

Energy Finance and Policy Committee

MINUTES

Representative Swedzinski, Chair of the Energy Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM on March 5, 2026, in Room 123 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

SWEDZINSKI, Chris, Co-Chair
ACOMB, Patty, Co-Chair
MURPHY, Tom, Co-Vice Chair
KRAFT, Larry, Co-Vice Chair
ANDERSON, Paul
BAKER, Dave
BUCK, Shelley
CARROLL, Ned
HOLLINS, Athena
LUGER-NIKOLAI, Meg
MAHAMOUD, Anquam
MEKELAND, Shane
SEXTON, Thomas
WIENER, Mike

Member excused:

IGO, Spencer
JONES, Katie

Representative Wiener moved that the minutes of March 3, 2026, be approved as corrected. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 3296 (Gillman) Data centers excluded from gross annual retail energy sales for energy conservation and optimization purposes.

Representative Mekeland moved HF 3296.

Representative Swedzinski moved the H3296DE2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifiers:

Dave Meyer, General Manager, Glencoe Light and Power
Kent Sulem, Director of Government Relations and Senior Counsel, Minnesota
Municipal Utilities Association
Sara Wolff, Strategic Policy Director, Interfaith Power and Light

Chair Swedzinski laid over HF 3296, as amended.

Reliability Presentation:

Will Seuffert, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO)
Mark Tiemeier, Director of Power System Risk Management (MRO)

HF 3802 (Hollins) Exemptions to the certificate of need requirement amended.

Representative Hollins moved that HF 3802 be referred to the General Register.

Representative Hollins moved the H3802A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifiers:

Stacey Fujii, Government Affairs Director, Great River Energy
Dan Leshner, Transmission Permitting and Land Rights Manager, Great River Energy

Representative Hollins renewed the motion that HF 3802, as amended, be re-referred to the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 PM.



Representative Chris Swedzinski, Chair



Sharon Goblish, Committee Legislative Assistant