

# Minnesota State Senate

Labor Committee  
Tuesday, March 4, 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 Robert J. Kupec, Senator Bill Lieske, Senator John Marty, Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten, Senator Sandra L. Pappas, Senator Nathan Wesenberg

**Absent:** No Members Absent

Senator Jennifer A. McEwen called the meeting to order at 12:36

### Call to Order

#### S.F. 1543: Senator Putnam: Career Pathways Program appropriation.

SF1543 was presented by Senator Putnam.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1543:  
Jenny Winkelaar, Workforce Development Director, IUOE Local 49  
Mary Morem, Superintendent, Houston Public Schools ISD 294  
Marley Sherbon, Apprentice, IUOE Local 49

Senator McEwen moved that S.F. 1543, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

#### S.F. 1506: Senator Nelson: Career pathways program in emergency medicine appropriation.

SF1506 was presented by Senator Nelson

A1 Authors amendment was moved by Senator Pappas and accepted  
A3 author amendment was moved by Senator Lieske and accepted

Senator Marty moves that lines 1.4 to 1.8 of the A2 amendment be adopted and it was accepted

The following individuals testified on S.F.1506:  
Mary Morem, Superintendent, Houston Public Schools ISD 294  
Tom Fennell, Regulatory Officer, Mayo Clinic Ambulance Service

Senator Pappas moved that S.F. 1506, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Jobs and Economic Development Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

#### S.F. 1756: Senator Kupec: Minnesota Helmets to Hardhats program appropriation.

SF1756 was presented by Sen Kupec

A2 author's amendment was accepted

The following individuals testified on S.F.1756:  
Justin Rost, Veteran, Executive Director, Helmet to Hardhats  
Calvin Belfrey, Veteran, United Brotherhood of Carpenters

Senator McEwen moved that S.F. 1756, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

#### S.F. 1508: Senator McEwen: Apprenticeship readiness programming appropriation.

Senator Hauschild took the gavel

The following individuals testified on S.F.1508:

Rick Martagon, Executive Director, Building Strong Communities  
Keelan Nueman, Insulator Apprentice, Heat and Frost Insulators Local 34  
Dorlissa Squires, Operating Engineer Apprentice, IUOE Local 49

Senator Hauschild moved that S.F. 1508, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

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**The meeting was adjourned at 1:48**

  
Senator Jennifer A. McEwen, Chair

  
Chelsea Barks, Legislative Assistant