

Capital Investment Committee

**MINUTES**

Representative Franson, Chair of the Capital Investment Committee, began the meeting at 10:15 AM, on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, in Room G23 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was not present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

FRANSON, Mary, Republican Chair  
LEE, Fue, DFL Chair  
FOGELMAN, Marj, Republican Vice-Chair  
FREDERICK, Luke, DFL Vice-Chair  
ALLEN, Keith  
CARROLL, Ned  
HANSEN, Rick  
KOZNICK, Jon  
LILLIE, Leon  
MYERS, Andrew  
PÉREZ-VEGA, María Isa  
REYER, Liz  
RYMER, Max  
SEXTON, Thomas  
SKRABA, Roger  
XIONG, Jay

Representative Franson officially called the meeting to order at 10:17AM. A quorum was present.

Representative Lillie moved the minutes from February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The committee heard informational testimony regarding Governor Bonding Recommendations for Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

**Testifiers:**

Thom Petersen, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture.  
Ryan Roles, Senior Loan Officer, Rural Finance Authority.  
Nick Milanowski, Manager, Plant Protection Division, Fruit, Vegetable & Grain Section.

The committee heard informational testimony regarding Governor Bonding Recommendations for Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission.

**Testifiers:**

Neil Ladd, Deputy Executive Director, National Sports Center.  
Karah Lodge, Managing Director, Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission.

The committee heard informational testimony regarding Governor Bonding Recommendations for Minnesota Department of Corrections.

**Testifiers:**

Paul Schnell, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Corrections.  
Karl Hunt, Capital Investment Director, Minnesota Department of Corrections.

The committee heard informational testimony regarding Governor Bonding Recommendations for Direct Care and Treatment.

**Testifier:**

Nancy Freeman, Chief Operating Officer, Direct Care and Treatment.

The committee heard informational testimony regarding Governor Bonding Recommendations for Minnesota Department of Education.

**Testifier:**

Bobbie Burnham, Assistant Commissioner for the Office of Teaching and Learning, Minnesota Department of Education.

The committee heard informational testimony regarding Governor Bonding Recommendations for Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

**Testifier:**

Kevin McKinnon, Deputy Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 AM.



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Representative Mary Franson, Chair



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Karina Nelson, Committee Legislative Assistant