

**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 24, 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 22, 2022, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Presentation on the Governor's Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board member appointee, Stephen Swanson.

Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director, Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board, introduced Stephen Swanson.

Testifying:

Stephen Swanson, Board Member, Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Chair Nelson moved that Stephen Swanson be appointed to the Governor's Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

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

NAYS

KOZNICK, Jon

EXCUSED

NASH, Jim - Minority Lead

With a vote of 11 AYES, 1 NAY, and 1 EXCUSED, THE MOTION PREVAILED

Presentation on the Governor's Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board member appointee, David Asp.

Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director, Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board, introduced David Asp.

Testifying:

David Asp, Attorney, Lockridge Grindal Nauen PLLP

Chair Nelson moved that David Asp be appointed to the Governor's Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

NELSON, Michael V. - Chair

NASH, Jim - Minority Lead

BAHNER, Kristin

DRAZKOWSKI, Steve

ELKINS, Steve

GREENMAN, Emma

KLEVORN, Ginny

KOZNICK, Jon

MASIN, Sandra

NEU BRINDLEY, Anne

PELOWSKI, Gene

ABSTAIN

CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair

EXCUSED

QUAM, Duane

With a vote of 11 AYES, 1 ABSTAIN, and 1 EXCUSED, THE MOTION PREVAILED

Chair Nelson moved that HF3035 be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Representative Hornstein presented HF3035, legislative auditor required to conduct a special review of specified aspects of the Southwest light rail transit project, and money appropriated.

Testifying:

Judy Randall, Legislative Auditor

Chair Nelson renewed the motion that HF3035 be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

NELSON, Michael V. - Chair

CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair

NASH, Jim - Minority Lead

BAHNER, Kristin

DRAZKOWSKI, Steve

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QUAM, Duane

With a vote of 13 AYES, THE MOTION PREVAILED

Chair Nelson moved that HF3557 be referred to the General Register.

Representative Marquart presented HF3557, terminating principal campaign committee allowed to donate to school boards.

Chair Nelson moved that HF3557 be laid over for future consideration.

Chair Nelson moved that HF2683 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Representative Drazkowski presented HF2683, individuals required to file a statement of economic interest following their registration as a lobbyist.

Testifying:

Matt Dean, Former House Member

Abbey Bryduck, President, Minnesota Government Relations Council

Eric Hyland, Minnesota Government Relations Council

Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director, Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Chair Nelson renewed the motion that HF2683 be laid over for possible inclusion.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

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Representative Michael Nelson, Chair

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Benjamin Brinks, Committee Legislative Assistant