

**ELECTIONS FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Representative Mike Freiberg, Co-Chair of the Elections Finance and Government Operations Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on March 25th, 2026, in Room G23 of the Capitol Building.

The clerk noted the roll.

Members present:

FREIBERG, Mike, DFL Co-Chair
QUAM, Duane, GOP Co-Chair
LEE, Liz, DFL Vice Chair
ALTENDORF, Pam, GOP Vice Chair
ACOMB, Patty
COULTER, Nathan
DAVIS, Ben
GORDON, Jimmy
GREENMAN, Emma
MCDONALD, Joe
ROACH, Drew
VIRNIG, Bianca

A quorum was present.

Representative Coulter moved that the minutes from March 23rd, 2026, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 4348 (Kraft) Thermal energy networks designated as public improvements and waterworks.

Representative Freiberg brought HF 4348 before the committee.

Representative Freiberg moved that HF 4348 be placed on the General Register.

Representative Freiberg moved that the H4348A1 amendment to HF 4348 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Kraft presented HF 4348, as amended.

Testifying:

- Andy Campeau, President, Minnesota Pipe Trades Association
- Karly Werner, SVP External Affairs, Ever-Green Energy

Representative Freiberg renewed the motion that HF 4348, as amended, be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 4202 (Hanson, J.) Provisions relating to local unit of government's regulation of cannabis businesses modified.

Representative Freiberg brought HF 4202 before the committee.

Representative Freiberg moved that HF 4202 be re-referred to the Commerce Finance and Policy committee.

Representative Hanson, J. presented HF 4202.

Representative Freiberg renewed the motion that HF 4202 be re-referred to the Commerce Finance and Policy committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 4186 (Luger-Nikolai) Housing and redevelopment agencies authorized to utilize certain long-term equity investment authority, and investment types in which a qualifying government may invest modified.

Representative Freiberg brought HF 4186 before the committee.

Representative Luger-Nikolai presented HF 4186.

Testifying:

- Tom Dicklich, Executive Director, Minnesota State Building and Construction Trades
- Pat Harris, Regional Director, Marketing of the Housing Investment Fund

The committee concluded discussion on HF 4186 and the bill was laid over.

HF 4455 (Lee) Ramsey County human resources personnel structure terminology updated, certain positions adjusted to unclassified service for consistency with other positions, obsolete language repealed, and technical changes made.

Representative Freiberg brought HF 4455 before the committee.

Representative Lee moved that HF 4455 be placed on the General Register.

Representative Lee moved the H4455A1 amendment to HF 4455. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Lee renewed the motion that HF 4455, as amended, be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 3883 (Freiberg) Water supply planning and reporting requirements clarified.

Representative Freiberg brought HF 3883 before the committee.

Representative Freiberg moved the H3883DE1 amendment to HF 3883.

Representative Freiberg moved the H3883A2 amendment to the H3883DE1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Freiberg renewed the motion that the H3883DE1 amendment, as amended, to HF 3883, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Freiberg moved that HF 3883, as amended, be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 4242 (Freiberg) Provisions governing disposition of decedents' personal property by coroners and medical examiners modified.

Representative Freiberg brought HF 4242 before the committee.

Representative Freiberg moved that HF 4242 be placed on the General Register.

Representative Freiberg moved the H4242A1 amendment to HF 4242. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Freiberg presented HF 4242, as amended.

Representative Freiberg renewed the motion that HF 4242, as amended, be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 2688 (Greenman) A resolution memorializing Congress to overturn the United States Supreme Court decision Citizens United v. FEC, requesting that Congress clarify that the rights protected under the Constitution are the rights of natural persons and not the rights of artificial

entities and that spending money to influence elections is not speech under the First Amendment, and asking that Congress propose a constitutional amendment to provide such clarification.

Representative Greenman moved that HF 2688 be re-referred to the Rules and Legislative Administration committee.

Representative Greenman moved the A1 amendment to HF 2688. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Greenman presented HF 2688, as amended.

Testifying:

- Jeff Clark, Volunteer, Minnesota Move to Amend
- Joakim Mendiola-Johnson, Young Voter, Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota.

Representative Altendorf requested a roll call vote on the motion to re-refer HF 2688 to the Rules and Legislative Administration committee.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES:

FREIBERG, Mike, DFL Co-Chair
LEE, Liz, DFL Vice Chair
ACOMB, Patty
COULTER, Nathan
GREENMAN, Emma
VIRNIG, Bianca

NAYS:

QUAM, Duane, GOP Co-Chair
ALTENDORF, Pam, GOP Vice Chair
DAVIS, Ben
GORDON, Jimmy
MCDONALD, Joe
ROACH, Drew

With 6 AYES, 6 NAYS, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

The committee concluded discussion on HF 2688, as amended, and the bill was laid over.

HF 3295 (Gordon) Open Meeting Law; meeting broadcasting through social media authorized.

Representative Freiberg brought HF 3295 before the committee.

Representative Gordon moved that HF 3295 be placed on the General Register.

Representative Gordon moved the H3295A4 amendment to HF 3295. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Lee moved the H3295A5 amendment to HF 3295, as amended. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Gordon renewed the motion that HF 3295, as amended, be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Lee assumed the gavel at 2:16 PM.

HF 3862 (Freiberg) Secretary of state required to prepare and distribute a voter information guide prior to each statewide general election, and rulemaking authorized.

Representative Freiberg brought HF 3862 before the committee.

Representative Freiberg moved the DE1 amendment to HF 3862. THE MOTION PREVAILED.
THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Freiberg presented HF 3862, as amended.

Testifying:

- Jonah Rothstein, Office of the Secretary of State.
- Nicole Freeman, Government Relations Director, Office of the Secretary of State

The committee concluded discussion on HF 3862, as amended, and the bill was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 PM.



Representative Mike Freiberg, DFL Chair



Representative Duane Quam, GOP Chair



Representative Liz Lee, DFL Vice Chair



Representative Pam Altendorf, GOP Vice Chair



Representative Patty Acomb



Representative Nathan Coulter



Representative Ben Davis

James Gordon
Representative Jimmy Gordon

Emma Greenman
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Joe McDonald
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Drew Roach
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Bianca Suggs
Representative Bianca Virmig

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