

PUBLIC SAFETY FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Representative Paul Novotny, Chair of the Public Safety Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM on March 4, 2026, in Room 120 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

NOVOTNY, Paul, Co-Chair
MOLLER, Kelly, Co-Chair
WITTE, Jeff, Vice Chair
FEIST, Sandra, Vice Chair
BERG, Kaela
BLISS, Matt
CURRAN, Brion
DURAN JR, Bidal
ENGEN, Elliott
GREENMAN, Emma
HARDER, Bobbie
HUDSON, Walter
JOHNSON, Pete
PINTO, Dave
REHM, Lucy
REPINSKI, Aaron
SCHWARTZ, Erica
STIER, Terry
TABKE, Brad

Members Excused:
HOLLINS, Athena

A quorum was present.

Representative Bliss moved to approve the minutes of March 3, 2026. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Witte assumed the gavel at 3:02 p.m.

HF 962(Novotny) Peace officers excluded from discipline for inclusion on Brady-Giglio lists, and report required.

Chair Novotny moved HF 962 before the committee with the recommendation it be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.

Chair Novotny moved the HF 962 DE3 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Novotny presented HF 962, as amended.

Testifiers

- David Titus, Executive Director, MN Police and Peace Officers Association
- Mark Schneider, General Counsel, Law Enforcement Labor Services
- Bryan Welk, Cass County Sheriff
- Jeff Potts, Executive Director, MN Chiefs of Police Association
- Brad Johnson, Anoka County Attorney
- Jonathan Holets, Assistant St. Louis County Attorney

Chair Novotny renewed his motion that HF 962, as amended, be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 3541 (Duran) Division of Capitol Security's responsibilities clarified.

Representative Duran moved HF 3541 before the committee with the recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy.

Representative Duran moved the HF 3541 A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Duran presented HF 3541, as amended.

Representative Duran renewed his motion that HF 3541, as amended, be re-referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 2936 (Duran) Commissioner of Corrections required to submit certain proposed rules for legislative approval prior to implementation.

Representative Duran moved HF 2936 before the committee.

Chair Novotny assumed the gavel at 3:38 p.m.

Representative Duran presented HF 2936.

Testifiers

- Lon Thiele, Steele County Sheriff
- Paul Schnell, Department of Corrections Commissioner
- Amy Lauricella, Department of Corrections Policy and Rulemaking Director

Chair Novotny laid over HF 2936.

HF 3762 (Witte) Chiefs of police and sheriffs authorized to open certain expunged records to determine eligibility to purchase, receive, or carry a firearm.

Vice Chair Witte moved HF 3762 before the committee with the recommendation it be re-referred to the General Register.

Vice Chair Witte presented HF 3762.

Testifiers

- Mark Empting, Clay County Sheriff

Chair Moller moved the A1 amendment before the committee.

Chair Moller withdrew the A1 amendment.

Vice Chair Witte renewed his motion that HF 3762 be re-referred to the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 2879 (Witte) Organized Retail and Supply Chain Crimes Advisory Board established, report required, and money appropriated.

Vice Chair Witte moved HF 2879 before the committee.

Vice Chair Witte moved the A1 amendment before the committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

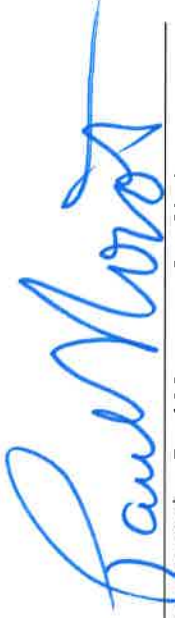
Vice Chair Witte presented HF 2879, as amended.

Testifiers

- Bruce Nustad, Minnesota Retailers
- Karin Tappero, Director of Retail Operations, Patina
- John Hausladen, Minnesota Trucking Association
- Amande Duerr, Director of Government Affairs, Minnesota Automobile Dealers Association

Chair Novotny laid over HF 2879.

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.


Representative Paul Novotny, Co-Chair


Mary McNamara, Committee Legislative Assistant