

**WORKFORCE, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Representative Dave Pinto, Chair of the Committee on Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy, called the meeting to order at 8:19 A.M. on, Tuesday, March 3, 2026, in Room G3 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

PINTO, Dave (DFL Chair)
BAKER, Dave (GOP Chair)
GREENMAN, Emma (DFL Vice Chair)
MEKELAND, Shane (GOP Vice Chair)
BAKEBERG, Ben
BERG, Kaela
FRAZIER, Cedrick
HUSSEIN, Samakab
JOHNSON, Pete
JOHNSON, Wayne
KOZLOWSKI, Liish
MUELLER, Patricia
SCHULTZ, Isaac
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

A quorum was present.

Chair Baker moved that the minutes of February 26, 2026, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 2581 (Frazier) Fortis Capital grant funding provided for a revolving loan fund, report required, and money appropriated.

Representative Frazier moved HF 2581 before the committee.

Representative Frazier presented HF 2581.

Testifying on HF 2581:

- Brian K. Smith, Founder & CEO, Fortis Capital
- Deven Bowdry, Department of Employment and Economic Development

Chair Pinto laid over HF 2581 for possible inclusion in future omnibus bill.

HF 3707 (Berg) Unemployment insurance judges and paid leave judges designated as judicial officials.

Representative Berg moved that HF 3707 be re-referred to the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee.

Representative Berg presented HF 3707.

Testifying on HF 3707:

- Deven Bowdry, Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)
- Sydney Spreck, MN Association of Professional Employees

Representative Berg renewed the motion that HF 3707 be re-referred to the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.