

**Energy Finance and Policy Committee**

**MINUTES**

Representative Swedzinski, Chair of the Energy Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM on March 5, 2026, in Room 123 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

SWEDZINSKI, Chris, Co-Chair  
ACOMB, Patty, Co-Chair  
MURPHY, Tom, Co-Vice Chair  
KRAFT, Larry, Co-Vice Chair  
ANDERSON, Paul  
BAKER, Dave  
BUCK, Shelley  
CARROLL, Ned  
HOLLINS, Athena  
LUGER-NIKOLAI, Meg  
MAHAMOUD, Anquam  
MEKELAND, Shane  
SEXTON, Thomas  
WIENER, Mike

Member excused:

IGO, Spencer  
JONES, Katie

Representative Wiener moved that the minutes of March 3, 2026, be approved as corrected. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**HF 3296 (Gillman) Data centers excluded from gross annual retail energy sales for energy conservation and optimization purposes.**

Representative Mekeland moved HF 3296.

Representative Swedzinski moved the H3296DE2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifiers:

Dave Meyer, General Manager, Glencoe Light and Power  
Kent Sulem, Director of Government Relations and Senior Counsel, Minnesota  
Municipal Utilities Association  
Sara Wolff, Strategic Policy Director, Interfaith Power and Light

Chair Swedzinski laid over HF 3296, as amended.

Reliability Presentation:

Will Seuffert, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Midwest Reliability Organization (MRO)  
Mark Tiemeier, Director of Power System Risk Management (MRO)

**HF 3802 (Hollins) Exemptions to the certificate of need requirement amended.**

Representative Hollins moved that HF 3802 be referred to the General Register.

Representative Hollins moved the H3802A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifiers:

Stacey Fujii, Government Affairs Director, Great River Energy  
Dan Leshner, Transmission Permitting and Land Rights Manager, Great River Energy

Representative Hollins renewed the motion that HF 3802, as amended, be re-referred to the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 PM.

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Representative Chris Swedzinski, Chair

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Sharon Goblisch, Committee Legislative Assistant