

Elections Finance and Government Operations Committee

MINUTES

Representative Quam, Chair of the Elections Finance and Government Operations Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM, on February 17, 2025, in Room G23 of the State Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

QUAM, Duane, Chair  
ALTENDORF, Pam, Vice Chair  
ACOMB, Patty  
COULTER, Nathan  
DAVIS, Ben  
GORDON, Jimmy  
GREENMAN, Emma  
LEE, Liz  
McDONALD, Joe  
ROACH, Drew  
VIRNIG, Bianca

Non-Voting member present:

FREIBERG, Mike

Members excused:

Representative Lee moved the minutes of February 12, 2025, be laid on the table for further edits. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF72 (Engen) Entities or organizations that receive state funding prohibited from making campaign expenditures or otherwise expending money for any political purpose.**

Representative Altendorf moved HF72 be referred to the General Register.

Representative Greenman moved to adopt the A1 amendment. A roll call vote was requested. The result is as follows:

**AYES:**

ACOMB, Patty  
COULTER, Nathan  
GREENMAN, Emma  
LEE, Liz  
VIRNIG, Bianca

**NAYS:**

QUAM, Duane, Chair  
ALTENDORF, Pam, Vice Chair  
DAVIS, Ben  
GORDON, Jimmy  
McDONALD, Joe  
ROACH, Drew

On a vote of 5 Ayes and 6 Nays **THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Representative Greenman moved to adopt the A3 amendment. A roll call vote was requested. The result is as follows:

**AYES:**

ACOMB, Patty  
COULTER, Nathan  
GREENMAN, Emma  
LEE, Liz  
VIRNIG, Bianca

**NAYS:**

QUAM, Duane, Chair  
ALTENDORF, Pam, Vice Chair  
DAVIS, Ben  
GORDON, Jimmy  
McDONALD, Joe  
ROACH, Drew

On a vote of 5 Ayes and 6 Nays **THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Representative Coulter moved to adopt the A2 amendment. A roll call vote was requested. The result is as follows:

**AYES:**

ACOMB, Patty  
COULTER, Nathan  
GREENMAN, Emma  
LEE, Liz  
VIRNIG, Bianca

**NAYS:**

QUAM, Duane, Chair  
ALTENDORF, Pam, Vice Chair  
DAVIS, Ben  
GORDON, Jimmy  
McDONALD, Joe  
ROACH, Drew

On a vote of 5 Ayes and 6 Nays **THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

The following individual testified:

Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director, Campaign Finance Board.

Representative Altendorf moved HF72 be referred to the General Register.

Representative McDonald requested a roll call vote. The result is as follows:

**AYES:**

QUAM, Duane, Chair  
ALTENDORF, Pam, Vice Chair  
DAVIS, Ben  
GORDON, Jimmy  
McDONALD, Joe  
ROACH, Drew

**NAYS:**

ACOMB, Patty  
COULTER, Nathan  
GREENMAN, Emma  
LEE, Liz  
VIRNIG, Bianca

On a vote of 6 Ayes and 5 Nays **THE MOTION WAS PREVAILED.**

Representative Altendorf assumed the gavel at 1:38 PM.

**HF66 (Quam) Set filing period for special elections established.**

Chair Quam moved HF66 be referred to the General Register.

The following individual testified in support of HF66:

Chip Tangen, Vice Chair, Libertarian Party of Minnesota

Representative Lee moved the A2 amendment to HF66. **THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Chair Quam moved HF66 to the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF69 (Quam) City, town, and school district general elections required to be conducted on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of an even-numbered year; cities of the first class permitted to choose between even-numbered or odd-numbered year; and orderly transition plans required.**

The following individuals testified against HF69:

Greg Abbott, Minnesota School Boards Association (Remote Testifier)  
Pierre Willette, Senior Intergovernmental Relations Representative, League of Minnesota Cities  
Jim DeMay, Mounds View School Board, Association of Metropolitan School Districts

Chair Quam moved that HF69 be referred to Education Policy. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Chair Quam assumed the gavel at 2:26 PM.

Representative Lee moved that HF73 be considered for possible inclusion in the Elections Finance and Government Operations Omnibus Bill.

Representative Lee moved the A1 amendment to HF73. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

The following individual testified on HF73:

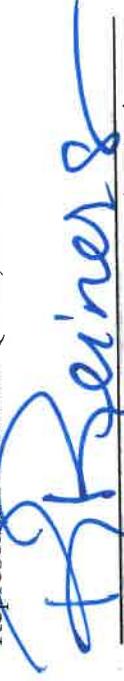
Ellilii Ebisso, Clean Election Minnesota.

Chair Quam laid HF73 over for possible inclusion in the Omnibus bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 PM.



Representative Duane Quam, Chair



Rebecca Reiners, Committee Legislative Assistant

