

# Minnesota State Senate

Labor Committee  
Thursday, February 27, 2025  
12:30 PM, 1100 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

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## Minutes

**Present:** Senator Jennifer A. McEwen - **Chair**, Senator Grant Hauschild - **Vice Chair**, Senator Gene Dornink - **Ranking Minority Member**, Senator Glenn H. Gruenhagen, Senator Bill Lieske, Senator John Marty, Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten, Senator Sandra L. Pappas

**Absent:** Senator Robert J. Kupec, Senator Nathan Wesenberg

Senator Jennifer A. McEwen called the meeting to order at 12:38

### Call to Order

### Presentation by Misclassification Enforcement and Education Partnership

The following individuals testified on Presentation by Misclassification Enforcement and Education Partnership:  
Nicole Blissenbach, Commissioner, Department of Labor and Industry  
Evan Rowe, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Employment and Economic Development  
Sarah Bronson, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Revenue

### Informational Hearing on Registered Apprenticeships in Minnesota

The following individuals testified on Informational Hearing on Registered Apprenticeships in Minnesota:  
Erin Larson, Director of Apprenticeships, Department of Labor and Industry  
Dr. Michael Favor, Superintendent of Intermediate School District 917  
John Quarnstrom, President, Sheet Metal, Air Conditioning & Roofing Contractors Association  
Tom Aasheim, Director of Technical Education, Finishing Trades Institute of the Upper Midwest  
Sophie Thaden, MN Mechanical Contractors Association  
Travis Rust, Instructor, Minneapolis Electrical Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee  
Trevor Ogilvie, Apprenticeship Director, United Association of Plumbers and Gasfitters Local 15  
Barb Pecks, Retired Chair, Midwest District International Sisters in the Brotherhood  
Justin Rost, Sheet Metal Workers' Local 10

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50

  
Senator Jennifer A. McEwen, Chair

  
Chelsea Barks, Legislative Assistant