

**WORKFORCE, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Representative Dave Pinto, Chair of the Committee on Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy, called the meeting to order at 8:17 A.M. on, Tuesday, March 24, 2026, in Room G3 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

PINTO, Dave (DFL Chair)
GREENMAN, Emma (DFL Vice Chair)
MEKELAND, Shane (GOP Vice Chair)
BAKBERG, Ben
BERG, Kaela
FRAZIER, Cedrick
HUSSEIN, Sanakab
JOHNSON, Pete
JOHNSON, Wayne
KOZLOWSKI, Liish
MUELLER, Patricia
SCHULTZ, Isaac
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

Members Excused:

BAKER, Dave (GOP Chair)

A quorum was present.

Vice Chair Mekeland moved that the minutes of March 18, 2026, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 4097 (Frazier) Money transferred for emerging entrepreneur loan program

Representative Frazier moved HF 4097 before the committee

Representative Frazier moved the H4097A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Frazier presented HF 4097 as amended.

Testifying on HF 4097 as amended:

- Zach Tabatt, Vice President for Economic Opportunity, Initiative Foundation
- Deven Bowdry, Department of Employment and Economic Development

Chair Pinto laid over HF 4097 as amended for possible inclusion in a Budget Bill.

HF 3878 (Berg) Quality service wage for covered airport or related location workers required, and penalties provided.

Representative Berg moved that HF 3878 to be re-referred to the State Government Finance and Policy Committee.

Representative Berg moved the H3878DE2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Berg presented HF 3878 as amended.

Testifying on HF 4131 as amended:

- Samantha Diaz-Powell, Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
- Aaron Rosenthal, Research Director, North Star Policy Action
- Drew Ambrogio, Chamber of Progress
- Jonathan Cotter, Director of Health Care and Commerce Policy, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce

Vice Chair Greenman renewed the motion that HF 4131 as amended be re-referred to the Commerce Finance and Policy Committee.

Representative Pete Johnson requested a roll call on HF 4131 as amended.

The clerk took the roll on HF 4131 as amended:

AYES

Pinto
Greenman
Berg
Frazier
Hussein
Johnson P.
Kozlowski

NAYS

Mekeland
Bakeberg
Johnson W.
Mueller
Schultz
Zeleznikar

EXCUSED

Baker

There being 7 AYES, 6 NAYS, and 1 EXCUSED. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Presentation from the Department of Employment and Economic Development on the Youth Workforce Development Programs: Youth at Work and Youthbuild.

Presenting:

- Deven Bowdry, Department of Employment and Economic Development

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.



Representative Dave Pinto, Chair



Aishat Tiarniyu, Committee Legislative Assistant