risk Management, MN Driver and Vehicle Services  
Michael Wojcik - Executive Director, Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota

Vice Chair Maye Quade moved the A6 amendment to amend the A5 amendment. The motion prevailed.

Vice Chair Maye Quade moved the A5 amendment as amended by the A6 amendment. The motion prevailed. The amendment was adopted.

Senator Carlson moved that S.F. 2162, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Transportation Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 568: Senator Hawj: Veteran definition expansion and advisory task force establishment.**

Testifiers:  
John B Yang - Executive Director, MN AAPI Veterans Association

Pa Xang Vang - Executive Director, SGU Veterans and Families of USA

Vice Chair Maye Quade requested a roll call vote for the passage of S.F. 568

8/4 (Ayes: Xiong, Gustafson, Maye Quade, Carlson, Cwodzinski, Fateh, Johnson Stewart, Miller; Nays: Lang, Bahr, Drazkowski, Koran). - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Senator Maye Quade moved that S.F. 568, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Finance Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 1354: Senator Boldon: School Health Advisory Committee establishment.**

Vice Chair Maye Quade moved the A1 amendment. The motion prevailed. The amendment was adopted.

Senator Xiong moved that S.F. 1354, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**Office of the State Auditor Overview Presenters:**

- Julie Blaha, State Auditor

- Matt Lindemann, Operations Director, Office of the State Auditor.

**Office of Minnesota Secretary of State Overview Presenter:**

- Steve Simon, Secretary of State.

- Nicole Freeman - Government Relations Director, Office of the Secretary of State

**S.F. 3045: Senator Xiong: State and local government provisions modifications and appropriation.**

Fiscal Analyst, Andrew Erickson, provided a budget overview of the A1DE amendment.

Counsel, Stephanie James (State Government Issues), provided a policy overview of the A1DE amendment.

Counsel, Tom Watson (Local Government Issues), provided a policy overview of the A1DE amendment.

Testifiers:

Steve Simon - Secretary of State

Julie Blaha - State Auditor

Tamar Gronvall - Commissioner, MN Department of Administration

Job Eichten - Deputy Commissioner, MN IT Services

Lee Ho - Deputy Commissioner, MN Department of Revenue

Erik Anderson - Director of Legislative and Government Affairs, MN Department of Management and Budget

Andrew Morris - Public Affairs and Legislative Liaison, Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans

Edward Reynoso - Director of Political & Legislative Affairs, Teamsters Local 320

Jill Schurtz - Executive Director, Chief Investment Office, State Board of Investment

Chair Xiong moved an oral amendment to the A1DE amendment as follows:

page 48, delete section 11


The motion prevailed. The oral amendment was adopted.

Chair Xiong moved the A1DE amendment as amended by the oral amendment. The motion prevailed. The amendment was adopted.

Senator Xiong moved that S.F. 3045, as amended, be laid over. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

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**The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 PM**



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**Senator Tou Xiong, Chair**



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**Sebastian Gonzalez, Legislative Assistant**