

LEGACY FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Samantha Vang, Co-Chair of the Committee on Legacy Finance, called the meeting to order at 10:15 A.M., on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, in Room G3 of the Minnesota State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

VANG, Samantha, (DFL Co-Chair)
MCDONALD, Joe, (GOP Co-Chair)
HUSSEIN, Samakab, (DFL Co-Vice Chair)
SKRABA, Roger, (GOP Co-Vice Chair)
BURKEL, John
CHA, Ethan
DIPPEL, Tom
HEINTZEMAN, Josh
LILLIE, Leon
MOMANYI-HILTSLEY, Huldah
OLSON, Bjorn
XIONG, Jay

HF1721 (Freiberg); Sweet Potato Comfort Pie organization funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Freiberg presented HF1721 on an informational basis.

Testifying:

- Rose McGee, Founder and Director, Sweet Potato Comfort Pie
- Niila Hebert, Chair, Sweet Potato Comfort Pie

A quorum was present.

HF975 (Clardy); Heroes and Heritage Interpretive Trail Loop funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Clardy presented HF975 on an informational basis.

Testifying:

- Joe Atkins, Commissioner, Dakota County

Representative Heintzemann moved that the minutes from March 26, 2025 be adopted. THE

MOTION PREVAILED.

HF116 (Pérez-Vega); Funding provided to expand arts programming that celebrates Latino cultural heritage, and money appropriated.

Representative Pérez-Vega presented HF116 on an informational basis.

Testifying:

- Aaron Johnson-Ortiz, Artist

HF1640 (Xiong); Funding provided to preserve the oral histories of Hmong veterans of the Secret War in Laos, and money appropriated.

Representative Xiong presented HF1640 on an informational basis.

Testifying:

- Megan Lee, SGU Board Member
- Youa Ying Vang, SGU Board Member

HF1899 (Xiong); United Hmong Family funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Xiong presented HF1899 on an informational basis.

Testifying:

- Maycee Vang, United Hmong Family

HF2085 (Lillie); Commissioner of administration funding provided to facilitate cultural exchanges involving diverse Minnesota communities, and money appropriated.

Representative Lillie presented HF2085 on an informational basis.

HF2599 (Hussein); Moorhead, funding provided to establish a cultural mall, and money appropriated.

Representative Hussein presented HF2599 on an informational basis.

Testifying:

- Fowzia Adde, Executive Director, Immigrant Development Center

HF1599 (Hussein); Community festival grant program funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Hussein presented HF1599 on an informational basis.

Testifying:

- Mercedes Yarbrough, Rondo Ave Inc.

- Nick Muhammad, Rondo Ave Inc.

HF2379 (Lee, F.); Mixtape Strategy funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Lee presented HF2379 on an informational basis.

Testifying:

- Assata Florell, The Mixtape Strategy

HF2970 (Klevorn); Capitol campus improvements funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Klevorn presented HF2970 on an informational basis.

Testifying:

- Peter Musty, Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board

HF2979 (Sencer-Mura); Minnesota Youth Poet Laureate funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Sencer-Mura presented HF2979 on an informational basis.

Testifying:

- Michael Cirelli, Executive Director, Urban World

HF3019 (Momanyi-Hiltsley); Osseo sesquicentennial funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Momanyi-Hiltsley presented HF3019 on an informational basis.

Testifying:

- Carole Larson, Osseo

HF2508 (Momanyi-Hiltsley); African Career Education and Resource, Inc. funding provided; and money appropriated.

Representative Momanyi-Hiltsley presented HF2508 on an informational basis.

Testifying:

- Nelima Sitati Munene, Executive Director, African Career Education and Resource Inc.
- Aberham Kamara
- Vero Rotich

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56am

Representative Samantha Vang, Co-Chair

Grace Johnson, Committee Legislative Assistant