

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

Representative Pinto, Co-Chair of the Workforce, Labor and Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM on Thursday, March 20th, 2025, in the G3 Room of the Capitol.

Co-Chair Baker assumed the gavel at 8:15 AM.

Representative Frazier moved the minutes for Wednesday, March 19th, 2025, to be approved.
THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Members present:

PINTO, Dave, Co-Chair
BAKER, Dave, Co-Chair
GREENMAN, Emma, Vice Chair
MEKELAND, Shane, 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.

HF 1936 (Johnson, P.) Youth job skills and career development funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Johnson moved that HF 1936 be brought before the committee.

Representative Johnson presented HF 1936.

Testifying on the bill:

- Bryan Donaldson, Executive Director, Minnesota Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs
- Chandra Jackson, Club Director, Jerry Gamble Boys & Girls Club
- Kengcha Xiong, Alumni Member, Boys & Girls Clubs

Vice Chair Greenman assumed the gavel at 8:19 AM.

Vice Chair Greenman laid the bill over for future consideration.

The bill was laid over.

HF 849 (Kozlowski) Duluth Promise initiative funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Kozlowski moved that HF 849 be brought before the committee.

Representative Kozlowski presented HF 849.

Testifying on the bill:

- John Magas, Superintendent, Duluth Public Schools

- Dr. Barbara McDonald, President, College of St. Scholastica

Vice Chair Greenman laid the bill over for future consideration.

The bill was laid over.

HF 1957 (Elkins) Minnesota Technology Association grant funding provided, and money appropriated.

Vice Chair Greenman moved that HF 1957 be brought before the committee.

Representative Elkins moved the H1957A1 amendment for HF 1957 for adoption. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Elkins presented HF 1957 as amended.

Testifying on the bill:

- Jeff Tollefson, President & CEO, Minnesota Tech Association
- Andrew Thomas, Service Desk Analyst, Superior Managed IT

Vice Chair Greenman laid HF 1957 as amended over for future consideration.

The bill was laid over.

HF 989 (Hollins) 30,000 Feet funding provided, and money appropriated.

Vice Chair Greenman moved that HF 989 be brought before the committee.

Representative Hollins presented HF 989.

Testifying on the bill:

- Vanessa Young, Co-Founder, 30,000 Feet
- Michael Maceda, Student, 30,000 Feet

Vice Chair Greenman laid HF 989 over for future consideration.

The bill was laid over.

HF 1130 (Coulter) Bloomington; workforce development efforts funding provided, and money appropriated.

Vice Chair Greenman moved that HF 1130 be brought before the committee.

Representative Coulter presented HF 1130.

Testifying on the bill:

- Kim Berggren, Community Development Director, City of Bloomington
- Warsan Artan, Bloom Program Facilitator, City of Bloomington

Vice Chair Greenman laid HF 1130 over for future consideration.

The bill was laid over.

HF 1223 (Frazier) Big Brothers Big Sisters funding provided for youth programming, and money appropriated.

Representative Frazier moved that HF 1223 be brought before the committee.

Representative Frazier presented HF 1223.

Testifying on the bill:

- Pat Sukhum, CEO, Big Brothers Big Sisters

- Princess Awa-Ada Kisob, VP of Programs, Big Brothers Big Sisters

Chair Greenman laid HF 1223 over for future consideration.

The bill was laid over.

HF 1907 (Frazier) Youthprise funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Frazier moved that HF 1907 be brought before the committee.

Representative Frazier presented HF 1907.

Chair Pinto assumed the gavel at 9:20 AM.

Testifying on the bill:

- Kristy Snyder, Policy and System Transformation Officer, Youthprise
- Caitlin Cole, Director of Career and College Readiness, Achieve Twin Cities
- Sharif Hared, Executive Director, Somali Community Resettlement Services

Chair Pinto laid HF 1907 over for future consideration.

The bill was laid over.

HF 1847 (Bakeberg) STEM Ecosystem grant provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Bakeberg moved that HF 1847 be brought before the committee.

Representative Bakeberg presented HF 1847.

Testifying on the bill:

- Emily Saed, Executive Director, Stem Ecosystem
- Heidi Jedlicka Halvarson, Senior Philanthropy Specialist, Medtronic
- Jason Bruns, Director, Minnesota State
- Colton Mehlhoff, Manager, Stratasys
- Carter Fellows, Co-Captain, 16917 Gear Wizards

Chair Pinto laid HF 1847 over for future consideration.

The bill was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 AM.

Representative Dave Pinto, Chair

Carl Kaase, Committee Legislative Assistant