



Minnesota Senate Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy Committee

Monday, March 3, 2025

12:30pm

MSB 1100

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Agenda:

1. Call to Order

2. S.F1726 Hauschild, Minnesota STEM Ecosystem grant appropriation

Testifiers:

- Emily Saed, Executive Director, MN STEM Ecosystem
- Heidi Jedlicka-Halvarson, Medtronic
- Cheryl Moeller, High Tech Kids
- Saniyah Taher, Student

3. S.F1945 Hauschild, Entrepreneur Fund grant appropriation

Testifiers:

- Shawn Wellnitz, CEO, Entrepreneur Fund

4. S.F1900 Pappas, Sanneh Foundation appropriation

Testifiers:

- Tony Sanneh, CEO, Sanneh Foundation
- George Medina, Youth Employee Program Participant

5. S.F1424 Fateh, Comunidades Organizando el Poder y la Accion Latina (COPAL) appropriation

Testifiers:

- Francisco Segovia, Executive Director, COPAL

6. S.F1808 Mohamed, Recently released inmates jobs skills training appropriation

Testifiers:

- PJ Hubbard, CEO, Better Futures MN
- Jason Allen, Director of Enterprise Services, Better Futures MN
- Tino Jones, Integrated Care Team Manager, Better Futures MN

7. S.F1745 Champion, Emerge Community Development grant appropriation

Testifiers:

- Terra Mayfield, Executive Vice President of Programs, EMERGE
- Larcell Mack, Director of Reentry Programs, EMERGE

8. Adjourned

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