

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION MINUTES

Representative Sandra Masin, Chair of the Division on Local Government, called the virtual meeting to order at 8:31 AM on February 17, 2021 pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll:

Members Present:

Masin, Sandra, Chair
Elkins, Steve, Vice Chair
Quam, Duane, Republican Lead
Berg, Kaela
Boldon, Liz
Huot, John
Mekeland, Shane
Olson, Bjorn
Youakim, Cheryl

A quorum was present.

Vice Chair Elkins moved that the minutes of February 10, 2021 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Vice Chair Elkins assumed the gavel at 8:34 AM.

Chair Masin moved that HF 344 be re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections.

Chair Masin presented HF 344, a bill on the Metropolitan Council; staggered terms provided, nomination committee membership expanded, additional information required to be made publicly available during selection process, and council member qualifications clarified.

Chair Masin moved the H0344A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF 344 as amended:

- Patricia Nauman, Metro Cities
- Scott Schulte, Anoka County Commissioner

Chair Masin renewed the motion that HF 344 as amended be re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections.

Vice Chair Elkins requested a roll call on HF 344.

AYES
Masin
Elkins
Berg
Boldon
Huot
Youakim

Nays
Quam
Mekeland
Olson

There being 6 AYES and 3 NAYS, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Masin resumed the gavel at 9:06 AM.

Representative Huot moved that HF 575 be re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections.

Representative Huot presented HF 575, a bill on notary publics authorized to perform civil marriages.

Representative Huot renewed the motion that HF 575 be re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections.

Chair Masin requested a roll call on HF 575.

AYES
Masin
Elkins
Berg
Boldon
Huot
Youakim

Nays
Quam
Mekeland
Olson

There being 6 AYES and 3 NAYS, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Vice Chair Elkins assumed the gavel at 9:19 AM.

Chair Masin moved that HF 325 be re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections.

Chair Masin presented HF 325, a bill for an act on political subdivision compensation limit repealed, and conforming change made.

Testifying on HF 325:

- Gary Carlson, League of Minnesota Cities
- Luke Hellier, Lakeville City Council
- Patrick Keane, Councilmember, City of Rochester
- Matt Massman, Minnesota Inter-County Association (MICA)
- Ken Brown, Olmsted County Commissioner, Minnesota Inter-County Association

Lead Quam moved the H0325DE1 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Chair Masin renewed the motion that HF 325 be re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections.

Vice Chair Elkins requested a roll call vote on HF 325.

AYES

Masin
Elkins
Berg
Boldon
Huot
Youakim

Nays
Quam
Mekeland
Olson

There being 6 AYES and 3 NAYS, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 AM.

Representative Sandra Masin, Chair

Josh Kilgard, Committee Legislative Assistant