

Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee Meeting

Co-Chairs: Rep. Paul Anderson and Rep. Rick Hansen

*Co-Chair Hansen has the gavel.

March 19, 2025

1:00 p.m.

G3 Capitol

AGENDA

- I.** Call to Order
- II.** Approval of minutes
- III.** HF44 (Curran) Food manufacturers and brand owners required to report ortho-phthalate testing results of packaged food products to the commissioner of agriculture.
 - Lori Olinger, Coalition of Plastic Reduction
 - Hannah Resendiz Olson, Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate
 - Avonna Starck, Clean Water Action
 - Darin Broton, Minnesota AgriGrowth Council
 - Andrew Morley, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
 - Dr. Michael Hansen, Consumer Reports, Senior Scientist (Via Zoom)
 - Dr. Zeke McKinney (Via Zoom)
- IV.** HF2102 (Lee, F.) Local food purchasing assistance program funding provided, and money appropriated.
 - Jane Windsperger, Minnesota Farmers Union
 - Arlene Jones, Sprout Food Hub (via Zoom)
 - Amanda Nigon-Crowley, The Village Agriculture Cooperative (Via Zoom)
- V.** HF2279 (Vang) Office of Broadband Development renamed to Office of Broadband Development and Digital Equity, duties and reporting requirements modified, state's broadband goals expanded, multifamily dwelling grant program established, and definitions amended.
 - Mika Baer, Hennepin County Office of Broadband and Digital Inclusion
- VI.** HF2280 (Hansen) Beginning farmer program provisions modified, grain buyer provisions modified, commissioner of agriculture permissions granted to protect public health against fertilizer and fertilizer by-products, and biodiesel fuel mandate reporting provision repealed.
 - Andrea Vaubel, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
 - Michelle Medina, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

VII. HF2281 (Hansen) Livestock market agency and dealer licensing provisions modified, farmers' market or community event food sampling and demonstration provisions modified, food certificate payment provisions modified, and obsolete provisions repealed.

- Andrea Vaubel, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- Michelle Medina, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

VIII. Adjourn

Next Meeting: Monday, March 24, 2025