

Minnesota State Senate

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

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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 12:33 PM

Call To Order

S.F. 1919: Senator Hawj: New American workforce training appropriation

Testifiers:
Jane Graupman, Executive Director, International Institute of Minnesota
Nicole Mattson, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, Care Providers of Minnesota.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1919:
Jane Graupman, Executive Director, International Institute of Minnesota began at 12:39pm and ended at 12:41pm
Nicole Mattson, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, Care Providers of Minnesota began at 12:42pm and ended at 12:44pm

Senator Champion moved that S.F. 1919, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 2050: Senator Nelson: Rural economic development technical assistance grants appropriation

Testifiers:
Amy Schaefer, Rural Capacity Program Manager, CEDA
Julie Lammers, City Clerk/Treasurer, City of Vergas (Virtual)
Beth Wusso, City Administrator and Parkers Prairie Economic Development Authority Secretary/Treasurer, City of Parkers Prairie (Virtual).

The following individuals testified on S.F.2050:
Amy Schaefer, Rural Capacity Program Manager, CEDA began at 12:52pm and ended at 12:54pm
Beth Wusso, City Administrator and Parkers Prairie Economic Development began at 12:55pm and ended at 12:57pm

Senator Champion moved that S.F. 2050, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1932: Senator Champion: Twin Cities RISE performance grants appropriation

Testifiers:
Emma Corrie, President & CEO, Twin Cities RISE (TCR)
Quentin Osgood, TCR Program graduate and TCR Outreach Coordinator.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1932:
Emma Corrie, President & CEO, Twin Cities RISE (TCR) began at 1:09pm and ended at 1:11pm

Quentin Osgood, TCR Program graduate and TCR Outreach Coordinator began at 1:11pm and ended at 1:13pm

Senator Mohamed moved that S.F. 1932, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1933: Senator Champion: Youth job skills and career development appropriation

Testifiers:

Bryan Donaldson, Executive Director, MN Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs

Chandra Jackson, Club Director, Jerry Gamble Boys & Girls Club

Kengcha Xiong, Boys & Girls Clubs alumni member.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1933:

Bryan Donaldson, Executive Director, MN Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs began at 1:32pm and ended at 1:33pm

Chandra Jackson, Club Director, Jerry Gamble Boys & Girls Club began at 1:33pm and ended at 1:34pm

Kengcha Xiong, Boys & Girls Clubs alumni member began at 1:35pm and ended at 1:36pm

Senator Mohamed moved that S.F. 1933, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1934: Senator Champion: African Economic Development Solutions appropriation

Testifiers:

Dr. Gene Gelgelu, Founder, President & CEO, African Economic Development Solutions

Falmata Bedassso, Founder & CEO, Frontier Transportation Services, LLC.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1934:

Dr. Gene Gelgelu, Founder, President & CEO, African Economic Development Solutions began at 1:23pm and ended at 1:25pm

Falmata Bedassso, Founder & CEO, Frontier Transportation Services, LLC began at 1:25pm and ended at 1:27pm

Senator Mohamed moved that S.F. 1934, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1967: Senator Champion: Change Starts With Community violence prevention jobs program grant appropriation

Testifiers:

Jalilia Abdul-Brown, Executive Director, Change Starts With Community

Lorenzo Williams, Youth Worker, Change Starts With Community.

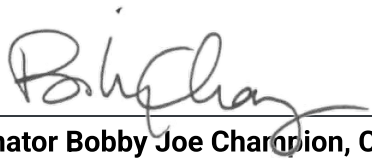
Jalilia Abdul-Brown, Executive Director, Change Starts With Community began at 1:44pm and ended at 1:46pm

Lorenzo Williams, Youth Worker, Change Starts With Community began at 1:46pm and ended at 1:48pm

Bishop Howell, Shiloh Temple Church began at 1:49pm and ended at 1:50pm

Senator Mohamed moved that S.F. 1967, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm



Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Chair



Taylor Tidwell-Bennett, Legislative Assistant