

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION MINUTES

Representative Sandra Masin, Chair of the Division on Local Government, called the virtual meeting to order at 8:32 AM on March 10, 2021 pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

Members present:

Masin, Sandra, Chair
Elkins, Steve, Vice Chair
Quam, Duane, Republican Lead
Berg, Kaela
Boldon, Liz
Huot, John
Mekeland, Shane
Olson, Bjorn
Youakim, Cheryl

A quorum was present.

Vice Chair Elkins moved that the minutes from March 3rd, 2021 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Vice Chair Elkins moved that HF 1565 be re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections.

Vice Chair Elkins presented HF 1565, A bill for an act relating to local government; authorizing a municipality to establish a street improvement district.

Testifying on HF 1565:

- Michael Thompson, P.E., Public Works Director for the City of Plymouth, and President of the City Engineers Association of Minnesota
- Kim Norton, Mayor, City of Rochester
- Amber Backhaus, MN Automobile Dealers Association
- Ethan Roberts, Jewish Community Relations Council of Minnesota and the Dakotas
- Matt Spellman, Minnesota Realtors

Representative Olson, B. moved the H1565A1 amendment.

Representative Olson, B. requested a role call on the H1565A1 amendment.

AYES
Quam
Mekeland

Olson

NAYES

Masin

Elkins

Berg

Boldon

Huot

Youakim

There being 3 AYES, and 6 NAYES, THE MOTION FAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Olson, B. moved the H1565A2 amendment.

Representative Olson, B. requested a role call on the H1565A2 amendment.

AYES

Quam

Mekeland

Olson

NAYES

Masin

Elkins

Berg

Boldon

Youakim

ABSTAIN

Huot

There being 3 AYES, 5 NAYES, and 1 ABSTAIN, THE MOTION FAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Mekeland moved the H1565A3 amendment.

Representative Mekeland requested a role call on the H1565A3 amendment.

AYES

Quam

Mekeland

Olson

NAYES

Masin

Elkins
Berg
Boldon
Huot
Youakim

There being 3 AYES, and 6 NAYES, THE MOTION FAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Mekeland moved to table HF1565.

Representative Mekeland requested a roll call on the motion to table HF1565.

AYES
Quam
Mekeland
Olson

NAYES
Masin
Elkins
Berg
Boldon
Huot
Youakim

There being 3 AYES, and 6 NAYES, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Vice Chair Elkins renewed the motion that HF 1565 be re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections.

Vice Chair Elkins requested a roll call on HF 1565.

AYES
Masin
Elkins
Berg
Boldon
Huot
Youakim

NAYES
Quam
Mekeland
Olson

There being 6 AYES, and 3 NAYES, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Masin moved that HF 1481 be re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections.

Representative Olson, L. presented HF 1481, a bill for an act relating to economic development; modifying the Seaway Port Authority of Duluth to allow for creation of a nonprofit corporation.

Testifying on HF 1481:

- Jeff Stollenwerk, Director of Government and Environmental Affairs, Duluth Seaway Port Authority
- Shane Zahrt, Flaherty & Hood

Chair Masin renewed the motion that HF 1481 be re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections.

Chair Masin requested a roll call on HF 1481.

AYES

Masin

Elkins

Quam

Berg

Boldon

Huot

Mekeland

Olson

Youakim

There being 9 AYES, and 0 NAYES, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Masin moved that HF 1947 be re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections.

Representative Olson, L. presented HF 1947, a bill for an act relating to local government; modifying enacting language of Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center.

Chair Masin moved the H1947A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF 1947 as amended:

- Lynne Williams, Vice Chair of the DECC Board (and Chair of the DECC Board Governance Committee)
- Roger Reinert, Interim Executive Director, DECC

Chair Masin renewed the motion that HF 1947 as amended be re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections.

Chair Masin requested a roll call on HF 1947 as amended.

AYES

Masin

Elkin

Quam

Berg

Boldon

Huot

Mekeland

Olson

Youakim

There being 9 AYES, and 0 NAYES, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Masin moved that HF 1671 be re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections.

Representative Nelson, M. presented HF 1671, a bill for an act relating to local government; modifying county competitive bidding.

Testifying on HF 1671:

- Michael Rosenfeld, Hennepin County Purchasing and Contract Services
- Mike Hickey, Minnesota Federation of Independent Businesses

Chair Masin renewed the motion that HF 1671 be re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections.

Chair Masin requested a roll call on HF 1671.

AYES

Masin

Elkins

Quam

Berg

Boldon

Huot

Mekeland

Olson

Youakim

There being 9 AYES, and 0 NAYES, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Representative Sandra Masin, Chair

Josh Kilgard, Committee Legislative Assistant