

ENERGY FINANCE AND POLICY MINUTES

Representative Patty Acomb, Co-Chair of the Committee on Energy Finance and Policy, called the meeting to order at 1:00P.M. on Tuesday, February 24, 2026 in Room 123 of the State Capitol.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

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

A quorum was present.

Representative Kraft moved that the minutes from February 19 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Presentation by the Minnesota Climate Innovation Finance Authority

Presenting:

- Kari Groth Swan, Executive Director, Minnesota Climate Innovation Finance Authority
- Eric Horent, Chief Financial Officer, Minnesota Climate Innovation Finance Authority

HF2986 (Kraft) Additional information in a public utility's resource plan required, public utilities directed to file a virtual power plant tariff and program with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, cost recovery, and reports required.

Representative Kraft moved that HF2968 be laid over.

Representative Kraft moves the DE6 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Kraft presented HF2986 as amended.

Testifiers on HF2986 as amended:

- Sydnie Lieb, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Commerce
- Patty O'Keefe, Regional Director, Midwest, Vote Solar
- Bobby King, State Policy Director, SUN (Solar United Neighbors)
- Jessica Fishman, Renewable Energy Director- Kiterocket
- Sarah Whebbe, Director of Policy and Regulatory Affairs, MnSEIA
- Jim Pearson, Xcel Energy

Representative Kraft renewed his motion that HF2986, as amended, be laid over.

The bill is laid over as amended.

HF3555 (Kraft) Installation and operation of a plug-in solar photovoltaic device regulated

Representative Kraft moved that HF3555 be laid over.

Representative Kraft presented HF3555.

Testifiers on HF3555:

- Wesley Schrock, Brightsaver (Remote)
- John Goeke, Star Power Electric (Remote)
- Patty O'Keefe, Regional Director, Midwest, Vote Solar
- Evan Mulholland, Renter
- Emma Feist, Student/Renter
- Will Mulhern, Director of Electricity, Fresh Energy
- Jessica Fishman, Renewable Energy Director-Kiterocket

Representative Kraft renewed his motion to lay over HF3555.

The bill is laid over.

The meeting adjourned at 2:46 P.M.

Representative Patty Acomb, Chair

Andrew Jones, Committee Legislative Assistant