



Minnesota Senate Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy Committee

Monday, February 17, 2025

12:30pm

MSB 1100

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Agenda:

1. Call to Order

2. S.F1151 Oumou Verbeten, FilmNorth grant appropriation

Testifiers:

- Robert Ndondo-Lay, FilmNorth

3. S.F1278 Oumou Verbeten, Ujamaa Place appropriation

Testifiers:

- Michael Belton, Interim CEO, Ujamaa Place
- Josh Thomas, Ujamaa Man

4. S.F1325 Kupec, Grants for dental assisting and hygiene education program creation

Testifiers:

- Dan Murphy, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Dental Association

5. S.F775 Putnam, Ombudsperson for safety, health, and well-being of agricultural and food processing workers establishment.

Testifiers:

- Ron Elwood, Supervising Attorney, Legal Services Advocacy

6. S.F1335 Pappas, Centers for independent living appropriation

Testifiers:

- Jesse Bethke Gomez, Director, MCIL
- Carol LeFleur, Former client of MCIL

7. S.F1145 Mohamed, GroundBreak Capital access and innovation fund appropriation

Testifiers:

- Adair Mosley, CEO, African American Leadership Forum
- R.T Rybak, President & CEO, Minneapolis Foundation

8. S.F1187 Pha, Brooklyn Park workforce development programming grant appropriation

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Testifiers:

- Hollies Winston, Mayor, City of Brooklyn Park
- Tim Gladhill, Community Development Director/EDA Executive Director, City of Brooklyn Park
- Jude Nnadi, Executive Director, Paadio Consulting and Equitable Development Action (BrookLynk Employer Partner)

9. S.F1276 Pha, Minnesota Grocers Association Foundation Carts to Careers initiative grant appropriation

Testifiers:

- Steve Barthel, Director of Government Relations, MGA
- Kendra Nathe, Assistant Manager/Grocery Manager, Teal's Market

10. Adjourned

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