

Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee Meeting

Co-Chairs: Rep. Paul Anderson and Rep. Rick Hansen

*Co-Chair Hansen has the gavel.

March 18, 2026

1:00 p.m.

G3 Capitol

AGENDA

- I.** Call to Order
- II.** Approval of minutes.
- III.** HF4080 (Hansen) Certain retailers prohibited from obtaining an ownership interest in livestock dealers or meat packing companies, and certain exclusive contracts prohibited.
 - Robert Lopez, UFCW International
 - Steve Barthel, Minnesota Grocers Association
 - Laura Schreiber, Land Stewardship Project
 - Leon Pleatz, Minnesota Farmers Union
- IV.** HF3693 (Lee, F.) Previous Department of Agriculture appropriation modified.
 - April LeDoux, Chum Food Shelf
 - Dan Zimmerli, Minnesota Farmers Union
- V.** HF1857 (Smith) Cats; elective declawing of cats prohibited and civil penalties imposed.
 - Ronald W. Gaskin, Main Street Veterinary Service
 - Dr. Peter Memmen, Minnesota Veterinary Association
- VI.** HF4350 (Hansen) Agriculture policy provisions modified.
- VII.** Adjourn

Next Meeting: Monday, March 24, 2026