

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Representative Ginny Klevorn, Chair of the State and Local Government Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:31 A.M. on Thursday, March 14, 2024, in Room 10 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

KLEVORN, Ginny (Chair)
HUOT, John (Vice Chair)
NASH, Jim (GOP Lead)
BAHNER, Kristin
BERG, Kaela
FREIBERG, Mike
HARDER, Bobbie
HANSEN, Rick
HER, Kaohly Vang
JOY, Jim
KOZNICK, Jon
NADEAU, Danny
NEWTON, Jerry

A quorum was present.

Representative Huot moved to approve the minutes from March 12, 2024. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4691 (Koegel); State required to indemnify Ramsey County and Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for excess liability resulting from rail-related incidents occurring at Union Depot in St. Paul.

Chair Klevorn moved that HF4691 be re-referred to the Transportation Finance and Policy Committee.

Representative Koegel presented HF4691.

Chair Klevorn moved the H4691A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on the bill as amended:

- Rafael Ortega, Commissioner, Ramsey County
- Mike Rogers, Deputy Director of Public Works-Multimodal Planning, Ramsey County
- Judd Schetnan, Director of Government Relations, Metropolitan Council

Chair Klevorn renewed the motion that HF4691 as amended be re-referred to the Transportation Finance and Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4515 (Hollins); St. Paul; franchise fee rate limitations repealed.

Chair Klevorn moved that HF4515 be re-referred to the General Register.

Representative Hollins presented HF4515.

Testifying on the bill:

- Russ Stark, Chief Resilience Officer, City of Saint Paul

Chair Klevorn renewed the motion that HF4515 be re-referred to the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4231 (Sencer-Mura); Amortization of certain property uses authorized.

Chair Klevorn moved that HF4231 be laid over for possible inclusion in the State and Local Government Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Chair Klevorn moved the H4231A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Sencer-Mura presented HF4231 as amended.

Testifying on the bill:

- Aurin Chowdhury, City Council Member, Minneapolis
- Jerimiah Ellison, City Council Member, Minneapolis
- Karen Clark, Environmental Advocate
- Melissa Lorentz, Staff Attorney, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy
- Roxxane O'Brien, Minnesota Environmental Justice Table
- Kathleen Schuler, Policy Director, Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate
- Stacey Gurian-Sherman
- Allison Lind
- Desiree Dantona
- Tony Kwilas, Lobbyist, MN Chamber of Commerce,
- Kyle Makarios, Lobbyist, Teamsters Joint Council 32
- Justice Jones
- Londyn Stewart
- Danielle Tiegen
- Rob Hendrickson
- Andrea Lovell, Minnesota Environmental Justice Table

- Joseph Vital

Chair Klevorn renewed the motion that HF4231 as amended be laid over for possible inclusion in the State and Local Government Finance and Policy omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

Vice Chair Huot assumed the gavel at 9:50 A.M.

HF4507 (Anderson, PH); Swift County; hospital district board member requirements modified, and technical changes made.

Representative Nash moved that HF4507 be re-referred to the General Register.

Representative Anderson presented HF4507.

Testifying on the bill:

- Dan Enderson, Swift County Benson Hospital

Representative Nash renewed the motion that HF4507 be re-referred to the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4201 (Schomacker); Monetary caps for observance of Memorial Day removed.

Representative Nash moved that HF4201 be re-referred to the Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy Committee.

Representative Schomacker presented HF4201.

Testifying on the bill:

- John Baker, Executive Director, Minnesota Association of County Veterans Service Officers

Representative Nash renewed the motion that HF4201 be re-referred to the Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 A.M.

Representative Ginny Klevorn, Chair

Jonah Westerman, Committee Legislative Assistant