

Minnesota State Senate

Jobs and Economic Development Committee
Wednesday, February 19, 2025
12:30 PM, 1100 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Senator Rich Draheim, Senator Heather Gustafson, Senator FOUNG Hawj, Senator Karin Housley, Senator Zaynab Mohamed, 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

Call To Order

S.F. 1410: Senator Mann: Bloomington workforce development efforts appropriation

Testifiers:

Kim Berggren, Community Development Director
Holly Masek, Port Authority Administrator.

Workforce Board Overview

Testifiers:

Cate Duin, Executive Director of the Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards (MAWB)
Elena Foshay, Operations Chair of the Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards (MAWB), Director of Workforce Development at the City of Duluth
Rosemary Ugboajah, Member of the Minneapolis Workforce Development Board

S.F. 1300: Senator Klein: Neighbors, Inc. grant appropriation

Dawn Wambeke, Executive Director, Neighbors Inc
Nay Zar, Neighbors participant.

S.F. 800: Senator Putnam: Equaspace grant appropriation

Testifiers:

Sarah Clyne, EquaSpace, Executive Director.

S.F. 227: Senator Draheim: Tax-stressed cities demolition grant program establishment and special revenue fund account creation, and appropriation.

S.F. 240: Senator Draheim: Grants prohibition to nonprofit organizations with highly compensated officers or employees

Testifier:

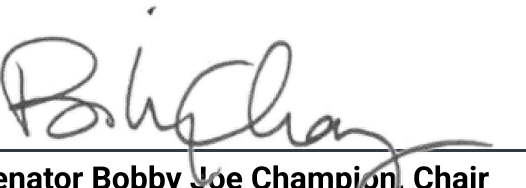
Marie Ellis, Public Policy Director, Minnesota Council of Nonprofits
(Against).

S.F. 1061: Senator Frentz: World Junior Hockey Championships appropriation

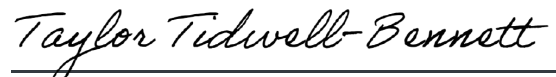
Testifiers:

Wendy Blackshaw, President and CEO of Minnesota Sports and Events (MNSE)
St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter, Co-Chair of World Junior Hockey Advisory
Council
Bob Motzko, Head Coach of the University of Minnesota Men's Hockey Team
Sky Boucha, World Junior Hockey Advisory Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15pm



Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Chair



Taylor Tidwell-Bennett, Legislative Assistant