

Minnesota State Senate

Jobs and Economic Development Committee
Wednesday, April 2, 2025
5:30 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 5:35

Reconvene

S.F. 3053: Senator Latz: Available for suitable employment definition modification.

SF3053 Latz Begins at 5:32 ends at 5:36pm

Senator Pha moves to amend. A1 Amendment Motion Prevails

Questions begin at 5:36pm end at 5:41pm

Laid over for possible inclusion.

S.F. 3032: Senator Mohamed: Vocational rehabilitation services program appropriation

Testifiers:

Sheenah Jewison MS, CRC; Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor; Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development; MAPE Member (Virtual)

Chandra Petersen, MS, CRC; Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor; Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development; MAPE Member (Virtual).

SF3032 Mohamed: Begins at 6:56 ends at 6:58 pm

Sheenah Jewison begins at 7:00pm ends at 7:03pm

Chandra Petersen begins at 6:58pm ends at 7:00pm

Questions begin at 7:03pm end at 7:15pm

Laid over for possible inclusion

S.F. 2718: Senator Mohamed: Bolder Options for youth programming appropriation

Testifiers:

Darrell Thompson, President & CEO, Bolder Options

Zora McLauren, Program Participant.

SF2718 Mohamed Begins at 7:15 pm ends at 7:18pm

Darrell Thompson, begins at 7:18pm ends at 7:20pm

Zora McLauren begins at 7:20pm ends at 7:22pm

Questions begin at 7:23pm end at 7:24pm

Laid over for possible inclusion.

S.F. 2520: Senator Hawj: City of St. Paul Arcade Street and East 7th Street construction mitigation grants to businesses affected by construction appropriation

Testifiers:

Darlene LaBelle, Executive Director, East Side Neighborhood Development

Company (ESNDC)

Nick Raehsler, Owner, Arcade Laundromat.

SF2520 Hawj Begins at 5:42 pm ends at 5:44pm

Darlene LaBelle begins at 5:44pm ends at 5:46pm

Nick Raehsler begins at 5:46pm ends at 5:48pm

Questions begin at 5:48pm end at 5:54pm

Laid over as amended for possible inclusion.

S.F. 2874: Senator Hawj: YMCA of the North grant for workforce development services appropriation

Testifiers:

Enrique Rebolledo, Director, Career Pathways

Faysal Ahmed, Program Participant.

SF2874 Hawj: Begins at 5:55 ends at 5:57 pm

Enrique Rebolledo begins at 5:57 ends at 5:59pm

Faysal Ahmed begins at 5:59 ends at 6:01pm

Laid over for possible inclusion

S.F. 2811: Senator Gustafson: Test and professional licensure preparation services provision and appropriation

Testifiers:

Emmanuel Nwakibu, Senior Counsel & Director of Government Relations, Kaplan

North America.

SF2811 Gustafson: Begins at 6:02 ends at 6:05 pm

A2 Amendment offered by Senator Gust. Motion Prevails

Emmanuel Nwakibu begins at 6:05 ends at 6:07pm

Questions begin at 6:07pm end at 6:12pm

A1 Amendment moved by Senator Draheim

A1 Withdrawn

Laid over for possible inclusion

S.F. 2877: Senator Champion: Al Maa'uun grant appropriation

Testifier:

Makram El-Amin, CEO & Executive Director, Al-Maa'uun.

SF2877 Champion: Begins at 6:12 ends at 6:13 pm

Makrum El-Amin begins at 6:13 ends at 6:15pm

Tyrus Hayes Begins at 6:15pm ends at 6:17pm

Questions begin at 6:17pm end at 6:18pm

Laid over for possible inclusion

S.F. 2978: Senator Champion: Grants appropriation to provide a community-based approach to reduce violence through employment, empowerment, and social equity building

Testifiers:

Jerry McAfee, Pastor of New Salem Baptist Church and CEO of Salem Inc.

Marlon Moore, Executive Director, Salem Inc.

SF2978 Champion: Begins at 6:18 ends at 6:20 pm

Jerry McAfee begins at 6:20 ends at 6:21pm

Marlon Moore begins at 6:21 ends at 6:23pm

Lisa Clemmons begins at 6:23 ends at 6:25pm

Monique Flowers begins at 6:25 ends at 6:27pm

Questions begin at 6:27pm end at 6:39pm

Laid over for possible inclusion

S.F. 3088: Senator Champion: Pillsbury United Communities grant appropriation

Testifiers:

Cinnamon Pelly, President & CEO, Pillsbury United Communities

Casandra Rojas Hernandez, Dental Hygienist Program Graduate.

SF3088 Champion: Begins at 6:40 ends at 6:41 pm

Cinnamon Pelly begins at 6:41 ends at 6:44pm

Casandra Rojas Hernandez begins at 6:44 ends at 6:46pm

Questions begin at 6:46pm end at 6:47pm

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S.F. 3111: Senator Champion: Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers program for Black Minnesota undergraduates exploring law school and legal careers appropriation

Testifiers:

Rick Petry, Program Director, Minnesota Association of Black Lawyers (MABL)

Arthur Graham, MABL Pathways Scholar, UMN.

SF3111 Champion: Begins at 6:47 ends at 6:49 pm

Arthur Graham begins at 6:53 ends at 6:54pm

Rick Petry begins at 6:50 ends at 6:52pm

Questions begin at 6:54pm end at 6:56pm

Laid over for possible inclusion

Disinvested Youth Gaming Initiative (DYGI) Presentation

Testifiers:

Hal Reynolds, President & CEO, DYGI

Disinvested Youth Gaming Initiative (DYGI) Presentation: Begins at 7:25 ends at 7:30pm

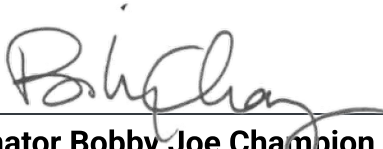
Hal Reynolds begins at 7:25 ends at 7:29pm

Danny White begins at 7:29pm ends at 7:30pm

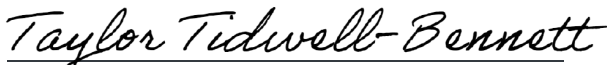
Questions begin at 7:30pm end at 7:35pm

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm



Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Chair



Taylor Tidwell-Bennett, Legislative Assistant