

STATE OF MINNESOTA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETEENTH MEETING
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

STATE GOVERNMENT FINANCE AND POLICY MINUTES

Representative Ginny Klevorn, Co-Chair of the State Government Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:17 A.M. on February 19, 2026, in Room G23 of the Minnesota State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

KLEVORN, Ginny (DFL Co-Chair)
NASH, Jim (GOP Co-Chair)
BAHNER, Kristen (DFL Vice Co-Chair)
DAVIS, Ben (GOP Vice Co-Chair)
ANDERSON, Paul
CLARDY, Mary Frances
FREIBERG, Mike
JONES, Katie
JOY, Jim
KOZNICK, Jon
KRAFT, Larry
QUAM, Duane
SEXTON, Tom
LUGER-NIKOLAI, Meg

A quorum was present.

Co-Chair Klevorn moved to approve the minutes from April 10th, 2025. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Presentation from the “Office of the Attorney General” on fraud updates.

Presenting:

- John Keller, Chief deputy, AGO
- Nick Walker, Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, AGO
- Abdulaziz Mohamed, Government affairs and Public Policy Coordinator. AGO

Presentation titled “Department of Minnesota IT services” on fraud updates.

Presenting:

- Tomes Tarek, Commissioner, MNIT and States Chief Information Officer.
- John Eichten, Deputy Commissioner, MNIT
- Brandon Hirsch, Director of Legislative Affairs, MNIT

Presentation titled “Department of Revenue” on fraud updates.

Presenting:

- Paul Marquart, Commissioner, MDOR.
- Kevin Armstrong, Legislative Coordinator, MDOR
- Melanie Leslie, Director of Criminal Investigation, MDOR

SF856, (Norris) Office of the Inspector General Created, reports required, and money appropriated.

Co-Chair Klevorn moved SF 856 re-referred to Judiciary finance and civil law committee.

Co-Chair Klevorn moved DE5 Amendment to SF856.

Co-Chair Klevorn requested a roll-call vote on DE5 Amendment.

Representative Norris presented the DE5 amendment to SF 856.

Chair Klevorn renewed the motion to adopt the DE5 amendment to SF 856.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

AYES:

Klevorn, Ginny (DFL Co-Chair)
BAHNER, Kristen (DFL Co-Vice Chair)
CLARDY, Mary Frances
FREIBERG, Mike
LUGER-NIKOLAI, MEG
JONES, Katie
KRAFT, Larry

NAYS:

NASH, Jim (GOP Co-Chair)
DAVIS, Ben (GOP Co-Vice Chair)
ANDERSON, Paul
JOY, Jim
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There being 7 ayes and 7 nays, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 A.M.



Representative Ginny Klevorn, DFL Co-Chair



Ian Al-Hammouri, DFL Committee Legislative Assistant