

Minnesota State Senate

Jobs and Economic Development Committee
Monday, February 10, 2025
12:30 PM, 1100 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Bobby Joe Champion - **Chair**, Senator Zaynab Mohamed - **Vice Chair**, Senator Rich Draheim - **Ranking Minority Member**, Senator Heather Gustafson, Senator FOUNG Hawj, Senator Karin Housley, Senator Carla J. Nelson, Senator Susan Pha, Senator Eric R. Pratt

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Bobby Joe Champion called the meeting to order at 12:37pm

Call To Order

S.F. 818: Senator Fateh: Block Builders Foundation grant appropriation

Testifiers:

Derrick Spencer, Executive Director, Block Builders Foundation
Amirah Watkins, Head Instructor, Block Builders Foundation
Rory Purnell, Program Coordinator, Block Builders Foundation
Ebony Sampson, Financial Literacy coach, Block Builders Foundation.

S.F. 818 - Fateh: Block Builders Foundation grant appropriation presentation begins at 12:39 PM by Senator Fateh and ends at 12:40 PM.

S.F. 818 - Fateh: Block Builders Foundation grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Derrick Spencer, Executive Director, Block Builders Foundation starting at 12:40 PM and ending at 12:42 PM.

S.F. 818 - Fateh: Block Builders Foundation grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Ebony Sampson, Financial Literacy Coach, Block Builders Foundation starting at 12:42 PM and ending at 12:44 PM.

S.F. 818 - Fateh: Block Builders Foundation grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Amirah Watkins, Head Instructor, Block Builders Foundation starting at 12:44 PM and ending at 12:46 PM.

Questions Begin at 12:46 PM and ends at 1:07 PM

Senator Champion laid over SF 818 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 927: Senator Pappas: Hmong American Partnership grant appropriation

Testifiers:

May Yer Thao, President and CEO, Hmong American Partnership
Mo Chang, Owner, Mo's Tropical Whole.

S.F. 927 - Pappas: Hmong American grant appropriation presentation begins at 1:09 PM by Senator Pappas and ends at 1:11 PM.

Senator Pappas offers an A1 amendment. Senator Mohamed motions for the adoption of the A1 amendment. The motion prevails, and the amendment is adopted.

S.F. 927 - Pappas: Hmong American grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by May Yer Thao, President & CEO, Hmong American Partnership at 1:11 PM and ending at 1:13 PM.

S.F. 927 - Pappas: Hmong American grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Mo Chang, Owner, Mo's Tropical Whole at 1:14 PM and ending at 1:16 PM.

Questions Begin at 1:17 PM and ends at 1:32 PM

Senator Champion laid over SF 927 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 670: Senator Mohamed: Employment support services programs for people with mental illness grant appropriation

Testifiers:

Robert Reedy, IPS Provider Representative
Samantha Manthe, IPS Client
Sarah Knispel, Public Policy Coordinator, NAMI-MN.

S.F. 670 - Mohamed: Employment support service programs for people with mental illness grant appropriation presentation begins at 1:34 PM and ending at 1:36 PM.

S.F. 670 - Mohamed: Employment support service programs for people with mental illness grant presentation continues with a testimony by Robert Reedy, IPS provider representative Partnership at 1:11 PM and ending at 1:13 PM.

Questions Begin at 1:39 PM and ends at 1:49 PM

S.F. 670 - Mohamed: Employment support service programs for people with mental illness grant presentation continues with a testimony by Sarah Knispel, IPS Client at 1:52 PM and ending at 1:54 PM.

S.F. 670 - Mohamed: Employment support service programs for people with mental illness grant presentation continues with a testimony by Samantha Mathe, IPS Client at 1:54 PM and ending at 1:56 PM.

S.F. 670 - Mohamed: Employment support service programs for people with mental illness grant presentation continues with a testimony by Mariam Egal, Public testifier at 1:57 PM and ending at 1:59 PM.

Questions Begin at 2:00 PM and ends at 2:05 PM

Senator Champion laid over SF 670 for possible inclusion at 2:06 PM

S.F. 591: Senator Champion: FATHER Project grant appropriation

Testifiers:

-Andrew Freeberg, Director of Family Stability Programs, FATHER Project

-Jason Tucker, FATHER Project Participant (Alum)

-Bo Njoroge, Family Service Rochester.

S.F. 591, 648 – Champion, Koran: FATHER Project grant appropriations presentation begins at 2:07 PM by Senator Champion and Senator Koran and ends at 2:10 PM.

S.F. 591, 648 - Champion, Koran: FATHER Project grant appropriations presentation continues with a testimony by Andrew Freeberg, Director of Family Stability Programs, FATHER Project at 2:11 PM and ending at 2:13 PM.

S.F. 591, 648 - Champion, Koran: FATHER Project grant appropriations presentation continues with a testimony by Jason Tucker, FATHER Project participant, (Alum) at 2:13 PM and ending at 2:15 PM.

S.F. 591, 648 - Champion, Koran: FATHER Project grant appropriations presentation continues with a testimony by Bo Njoroge, Family Service Rochester at 2:15 PM and ending at 2:17 PM.

S.F. 591, 648 - Champion, Koran: FATHER Project grant appropriations presentation continues with a testimony by Mariam Egal, Public Testifier at 2:18 PM and ending at 2:20 PM.

Senator Draheim laid over SF 228 for possible inclusion.

S.F. 648: Senator Koran: FATHER Project grant appropriation.

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Senator Draheim laid over SF 228 for possible inclusion.

S.F. 798: Senator Champion: Hired grant appropriation

Testifiers:

Julie Brekke, President & CEO, Hired
Bill Shepherd, Senior Distribution Supervisor, Medtronic.

S.F. 798 – Champion: Hired grant appropriation presentation begins at 2:20 PM by Senator Champion and ends at 2:22 PM.

S.F. 798 - Champion: Hired grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Julie Brekke, President & CEO, HIRED at 2:22 PM and ending at 2:24 PM.

S.F. 798 - Champion: Hired grant appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Bill Shepherd, Senior Distribution Supervisor, Medtronic at 2:24 PM and ending at 2:26 PM.

Senator Draheim laid over SF 798 for possible inclusion.

S.F. 869: Senator Putnam: Big Brothers Big Sisters youth programming appropriation

Testifiers:

Jackie Johnson, Executive Director, Big Brothers Big Sisters Central MN
Princess Awa-Ada Kisob, Former Little & Vice President of Programs, Big
Brothers Big Sisters Twin Cities
Pat Sukhum, CEO, Big Brothers Big Sisters Twin Cities.

S.F. 869 – Putnam: Big Brothers Big Sisters youth programming appropriation presentation begins at 2:28 PM by Senator Putnam

and ends at 2:29 PM.

S.F. 869 - Putnam: Big Brothers Big Sisters youth programming appropriations presentation continues with a testimony by Jackie Johnson, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters Central MN, Big Brothers Big Sisters at 2:29 PM and ending at 2:31 PM.

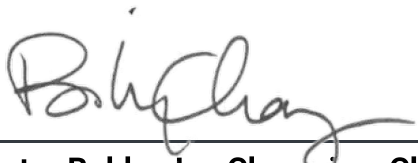
S.F. 869 - Putnam: Big Brothers Big Sisters youth programming appropriations presentation continues with a testimony by Princess Awa-ada Kisob, Former Little & Vice President of Programs, Big Brothers Big Sisters Twin Cities at 2:32 PM and ending at 2:34 PM.

S.F. 869 - Putnam: Big Brothers Big Sisters youth programming appropriations presentation continues with a testimony by Pat Sukhum, CEO, Big Brothers Big Sisters Twin Cities at 2:34 PM and ending at 2:36 PM.

Questions Begin at 2:37 PM and ends at 2:38 PM

Senator Champion laid over SF 869 for possible inclusion at 2:38 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40pm



Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Chair



Taylor Tidwell-Bennett, Legislative Assistant