

Minnesota State Senate

Jobs and Economic Development Committee
Monday, March 24, 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 12:32pm

Call To Order

S.F. 2361: Senator Oumou Verbeten: Employer misrepresentation and misconduct penalties increasement provision

Testifier:
Richard Kolodziejski, Government Affairs Director, North Central States
Regional Council of Carpenters.

SF2361 Oumou Verbeten Begins at 12:35 ends at 12:38 pm

Richard Kolodziejski begins at 12:39 ends at 12:41pm

Questions begin at 12:41pm end at 1:11pm

Laid over for possible inclusion

S.F. 2342: Senator Mohamed: Minnesota youth program appropriation

Testifiers:
Cate Duin, Executive Director, Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards
Aidan Grabau, Minnesota Youth Program Participant
Abdul Abdi, Assistant Manager and Credentialing, Outreach & Intern
Coordinator at Children's Dental Services.

SF2342 Mohamed Begins at 1:32 pm ends at 1:32pm

Moves for A2 Amendment:

Motion Prevails

Cate Duin, begins at 1:33 ends at 1:35pm

Aidan Grabau begins at 1:35 pm ends at 1:37pm

Abdul Abdi, Begins at 1:37pm ends at 1:39pm

Questions begin at 1:39 pm end at 1:42pm

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S.F. 2404: Senator Mohamed: All Square of Minnesota appropriation

Testifiers:

Maya Johnson, Chief Operating Officer, All Square

Jon Geffen, Director, Legal Revolution Law Firm, All Square.

SF2404 Mohamed Begins at 1:43pm ends at 1:45pm

Maya Johnson, 1:45pm ends at 1:47pm

Jon Geffen, 1:47pm ends at 1:49pm

Questions begin at 1:49pm end at 1:52pm

Laid over as amended for possible inclusion.

S.F. 2461: Senator Jasinski: Southeast Minnesota Workforce Development Area grant appropriation

Testifiers:

Jinny Rietmann, Executive Director, Workforce Development, Inc. and the

Workforce Development Board of Southeast Minnesota

Brad Meier, President/CEO, Owatonna Area Chamber of Commerce

Rajhaun (Rae) R Miles, Participant.

SF2461 Jasinski Begins at 1:54pm ends at 1:56pm

Jinny Rietmann begins at 1:56pm ends at 1:57pm

Brad Meier begins at 1:57pm ends at 1:59pm

Rajhaun (Rae) begins at 1:59pm ends at 2:00pm

Questions begin at 2:01pm end at 2:04pm

Laid over as amended for possible inclusion.

S.F. 2312: Senator Putnam: Survivor employment readiness pilot project appropriation.

SF2312 Putnam Begins at 1:12 pm ends at 1:14pm

Questions begin at 1:14pm end at 1:19pm

Laid over as amended for possible inclusion.

S.F. 2452: Senator Putnam: Individuals with disabilities employment assistance appropriation

Testifiers:

Eric Black, President & CEO, MDI

Jeanne Eglinton, Director of Employment Services, MDI.

SF2452 Putnam Begins at 1:20 ends at 2:10pm

Eric Black begins at 1:21pm ends at 1:23pm

Jeanne Eglinton begins at 1:24pm ends at 1:26pm

Questions begin at 1:26pm end at 1:28pm

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S.F. 2427: Senator Champion: MNSBIR, Inc. grant appropriation

Testifiers:

Pat Dillon, Founder, President & CEO, MNSBIR, Inc.

Dr. Tim Childs, Founder & CEO, TMPI

Aimee Garza, Founder & CEO, CoraVie Medical.

SF2427 Champion Begins at 2:04 ends at 2:05pm

Pat Dillon begins at 2:05pm ends at 2:07pm

Aimee Garza begins at 2:08pm ends at 2:10pm

Dr. Tim Childs begins at 2:10pm ends at 2:12pm

Questions begin at 2:13pm end at 2:14pm

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S.F. 2423: Senator Champion: African American workforce and affordable homeownership development program establishment

Testifiers:

Theodore Rose, Managing Director for Policy, Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage

Nieeta Presley, President-Elect, Saint Paul NAACP (Virtual).

SF2423 Champion Begins at 2:14 ends at 2:16pm

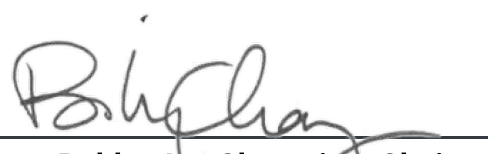
Theodore Rose begins at 2:17pm ends at 2:18pm

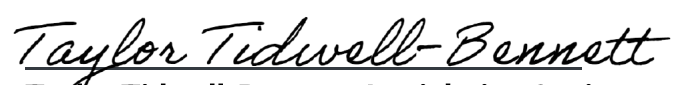
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Questions begin at 2:21pm end at 2:21pm

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:22pm


Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Chair


Taylor Tidwell-Bennett, Legislative Assistant