

WORKFORCE, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AND POLICY  
COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Baker, Chair of the Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:17 AM, on Thursday February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, in Room G3 of the State Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

Members present:

BAKER, Dave Co-Chair  
PINTO, Dave Co-Chair  
MEKELAND, Shane Vice-Chair  
GREENMAN, Emma Vice-Chair  
BAKEBERG, Ben  
BERG, Kaela  
FRAZIER, Cedrick  
HUSSEIN, Samakab  
JOHNSON, Pete  
JOHNSON, Wayne  
KOZLOWSKI, Liish  
MUELLER, Patricia  
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

Members excused:

SCHULTZ, Isaac

Vice-Chair Mekeland moved the minutes of February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Presentations from the Minnesota P-20 Education Partnership, Discover Your Future, and the Department of Labor and Industry update on Registered Teacher Apprenticeship program.

**Testifiers:**

Josiah Litant, Executive Director, Minnesota P-20 Education Partnership  
Heidi Johnson, Chief of Staff, ECMC Group  
Erin Larsen, Director, Apprenticeship Minnesota

**HF3650 (Mueller) Student career pathways framework.**

Representative Mueller moved HF3650 before the committee and recommended it be rereferred to the committee on Education Finance.

Representative Mueller moved the H3650A1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

**Testifiers:**

John Fanning, Director of Education Partnerships Coalition of Minnesota  
Sara Paul, Superintendent, North Branch Public Schools  
TJ Hendrickson, Teacher, Shakopee Public Schools  
Matt Schmit, Principal, Austin High School

Representative Mueller renewed the motion that HF3650 as amended be rereferred to the committee on Education Finance. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF2238 (Bakeberg) Youth Skills Training programs in the trades.**

Representative Bakeberg moved HF2238 before the committee.

**Testifiers:**

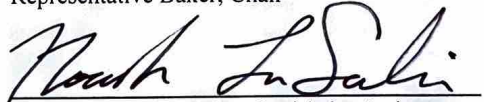
Josiah Moore, Government Relations, Department of Labor and Industry  
TJ Hendrickson, Teacher, Shakopee Public Schools

Chair Baker laid over HF2238.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 AM.

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Representative Baker, Chair

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Noah LaSalvia, Committee Legislative Assistant