

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DIVISION MINUTES

Representative Sandra Masin, Chair of the Division on Local Government, called the virtual meeting to order at 8:30 AM on February 24, 2021 pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

**Members present:**

Masin, Sandra, Chair  
Elkins, Steve, Vice Chair  
Quam, Duane, Republican Lead  
Berg, Kaela  
Boldon, Liz  
Huot, John  
Mekeland, Shane  
Olson, Bjorn  
Youakim, Cheryl

A quorum was present.

Lead Quam moved that the minutes from February 17, 2021 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Masin moved that HF 820 be re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections.

Representative Koegel presented HF 820, a bill for an act relating to open meeting law; public body member allowed to attend meetings from a private location more than three times in 2021.

Chair Masin moved the HF820A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF 820 as amended:

- Pat Beety, General Counsel, League of Minnesota Cities

Chair Masin renewed the motion that HF 820 as amended be re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections.

Chair Masin requested a roll call on HF 820.

AYES  
Masin  
Elkins  
Quam

Berg  
Boldon  
Huot  
Mekeland  
Olson  
Youakim

There being 9 AYES and 0 NAYS, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Vice Chair Elkins moved that HF 1140 be re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections.

Vice Chair Elkins presented HF 1140, a bill for an act relating to open meeting law; terminology and requirements modified related to meetings conducted through the use of telephone or interactive technology.

Vice Chair Elkins moved the HF1140A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF1140 as amended:

- Matt Ehling, MNCOGI
- Irene Kao, League of Minnesota Cities

Vice Chair Elkins renewed his motion that HF 1140, as amended, be re-referred to State Government Finance and Elections Committee.

Chair Masin requested a roll call on HF 1140 as amended.

AYES  
Masin  
Elkins  
Quam  
Berg  
Boldon  
Huot  
Mekeland  
Olson  
Youakim

There being 9 AYES, and 0 NAYES, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Masin moved that HF 738 be re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections.

Representative Haley presented HF 738, a bill for an act relating to Lake City; port authority commission establishment permitted.

Testifiers on HF 738:

- Tom Dwelle, EDA Board Chair, Lake City
- Mark Fayette, Past EDA Board Chair, Lake City

Chair Masin renewed the motion that HF 738 be re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Elections.

Chair Masin requested a roll call on HF 738.

AYES

Masin

Elkins

Quam

Berg

Boldon

Huot

Mekeland

Olson

Youakim

There being 9 AYES and 0 NAYES, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 AM.

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Representative Sandra Masin, Chair

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Josh Kilgard, Committee Legislative Assistant