

STATE OF MINNESOTA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

Ways and Means Committee

MINUTES

Representative Torkelson, Chair of the Ways and Means Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM on February 23rd, 2026, in Room 120 of the Capitol. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

TORKELSON, Paul, GOP Chair
FRAZIER, Cedrick, DFL Chair
SCOTT, Peggy, GOP Vice Chair
AGBAJE, Esther, DFL Vice Chair
ACOMB, Patty
BAKER, Dave
BIERMAN, Robert
GOMEZ, Aisha
IGO, Spencer
KLEVORN, Ginny
KOEDEL, Erin
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie (Remote)
KOZNICK, Jon
KRESHA, Ron
LILLIE, Leon
MOLLER, Kelly
NASH, Jim
NOOR, Mohamud
NOVOTNY, Paul
OLSON, Bjorn
PINTO, Dave
SCHOMACKER, Joe
SWEDZINSKI, Chris
VANG, Samantha
WEST, Nolan (Remote)
YOUAKIM, Cheryl

Members excused:

HEINTZEMAN, Josh
RARICK, Marion

Representative Agbaje moved the minutes of May 18th, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The following individuals gave a presentation titled, “Minnesota’s Economic Imperative for Growth”

Jennifer Byers, Vice-President of Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
Sean O-Neil, Senior Director of Economic Development for Minnesota Chamber of Commerce

John Phelan, Economist for Center of the American Experiment, gave a presentation titled, “Accounting for Growth in Minnesota: Performance and Prospects”

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 PM.



Representative Torkelson, Chair



Allie Spellman, Committee Legislative Assistant