

**CLIMATE AND ENERGY FINANCE AND POLICY MINUTES**

Representative Patty Acomb, Chair of the Committee on Climate and Energy Finance and Policy, called the meeting to order at 3:00PM on January 17, 2023 in Room 200 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

**Members present:**

ACOMB, Patty, Chair  
KRAFT, Larry, Vice Chair  
SWEDZINSKI, Chris, Republican Lead  
ALTENDORF, Pam  
BIERMAN, Robert  
CARROLL, Ned  
DAVIS, Ben  
GAROFALO, Pat  
HEMMINGSSEN-JAEGER, Amanda  
HOLLINS, Athena  
HORNSTEIN, Frank  
IGO, Spencer  
MEKELAND, Shane  
NEWTON, Jerry  
O'NEILL, Marion  
REHM, Lucy  
STEPHENSON, Zack

A quorum was present.

Vice Chair Kraft moved that the minutes of January 10, 2023, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 49 (Richardson); Renewable development account grantees and utilities required to submit an annual diversity report.

Chair Acomb moved HF 49.

Chair Acomb moved the HF 49A1 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Ruth Richardson presented HF 49, as amended.

Testifying on HF0049 As Amended:

- Mari Ojeda, Senior Policy Associate for Energy Access and Equity, Fresh Energy
- Jamez Staples, President and CEO, Renewable Energy Partners
- Shubha Harris, Principal Attorney, Xcel Energy
- Rick Evans, Director of Regional Government Affairs, Xcel Energy
- Jennifer Cady, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Minnesota Power
- John Pacheco, Chair, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Joshua Lewis, Climate Justice Organizer, Interfaith Power and Light

Representative Swedzinski moved the HF 49A3 Amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Chair Acomb renewed the motion that HF 49 be laid over.

A series of presentations on a just and equitable energy transition were provided.

Presenters:

- Kathleen Schuler, Policy Director, Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate
- Anjali Bains, Lead Director for Energy Access and Equity, Fresh Energy
- Mari Ojeda, Senior Policy Associate for Energy Access and Equity, Fresh Energy
- Annie Levenson-Falk, Executive Director, Citizens Utility Board of Minnesota

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 PM.

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Representative Patty Acomb, Chair

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Chelsea Ray, Committee Legislative Assistant