

STATE OF MINNESOTA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETEENTH MEETING
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

WORKFORCE, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Baker, Co-Chair of the Workforce, Labor and Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:16 AM on Tuesday, March 25th, 2025, in the G3 Room of the Capitol.

Representative Mekeland moved the minutes for Thursday March 20th, 2025, to be approved.
THE MOTION PREVAILED.

A Quorum was present.

Members present:

BAKER, Dave Co-Chair
PINTO, Dave Co-Chair
MEKELAND, Shane Vice-Chair
GREENMAN, EMMA Vice-Chair
BAKEBERG, Ben
BERG, Kaela
FRAZIER, Cedrick
HUSSEIN, Samakab
JOHNSON, Pete
JOHNSON, Wayne
KOZLOWSKI, Liish
MUELLER, Patricia
SCHULTZ, Isaac
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

H.F. 1007 (Norris, Witte) World Junior Hockey Championship funding provided.

Co-Chair Baker moved that H.F. 1007 be brought before the committee.

Representatives Norris and Witte presented H.F. 1007

Testifiers:

Lou Nanne, former Minnesota hockey player, coach and general manager.
Melvin Carter, Mayor, St. Paul
Wendy Blackshaw, Minnesota Sports and Events CEO

H.F.1007 was laid over for future consideration.

H.F. 1152 (Johnson, P) – Explore Minnesota duties and mission modified.

Co-Chair Baker moved that H.F. 1152 be brought before the committee.

Representative Johnson presented H.F. 1152

Testifiers:

Lauren Bennett McGinty, Executive Director, Explore MN

H.F. 1152 was laid over for future consideration.

H.F. 2258 (Johnson, W) – 2026 Special Olympics USA Games Funding provided.

Co-Chair Baker moved that H.F. 2258 be brought before the committee.

Representative Johnson presented H.F. 2258.

Testifiers:

Christy Sovereign, CEO 2026 USA Games

Erik Anderson, Special Olympics Athlete

H.F. 2258 was laid over for future consideration.

H.F. 1671 (Pinto) – Department of Labor policy and technical changes.

Co-Chair Pinto moved that H.F. 1671 be brought before the committee.

Co-Chair Pinto moved that amendment H1671A be adopted.

THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Co-Chair Pinto presented H.F. 1671, as amended.

Testifiers:

Josiah Moore, Legislative Director, Minnesota Department of Labor.

Co-Chair Baker moved that H.F. 1671, as amended, be referred to the Judiciary and Civil Law Policy Committee.

THE MOTION PREVAILED.

This meeting was adjourned at 9:19 AM.

Dave Baker

Representative Dave Baker, Chair

Ann C. Tepoorten

Ann C. Tepoorten, Committee Legislative Assistant