

**WORKFORCE, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Representative Pinto, Chair of the Workforce, Labor and Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:18AM on Tuesday May 6th, 2025, in the G3 Room of the Capitol.

A quorum was present.

Members Present:

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

Chair Baker moved the minutes for Wednesday, April 10th, to be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF3228 (Baker) - Workers' Compensation Advisory Council recommendations adopted.

Chair Baker moved that HF 3228 be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Testifying on HF 3228:

- Jessica Stimac, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Labor and Industry

Chair Baker renewed his motion that HF 3228 be recommended to be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 2441 (Pinto) - Labor and industry finance and policy bill.

Chair Baker moved HF 2441 in front of the committee.

Chair Baker moved that the A25-0074 amendment to HF 2441 be adopted.

Nonpartisan walkthrough of HF 2441 as amended by A25-0074:

- Ashley Engh, House Nonpartisan Fiscal Department
- Anna Scholin, House Nonpartisan Research Department

Testifying on HF 2441 as amended by the A25-0074 amendment:

- Nicole Blissenbach, Commissioner, Department of Labor and Industry
- Evan Rowe, Deputy Commissioner, Dept of Employment and Economic Development
- Lauren Bennett McGinty, Executive Director, Explore MN
- Kari Johnson, Minnesota Consortium of Community Developers
- Darielle Dannen, Greater Minnesota Partnership
- Daniela Lorenz, Economic Development Association of Minnesota
- Robert Reedy; Senior Director of Vocational Services; Rise, Inc.

- Renay Dossman, President, Neighborhood Development Center
- Jeff Tollefson, President and CEO, MnTech
- Michelle Dreier, Director of Government and Member Affairs, Electrical Association
- Antonio Cardona, Vice President of Career Readiness, Project for Pride in Living
- Trisha Reinwald, Metropolitan Alliance of Connected Communities
- ThaoMee Xiong, Executive Director, Coalition of Asian American Leaders
- Sydney Spreck, Political Affairs Coordinator, Minnesota Association of Professional Employees
- Tom Dicklich, Executive Director, Minnesota State Building and Construction Trades Council
- Ryan SanCartier, Government Affairs Director, Minnesota Mechanical Contractors Association

Representative Pete Johnson moved the H2441A5 amendment to the A25-0074 amendment.

Representative Pete Johnson presented the H2441A5 amendment.

Representative Pete Johnson withdrew the H2441A5 amendment.

Representative Pete Johnson moved the H2441A6 amendment to the A25-0074 amendment.

Representative Pete Johnson presented the H2441A6 amendment.

Representative Pete Johnson withdrew the H2441A6 amendment.

Representative Pete Johnson moved the H2441A7 amendment to the A25-0074 amendment.

Representative Pete Johnson presented the H2441A7 amendment.

Representative Pete Johnson withdrew the H2441A7 amendment.

Representative Kozlowski moved the H2441A4 amendment to the A25-0074 amendment.

Representative Kozlowski presented the H2441A4 amendment.

Representative Kozlowski withdrew the H2441A4 amendment.

Representative Berg moved the H2441A2 amendment to the A25-0074 amendment.

Representative Berg presented the H2441A2 amendment.

Representative Berg withdrew the H2441A2 amendment.

Representative Frazier moved the H2441A1 amendment to the A25-0074 amendment.

Representative Frazier presented the H2441A1 amendment and requested a roll call.

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Johnson, P.

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There being seven ayes and seven nays, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL, AND THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Greenman moved the H2441A3 amendment to the A25-0074 amendment.

Representative Greenman presented the H2441A3 amendment and requested a roll call.

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There being seven ayes and seven nays, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL, AND THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Chair Baker renewed his motion that the A25-0074 amendment to HF 2441 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Baker moved that HF 2441 as amended be recommended to be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.



Representative Dave Pinto, Chair

 9/16/2026

Carl Kaase, Committee Legislative Assistant