

Minnesota State Senate

Jobs and Economic Development Committee
Wednesday, February 26, 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 12:30 PM

Call To Order

S.F. 1449: Senator Putnam: Cannabis microbusinesses provisions modifications

Testifier:

Electra Skrzydlewski, Director of Shared Ownership, Minnesota Consortium of Community Developers.

S.F. 1632: Senator Hauschild: Aspirus Lake View Hospital certified nursing assistant training grant appropriation

Testifier:

Greg Ruberg, President, Aspirus Lake View Hospital (Two Harbors).

S.F. 1666: Senator Weber: Minnesota Strategic Industrial Development Enhancement tax credits establishment

Testifiers:

Justin Bentaas, Mickelson & Company, LLC.

Dave Fellon, Owner and President, Progressive Rail.

S.F. 1458: Senator Champion: Northside Boxing Club appropriation

Testifiers:

Ryan Burnet, Founder and Executive Director, Northside Boxing Gym

Phil Williams, Director of Operations and Head Coach, Northside Boxing Gym.

S.F. 1459: Senator Champion: Black Women's Wealth Alliance appropriation

Testifiers:

Kenya McKnight Ahad, CEO & Founder, Black Women's Wealth Alliance

Bianca Franks, BEE Pathways Student/Participant

Crystal Williams, BEE Pathways Student/Participant

Aisha Wadud, BEE Pathways Student/Participant

Natalie Beazer, BEE Pathways Coach.

S.F. 1465: Senator Champion: Urban League Twin Cities appropriation

Testifiers:

Marquita Stephens, President & CEO, Urban League Twin Cities

Willie Williams, Urban League participant.

S.F. 1673: Senator Champion: West Broadway Business and Area Coalition grant appropriation

Testifiers:

Krista Scruggs, Owner, Zafa Wines/Member of West Broadway Business and Area Coalition

Sahara Jones, Northside youth, Recent PYC Graduate

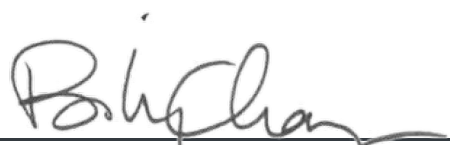
Edwin Huff, Youth Engagement Coach, Emerge

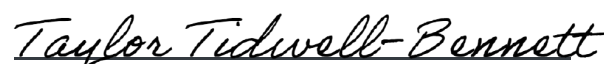
Ousmam Camara, Owner, Afro Deli on West Broadway/Member of WBC

Tara Watson, Owner, Anytime Fitness and Watson Chiropractic/Member of WBC

Kristel Porter, Executive Director, West Broadway Business & Area Coalition.

The meeting was adjourned at



Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Chair

Taylor Tidwell-Bennett, Legislative Assistant