

HOUSING FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Michael Howard, Chair of the Housing Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, in Room G3 of the Capitol.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

HOWARD, Michael (DFL Chair)  
KOZLOWSKI, Liish (DFL Vice Chair)  
IGO, Spencer (GOP Chair)  
DOTSETH, Jeff (GOP Vice Chair)  
AGBAJE, Esther  
HUSSEIN, Samakab  
JOHNSON, Wayne  
MEKELAND, Shane  
MOMANYI-HILTSLEY, Huldah  
MYERS, Andrew  
NASH, Jim  
NORRIS, Matt  
REHRAUER, Kari  
SKRABA, Roger

A quorum was present.

Representative Kozlowski moved that the minutes of March 13th, 2025, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 2144 (Momanyi-Hiltsley) Family homeless prevention and assistance program funding provided, and money appropriated.

Chair Howard moved that HF 2144 be laid over.

Representative Momanyi-Hiltsley moved the A1 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Momanyi-Hiltsley presented HF 2144 as amended.

Testifiers

- Ranee Rock, Policy Fellow, Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless
- Ivette Izea-Martinez, Senior Program Officer, Greater Twin Cities United Way

Chair Howard renewed the motion that HF 2144, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion. The bill was laid over.

Vice Chair Kozlowski assumed the gavel at 3:18 P.M.

HF 1141 (Howard) Issuance of housing infrastructure bonds authorized, and money appropriated.

Vice Chair Kozlowski moved that HF 1141 be laid over.

Testifiers

- Kelly Law, Senior Policy & Field Building Advisor, Minnesota Consortium of Community Developers
- Chad Adams, CEO, Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership

Vice Chair Kozlowski renewed the motion that HF 1141 be laid over for possible inclusion. The bill was laid over.

HF 2480 (Howard) Housing; public corporations authorized relating to properties converted under the federal Rental Assistance Demonstration program, and funding authorized through the MHFA.

Chair Howard moved that HF 2480 be laid over.

Testifiers

- Melissa Taphorn, Executive Director, Washington County Community Development Agency

Vice Chair Kozlowski renewed the motion that HF 2480 be laid over for possible inclusion. The bill was laid over.

Chair Howard assumed the gavel at 3:44 P.M.

HF 2148 (Agbaje) Locally controlled housing fund established, report required, and money appropriated.

Representative Agbaje moved that HF 2148 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Representative Agbaje moved that the A1 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifiers

- Farhan Badel, Renter, Dakota County
- Melissa Taphorn, Executive Director, Washington County Community Development Agency
- Lucas Franco, LIUNA Great Lakes Region

Chair Howard renewed the motion that HF 2148, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion.

The bill was laid over.

HF 999 (Agbaje) Community-based first-generation homebuyers assistance program modified, and money appropriated.

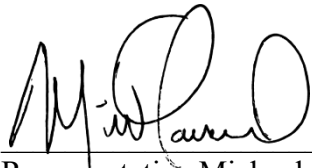
Representative Agbaje moved HF 2148 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Testifiers

- Karen Larson, Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation
- Jeru Gobeze, Habitat for Humanity of Minnesota
- Jason Peterson, Neighborworks Home Partners
- Mykitta Davis, Three Rivers Community Action
- Keenan Raverty, Bell Bank Mortgage and Minnesota Mortgage Association
- Pat Paulson, Lakes Area Realty

Chair Howard renewed the motion that HF 2148 be laid over for possible inclusion. The bill was laid over.

The committee adjourned at 4:34 P.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Howard", written over a horizontal line.

Representative Michael Howard, DFL Chair

*Sowmya Kannan, p.p. Emma Edahl 12/9/2025*

Sowmya Kannan, DFL Committee Legislative Assistant