

Minnesota State Senate

Jobs and Economic Development Committee
Wednesday, March 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 12:34pm

Call To Order

S.F. 2684: Senator Rarick: Minnesota Independence College and Community appropriation for workforce development services for adults with autism

Testifier:
Amy Gudmestad, CEO, Minnesota Independence College and Community (MICC).

SF2684 Rarick Begins at 12:37 ends at 12:38 pm

A1 Amendment Moved by Senator Draheim

Motion prevails & A1 amendment adopted

Amy Gudmestad begins at 12:38 ends at 12:40pm

Questions begin at 12:41pm end at 12:43pm

Laid over for possible inclusion

S.F. 2660: Senator Mohamed: Project for Pride in Living appropriation

Testifiers:
Antonio Cardona, VP of Career Readiness, PPL
Quentin Wiley, Student.

SF660 Mohamed Begins at 12:44 pm ends at 12:46pm

Antonio Cardona, begins at 12:46 ends at 12:48pm

Jason Decoteau begins at 12:48 pm ends at 12:50pm

Questions begin at 12:50 pm end at 12:52pm

Laid over for possible inclusion.

S.F. 2554: Senator Hoffman: Equitable Development Action grant appropriation for training and support of direct support professionals

Testifiers:

Jude Nnadi CEO, Equitable Development Action

Bunmi Simpeh, ChezMichael Care LLC.

SF2554 Hoffman Begins at 1:04pm ends at 1:07pm

Jude Nnadi, 1:07pm ends at 1:09pm

Bunmi Simpeh, 1:09pm ends at 1:11pm

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

Laid over as amended for possible inclusion.

S.F. 2569: Senator Clark: InspireMSP grant appropriation

Dan Ryan, Executive Director, InspireMSP

Samantha Alvarado, Student, St. John Paul II Catholic School.

SF2569 Clark Begins at 12:54 pm ends at 12:56pm

Senator Mohamed moves for an A1 Amendment

A1 Amendment is adopted

Dan Ryan begins at 12:56pm ends at 12:58pm

Samantha Alvarado begins at 12:59pm ends at 1:00pm

Questions begin at 1:00pm end at 1:03pm

Laid over as amended for possible inclusion.

S.F. 2465: Senator Pratt: Annual reports requirement on grantee performance by the commissioner of employment and economic development.

SF2465 Pratt Begins at 1:15 ends at 1:19pm

Senator Pratt moves for an amendment

A1 Amendment adopted

Questions begin at 1:19pm end at 1:22pm

Laid over for possible inclusion.

S.F. 2679: Senator Draheim: Private sector equipment training opportunity program establishment and appropriation.

SF2679 Draheim Begins at 1:24 ends at 1:27pm

Questions begin at 1:27pm end at 1:29pm

Laid over for possible Inclusion

S.F. 2658: Senator Hawj: City of St. Paul Right Track youth program appropriation

Testifiers:

Nardos Tesfalidet, Right Track Program Supervisor, City of Saint Paul

Abshir Ali, Former Right Track Intern, City of Saint Paul Resident.

SF2658 Hawj Begins at 1:31 ends at 1:33pm

Nardos Tesfalidet begins at 1:33pm ends at 1:35pm

Abshir Ali begins at 1:35pm ends at 1:37pm

Questions begin at 1:38pm end at 1:40pm

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900 internships over the summer

S.F. 2726: Senator Hawj: Asian Economic Development Association appropriation

Testifiers:

Mai Chang, CEO, Presidential Electric

JC Lee, Owner/Operator, JR Remodelers.

SF2726 Hawj Begins at 1:41 ends at 1:43pm

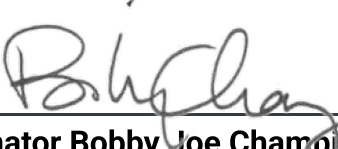
Mai Chang begins at 1:43pm ends at 1:45pm

JC Lee begins at 1:46pm ends at 1:47pm

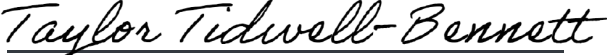
Questions begin at 1:48pm end at 1:53pm

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The meeting was adjourned at 1:54pm



Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Chair



Taylor Tidwell-Bennett, Legislative Assistant