

Minnesota State Senate

Jobs and Economic Development Committee
Wednesday, March 12, 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 Carla J. Nelson, Senator Susan Pha, Senator Eric R. Pratt

Absent: Senator Zaynab Mohamed

Senator Bobby Joe Champion called the meeting to order at 12:34pm

Call To Order

S.F. 2057: Senator Putnam: Continuous Living Cover Crops appropriation

Testifiers:
Colin Cureton, Director of Adoption & Scaling, UofM Forever Green Initiative
Arnulfo Perrera, Farm Services Director, Regenerative Agriculture Alliance
David Stennes, CEO/Founder, Arcola Farms
PJ Connolly, Director of Commercialization, Savannah Institute.

SF2057 Putnam Begins at 12:37 ends at 12:38 pm

Colin Cureton begins at 12:39 ends at 12:41pm

Arnulfo Perrera begins at 12:42 ends at 12:44pm

David Stennes begins at 12:44 ends at 12:46pm

Pj Connolly begins at 12:46 ends at 12:48pm

Questions begin at 12:52pm end at 12:53

Laid over for possible inclusion

Senator Champion moved that S.F. 2057, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 2227: Senator Hawj: 2026 Special Olympics USA Games appropriation

Testifiers:
Christy Sovereign, CEO, 2026 USA Games
Abby Hirsch, Special Olympics athlete.

SF2227 Hawj Begins at 1:15pm ends at 1:17pm

Christy Sovereign begins at 1:17pm ends at 1:19pm

Abby Hirsch begins at 1:19pm ends at 1:21pm

Questions begin at 1:21pm end at 1:29pm

Laid over for possible inclusion.

S.F. 2112: Senator Mohamed: Minnesota Technology Association grant appropriation

Testifiers:

Jeff Tollefson, President & CEO, Minnesota Technology Association (MNTECH)

Susan Allen, Vice President Human Resources, Monteris Medical.

SF2112 Mohamed Begins at 12:55 pm ends at 12:57

Amendment requested on line 1.7

Counsel calls that the word “general” be replaced with “Workforce Development Fund”.

Motion Prevails.

Susan Allen begins at 12:57 ends at 12:59pm

Jeff Tollefson begins at 1:00pm ends at 1:02pm

Questions begin at 1:03pm end at 1:03pm

Laid over as amended for possible inclusion.

S.F. 2159: Senator Mohamed: American Indian Opportunities and Industrialization Center appropriation

Testifiers:

Dr. Joe Hobot, President & CEO, American Indian OIC

John Joe, Client, American Indian OIC)

Steph Nick, Department Director, American Indian OIC.

SF2159 Mohamed Begins at 1:06pm ends 1:06pm at

Dr. Joe Hobot begins at 1:06pm ends at 1:08pm

John Joe begins at 1:08pm ends at 1:10pm

Steph Nick begins at 1:11pm ends at 1:12pm

Questions begin at 1:12pm end at 1:13pm

Laid over for possible inclusion

S.F. 1985: Senator Champion: Summit Academy OIC appropriation

Testifiers:

Leroy West, President & CEO, Summit Academy OIC

Dami Mafe, Summit Academy Alumni, IT Program '21.

SF1985 Champion Begins at 1:32pm ends at 1:34pm

Leroy West begins at 1:35pm ends at 1:37pm

Dami Mafe begins at 1:38pm ends at 1:40pm

Questions begin at 1:40pm end at 1:40pm

Laid over for possible inclusion

S.F. 1568: Senator Champion: Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board membership modification provision and blind vendor facilities state services modification provision

Testifier:

Deven Bowdry, Government Relations Director, DEED.

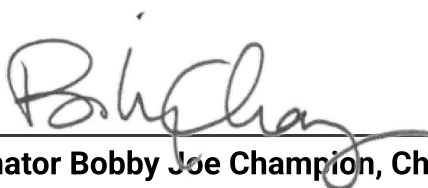
SF1568 Champion Begins at 1:41 ends at 1:42pm

Deven Bowdry begins at 1:42pm ends at 1:43pm

Questions begin at 1:43pm end at 1:57pm

Laid over for possible inclusion

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58pm



Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Chair



Taylor Tidwell-Bennett, Legislative Assistant