

State Government Finance and Policy Committee

**MINUTES**

Representative Nash, Chair of the State Government Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:15AM, on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, in Room G23 of the State Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

NASH, Jim, Co-Chair  
KLEVORN, Ginny, Co-Chair  
DAVIS, Ben, Co-Vice Chair  
BAHNER, Kristin, Co-Vice Chair  
ANDERSON, Paul  
CLARDY, Mary Frances  
FREIBERG, Mike  
JONES, Katie  
JOY, Jim  
KOZNICK, Jon  
KRAFT, Larry  
LUGAR-NIKOLAI, Meg  
QUAM, Duane  
SEXTON, Thomas

Representative Davis moved the minutes of February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, be approved.

**SF856 (NORRIS) Office of the Inspector General created, reports required, and money appropriated.**

Chair Nash moved SF856 be taken from the table.

Chair Nash moved SF856 to be re-referred to the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee.

Chair Nash moved to adopt the SO856DE5 amendment.

Co-Chair Klevorn requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

**AYES:**

KLEVORN, Ginny, Co-Chair  
BAHNER, Kristin, Co-Vice Chair  
CLARDY, Mary Francis  
FREIBERG, Mike  
JONES, Katie  
KRAFT, Larry  
LUGAR-NIKOLAI, Meg

**NAYS:**

NASH, Jim, Co-Chair  
DAVIS, Ben, CO-Vice Chair  
ANDERSON, Paul  
JOY, Jim  
KOZNICK, Jon  
QUAM, Duane  
SEXTON, Thomas

On a vote of 7 Ayes and 7 Nays, **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Chair Nash moved to adopt the S0856A1 amendment.

Representative Freiberg requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

**AYES:**

KLEVORN, Ginny, Co-Chair  
BAHNER, Kristin, Co-Vice Chair  
CLARDY, Mary Francis  
FREIBERG, Mike  
JONES, Katie  
KRAFT, Larry  
LUGAR-NIKOLAI, Meg

**NAYS:**

NASH, Jim, Co-Chair  
DAVIS, Ben, CO-Vice Chair  
ANDERSON, Paul  
JOY, Jim  
KOZNICK, Jon  
QUAM, Duane  
SEXTON, Thomas

On a vote of 7 Ayes and 7 Nays, **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Chair Nash moved to adopt the S0856A2 amendment.

Representative Freiberg requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

**AYES:**

KLEVORN, Ginny, Co-Chair  
BAHNER, Kristin, Co-Vice Chair  
CLARDY, Mary Francis  
FREIBERG, Mike  
JONES, Katie  
KRAFT, Larry  
LUGAR-NIKOLAI, Meg

**NAYS:**

NASH, Jim, Co-Chair  
DAVIS, Ben, CO-Vice Chair  
ANDERSON, Paul  
JOY, Jim  
KOZNICK, Jon  
QUAM, Duane  
SEXTON, Thomas

On a vote of 7 Ayes and 7 Nays, **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Chair Nash moved to adopt the S0856A3 amendment.

Co-Chair Klevorn requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

**AYES:**

KLEVORN, Ginny, Co-Chair  
BAHNER, Kristin, Co-Vice Chair  
CLARDY, Mary Francis  
FREIBERG, Mike  
JONES, Katie  
KRAFT, Larry  
LUGAR-NIKOLAI, Meg  
NASH, Jim, Co-Chair  
DAVIS, Ben, CO-Vice Chair  
ANDERSON, Paul

JOY, Jim  
KOZNICK, Jon  
QUAM, Duane  
SEXTON, Thomas

On a vote of 14 Ayes and 0 Nays, **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Chair Nash moved to adopt the S0856A4 amendment.

Co-Chair Klevorn requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

**AYES:**

KLEVORN, Ginny, Co-Chair  
BAHNER, Kristin, Co-Vice Chair  
CLARDY, Mary Francis  
FREIBERG, Mike  
JONES, Katie  
KRAFT, Larry  
LUGAR-NIKOLAI, Meg

**NAYS:**

NASH, Jim, Co-Chair  
DAVIS, Ben, CO-Vice Chair  
ANDERSON, Paul  
JOY, Jim  
KOZNICK, Jon  
QUAM, Duane  
SEXTON, Thomas

On a vote of 7 Ayes and 7 Nays, **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Chair Nash moved to adopt the S0856A5 amendment.

Co-Chair Klevorn requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

**AYES:**

KLEVORN, Ginny, Co-Chair  
BAHNER, Kristin, Co-Vice Chair  
CLARDY, Mary Francis  
FREIBERG, Mike  
JONES, Katie  
KRAFT, Larry  
LUGAR-NIKOLAI, Meg

**NAYS:**

NASH, Jim, Co-Chair  
DAVIS, Ben, CO-Vice Chair  
ANDERSON, Paul  
JOY, Jim  
KOZNICK, Jon  
QUAM, Duane  
SEXTON, Thomas

On a vote of 7 Ayes and 7 Nays, **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Chair Nash moved to adopt the S0856A6 amendment.

Co-Chair Klevorn requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

**AYES:**

KLEVORN, Ginny, Co-Chair  
BAHNER, Kristin, Co-Vice Chair  
CLARDY, Mary Francis

FREIBERG, Mike  
JONES, Katie  
KRAFT, Larry  
LUGAR-NIKOLAI, Meg  
NASH, Jim, Co-Chair  
DAVIS, Ben, CO-Vice Chair  
ANDERSON, Paul  
JOY, Jim  
KOZNICK, Jon  
SEXTON, Thomas

**NAYS:**

QUAM, Duane

On a vote of 13 Ayes and 1 Nays, **THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Chair Nash moved to adopt the S0856A7 amendment.

Co-Chair Klevorn requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

**AYES:**

KLEVORN, Ginny, Co-Chair  
BAHNER, Kristin, Co-Vice Chair  
CLARDY, Mary Francis  
FREIBERG, Mike  
JONES, Katie  
KRAFT, Larry  
LUGAR-NIKOLAI, Meg

**NAYS:**

NASH, Jim, Co-Chair  
DAVIS, Ben, CO-Vice Chair  
ANDERSON, Paul  
JOY, Jim  
KOZNICK, Jon  
QUAM, Duane  
SEXTON, Thomas

On a vote of 7 Ayes and 7 Nays, **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Chair Nash moved to adopt the S0856A8 amendment.

Co-Chair Klevorn requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

**AYES:**

KLEVORN, Ginny, Co-Chair  
BAHNER, Kristin, Co-Vice Chair  
CLARDY, Mary Francis  
FREIBERG, Mike  
JONES, Katie  
KRAFT, Larry  
LUGAR-NIKOLAI, Meg

**NAYS:**

NASH, Jim, Co-Chair  
DAVIS, Ben, CO-Vice Chair  
ANDERSON, Paul  
JOY, Jim  
KOZNICK, Jon  
QUAM, Duane  
SEXTON, Thomas

On a vote of 7 Ayes and 7 Nays, **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Chair Nash moved to adopt the S0856A9 amendment.

Co-Chair Klevorn requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

**AYES:**

KLEVORN, Ginny, Co-Chair  
BAHNER, Kristin, Co-Vice Chair  
CLARDY, Mary Francis  
FREIBERG, Mike  
JONES, Katie  
KRAFT, Larry  
LUGAR-NIKOLAI, Meg

**NAYS:**

NASH, Jim, Co-Chair  
DAVIS, Ben, CO-Vice Chair  
ANDERSON, Paul  
JOY, Jim  
KOZNICK, Jon  
QUAM, Duane  
SEXTON, Thomas

On a vote of 7 Ayes and 7 Nays, **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

**Testifiers:**

Drew Evans, Superintendent, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension  
Representative Patti Anderson, State Representative  
Jodi McCarthy, Citizen

Chair Nash renewed the motion that SF856, as amended, be re-referred to the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee.

Co-Chair Klevorn requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

**AYES:**

KLEVORN, Ginny, Co-Chair  
BAHNER, Kristin, Co-Vice Chair  
CLARDY, Mary Francis  
FREIBERG, Mike  
JONES, Katie  
KRAFT, Larry  
LUGAR-NIKOLAI, Meg

**NAYS:**

NASH, Jim, Co-Chair  
DAVIS, Ben, CO-Vice Chair  
ANDERSON, Paul  
JOY, Jim  
KOZNICK, Jon  
QUAM, Duane  
SEXTON, Thomas

On a vote of 7 Ayes and 7 Nays, **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.**

**HF3168 (HUDSON) Pool of alternate members for ethnic councils established, and reports required.**

Chair Nash moved HF3168 before the committee.

**Testifiers:**

Andy Morris, Legislative and Public Affairs Director, Council on Asian Pacific Minnesota  
Aaron Sepúlveda, Legislative and Policy Director, Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs

Chair Nash laid over HF3168.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 AM.

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Representative Nash, Chair

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Alli Winter, Committee Legislative Assistant