

STATE GOVERNMENT FINANCE & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Michael V. Nelson, Chair of the Committee, called the virtual State Government Finance & Elections Committee meeting to order at 8:31 AM, March 1, 2022 pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was conducted over Zoom and broadcast via House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

NELSON, Michael V. - Chair
CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair
NASH, Jim - Minority Lead
BAHNER, Kristin
DRAZKOWSKI, Steve
ELKINS, Steve
GREENMAN, Emma
KLEVORN, Ginny
KOZNICK, Jon
MASIN, Sandra
NEU BRINDLEY, Anne
PELOWSKI, Gene
QUAM, Duane

A quorum was present.

Representative Klevorn moved that the minutes for February 25, 2022, be adopted. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Presentation on the Governor's Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board member appointee, Faris Rashid.

Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director, Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board, introduced Faris Rashid.

Testifying:

Faris Rashid, Attorney, Greene Espel PLLP

Chair Nelson moved that Faris Rashid be appointed to the Governor's Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

NELSON, Michael V. – Chair
CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair
BAHNER, Kristin
DRAZKOWSKI, Steve
ELKINS, Steve
GREENMAN, Emma
KLEVORN, Ginny
MASIN, Sandra
PELOWSKI, Gene
QUAM, Duane

NAYS

KOZNICK, Jon
NEU BRINDLEY, Anne

EXCUSED

NASH, Jim - Minority Lead

With a vote of 10 AYES, 2 ABSTAIN, and 1 EXCUSED, THE MOTION PREVAILED

Presentation on the Governor's Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board member appointee, Margaret Leppik.

Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director, Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board, introduced Margaret Leppik.

Testifying:

Margaret Leppik, Board Member, Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Chair Nelson moved that Margaret Leppik be appointed to the Governor's Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

NELSON, Michael V. - Chair

CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair

NASH, Jim - Minority Lead

BAHNER, Kristin

DRAZKOWSKI, Steve

ELKINS, Steve

GREENMAN, Emma

KLEVORN, Ginny

MASIN, Sandra

PELOWSKI, Gene

NAYS

KOZNICK, Jon

NEU BRINDLEY, Anne

QUAM, Duane

With a vote of 10 AYES and 3 NAY, THE MOTION PREVAILED

Chair Nelson moved that HF3403 be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Representative Stephenson presented HF3403, preliminary application procedure established for individuals seeking professional licenses, licensing boards permitted to charge application fees, appeals authorized, and reports required.

Testifying:

Anna Odegaard, Legislative Advocate, Minnesota Asset Building Coalition

Alex Raeves, Impacted Minnesotan

Korey Johnson, Senior Policy Analyst, Economic Mobility, Correction & Reentry Division, Council of State Governments Justice Center

Chair Nelson renewed the motion that HF3403 be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

NELSON, Michael V. - Chair

CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair

NASH, Jim - Minority Lead

BAHNER, Kristin

ELKINS, Steve

GREENMAN, Emma

KLEVORN, Ginny
KOZNICK, Jon
MASIN, Sandra
NEU BRINDLEY, Anne
PELOWSKI, Gene

NAYS
DRAZKOWSKI, Steve
QUAM, Duane

With a vote of 11 AYES and 2 NAYS, THE MOTION PREVAILED

Chair Nelson moved that HF2996, as amended, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Representative Vang presented HF2996 industrial hemp extract food additives authorized.

Testifying:
John Dugas, Superior Molecular
Beecher Vaillancourt, BLNCD Organics
Katherine Simon, Director, Food & Feed Safety Division

Chair Nelson renewed the motion that HF2996 be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES
NELSON, Michael V. - Chair
CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair
NASH, Jim - Minority Lead
BAHNER, Kristin
DRAZKOWSKI, Steve
ELKINS, Steve
GREENMAN, Emma
KLEVORN, Ginny
KOZNICK, Jon
MASIN, Sandra
NEU BRINDLEY, Anne
PELOWSKI, Gene

ASTAIN
QUAM, Duane

With a vote of 12 AYES and 1 ABSTAIN, THE MOTION PREVAILED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Representative Michael V. Nelson, Chair

Benjamin Brinks, Committee Legislative Assistant