

**STATE GOVERNMENT FINANCE & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Representative Michael V. Nelson, Chair of the Committee, called the virtual State Government Finance & Elections Committee meeting to order at 8:31 AM, February 17, 2022 pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was conducted over Zoom and broadcast via House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

**Members Present:**

NELSON, Michael V. - Chair  
CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair  
NASH, Jim - Minority Lead  
BAHNER, Kristin  
DRAZKOWSKI, Steve  
ELKINS, Steve  
GREENMAN, Emma  
KLEVORN, Ginny  
KOZNICK, Jon  
MASIN, Sandra  
NEU BRINDLEY, Anne  
PELOWSKI, Gene  
QUAM, Duane

A quorum was present.

Representative Klevorn moved that the minutes for February 15, 2022, be adopted. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Presentation on the Governor's supplemental budget requests from the Office of the Attorney General.

Testifying:

Keith Ellison, Minnesota Attorney General  
Karin Sonneman, County Attorney, Winona County

Chair Nelson moved that the HF3175 division report be adopted. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Chair Nelson moved that HF3175 be referred to the General Register.

Representative Boldon presented HF3175, Township planning and zoning authority clarified.

The following testified on HF3175:

Steve Fenske, General Counsel, Minnesota Association of Townships

Chair Nelson renewed the motion that HF3175 be referred to the General Register.

The clerk noted the roll.

**AYES**

NELSON, Michael V. - Chair  
CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair  
NASH, Jim - Minority Lead  
BAHNER, Kristin  
DRAZKOWSKI, Steve  
ELKINS, Steve  
GREENMAN, Emma  
KLEVORN, Ginny

KOZNICK, Jon  
PELOWSKI, Gene  
QUAM, Duane

EXCUSED  
MASIN, Sandra  
NEU BRINDLEY, Anne

With a vote of 11 AYES and 2 EXCUSED, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Nelson moved that HF208 be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Chair Nelson moved Amendment H208A22. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Freiberg presented HF208, as amended, Minnesota Companion Animal Board established, duties and responsibilities provided, companion animal license plate established, duties transferred, report required, rulemaking authorized, and money appropriated.

The following testified on HF208 as amended:  
Ann Olson, Executive Director, Animal Folks  
Dr. Graham Brayshaw, Director of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Humane Society  
Patrick Trudgeon, City Manager, City of Roseville  
Elaine Hanson, Legislative Chair, Minnesota Pet Breeders Association  
Dr. Nancy Peterson, Large Animal Veterinarian, New Ulm Regional Veterinary Center

Chair Nelson moved HF208, as amended, to be laid over for future consideration.

Chair Nelson moved that HF1968 be referred to the General Register.

Chair Nelson moved Amendment H1968A1. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Novotny presented HF1968, as amended, Autism Awareness and Acceptance Day established.

The following testified on HF1968 as amended:  
Carly Mellott, Citizen

Chair Nelson renewed the motion that HF1968, as amended, be referred to the General Register.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES  
NELSON, Michael V. - Chair  
CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair  
NASH, Jim - Minority Lead  
BAHNER, Kristin  
DRAZKOWSKI, Steve  
ELKINS, Steve  
GREENMAN, Emma  
KLEVORN, Ginny  
KOZNICK, Jon  
MASIN, Sandra  
PELOWSKI, Gene  
QUAM, Duane

EXCUSED  
NEU BRINDLEY, Anne

With a vote of 12 AYES and 1 EXCUSED, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Nelson moved that HF2903 be referred to the General Register.

Representative Freiberg presented HF2903, Autism Awareness and Acceptance Day established.

Chair Nelson renewed the motion that HF2903 be referred to the General Register.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

NELSON, Michael V. - Chair  
CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair  
NASH, Jim - Minority Lead  
BAHNER, Kristin  
DRAZKOWSKI, Steve  
ELKINS, Steve  
GREENMAN, Emma  
KLEVORN, Ginny  
KOZNICK, Jon  
MASIN, Sandra  
PELOWSKI, Gene  
QUAM, Duane

EXCUSED

NEU BRINDLEY, Anne

With a vote of 12 AYES and 1 EXCUSED, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Masin moved that the HF2162 division report be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Nelson moved that HF2162 be referred to the General Register.

Representative Torkelson presented HF2162, county boards allowed to spend tax-forfeited land sale net proceeds.

The following testified on HF2162:

Gregory Bernu, County Land Commissioner, Carlton County

Chair Nelson renewed the motion that HF2162 be referred to the General Register.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

NELSON, Michael V. - Chair  
CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair  
NASH, Jim - Minority Lead  
BAHNER, Kristin  
DRAZKOWSKI, Steve  
ELKINS, Steve  
GREENMAN, Emma  
KLEVORN, Ginny  
KOZNICK, Jon  
MASIN, Sandra  
PELOWSKI, Gene  
QUAM, Duane

EXCUSED

NEU BRINDLEY, Anne

With a vote of 12 AYES and 1 EXCUSED, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Masin moved that the HF3001 division report be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Nelson moved that HF3001 be referred to the General Register.

Representative Dettmer presented HF3001, military discharge certificates recorded with county recorder without fees.

The following testified on HF3001:

Greg Peterson, County Veteran Service Officer, Brown County

Chair Nelson renewed the motion that HF3001 be referred to the General Register.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

NELSON, Michael V. - Chair

CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair

NASH, Jim - Minority Lead

BAHNER, Kristin

DRAZKOWSKI, Steve

ELKINS, Steve

GREENMAN, Emma

KOZNICK, Jon

MASIN, Sandra

PELOWSKI, Gene

QUAM, Duane

EXCUSED

KLEVORN, Ginny

NEU BRINDLEY, Anne

With a vote of 11 AYES and 2 EXCUSED, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 PM.

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Representative Michael Nelson, Chair

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Benjamin Brinks, Committee Legislative Assistant