STATE OF MINNESOTA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FOURTY-FIRST MEETING
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

Ways and Means Committee

MINUTES

Representative Torkelson, Chair of the Ways and Means Committee, began the meeting at 11:06AM on May 15th, 2026, in Room 120 of the Capitol. A quorum present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

TORKELSON, Paul, GOP Chair
FRAZIER, Cedrick, DFL Chair
SCOTT, Peggy, GOP Vice Chair
AGBAJE, Esther, DFL Vice Chair
ACOMB, Patty
BACKER, Jeff
BAKER, Dave
BIERMAN, Robert
GOMEZ, Aisha
HEINTZEMAN, Josh
IGO, Spencer
KLEVORN, Ginny
KOEGEL, Erin
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie
KOZNICK, Jon
KRESHA, Ron
LILLIE, Leon
MOLLER, Kelly
NASH, Jim
NOOR, Mohamud
NOVOTNY, Paul
OLSON, Bjorn
PINTO, Dave
SCHOMACKER, Joe
SWEDZINSKI, Chris
VANG, Samantha
WEST, Nolan
YOUAKIM, Cheryl

Vice-Chair Agbaje moved the minutes of May 14th, 2026, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

SF334 (Torkelson)– Information technology modernization account established, general fund surplus dollars allocated to account, report required, and money transferred.

Chair Torkelson moved that SF334 be placed on the General Register.

Chair Torkelson moved the SF334DE1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Chair Torkelson renewed the motion that SF334, as amended, be placed on the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF2484 (Lee, F.) – Library construction grant program funding provided, bonds issued, and money appropriated.

Chair Torkelson moved that HF2484 be placed on the General Register.

Representative Koznick moved the HF2484DE1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS**

ADOPTED.

Chair Torkelson renewed the motion that HF2484, as amended, be placed on the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF719 (Franson) – Safe routes to school grant program funding provided, bonds issued, and money appropriated.

Chair Torkelson moved that HF719 be placed on the General Register.

Representative Koznick moved the HF719A1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Chair Torkelson renewed the motion that HF719, as amended, be placed on the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF2486 (Franson) – Early childhood learning and child protection facilities funding provided, bonds issued, and money appropriated.

Chair Torkelson moved that HF2486 be placed on the General Register.

Representative Koznick moved the HF2486A1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Chair Torkelson renewed the motion that HF2486, as amended, be placed on the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The committee recessed at 11:17AM.

The committee reconvened at 6:00PM.

SF1943 (Norris) – Pet shops prohibited from selling cats and dogs.

Chair Torkelson moved that SF1943 be placed on the General Register.

Representative Vang moved the SF1943DE1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Chair Torkelson renewed the motion that SF1943, as amended, be placed on the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

SF4401 (Hanson, J.) – Cannabis; studies and market analysis conducted by the Office of Cannabis Management modified, and reports required.

Chair Torkelson moved that SF4401be placed on the General Register.

Chair Torkelson moved the SF4401DE1 amendment before committee.

Testifiers:
Eric Taubel, Director of Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management
Amber Shimpa, President of Vireo Growth and CEO of Minnesota, Maryland and New York

Representative West moved the SF4401A1 amendment to the SF4401DE1 amendment and requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

AYES:
TORKELSON, Paul, GOP Chair
SCOTT, Peggy, GOP Vice Chair
BACKER, Jeff
BAKER, Dave
HEINTZEMAN, Josh
IGO, Spencer
KOZNICK, Jon

KRESHA, Ron
NASH, Jim
NOVOTNY, Paul
OLSON, Bjorn
SCHOMACKER, Joe
SWEDZINSKI, Chris
WEST, Nolan

NAYS:
FRAZIER, Cedrick, DFL Chair
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PINTO, Dave
VANG, Samantha
YOUAKIM, Cheryl

On a vote of 14 AYES and 14 NAYS, **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL**.

Chair Torkelson moved the SF4401DE1 amendment and requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

AYES:
FRAZIER, Cedrick, DFL Chair
AGBAJE, Esther, DFL Vice Chair
ACOMB, Patty
BIERMAN, Robert
GOMEZ, Aisha
KLEVORN, Ginny
KOEGEL, Erin
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NAYS:
TORKELSON, Paul, GOP Chair
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NASH, Jim
NOVOTNY, Paul
OLSON, Bjorn
SCHOMACKER, Joe
SWEDZINSKI, Chris

On a vote of 15 AYES and 13 NAYS, **THE MOTION PREVAILED**.

Chair Torkelson renewed the motion that SF4401, as amended, be placed on the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44PM.

Representative Torkelson, Chair

Representative Cedrick Frazier, Chair

Representative Peggy Scott, Vice Chair

Representative Esther Agbaje, Vice Chair

Representative Patty Acomb

Representative Jeff Backer

Representative Dave Baker

Representative Robert Bierman

Representative Aisha Gomez

Representative Josh Heintzeman

Representative Spencer Igo

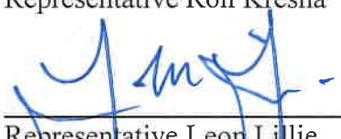
Representative Ginny Klevorn

Representative Erin Koegel

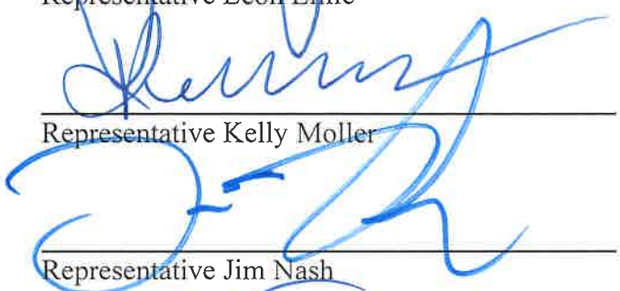
Representative Carlie Kotyza-Witthuhn

Representative ~~Jon~~ Koznick

Representative Ron Kresha



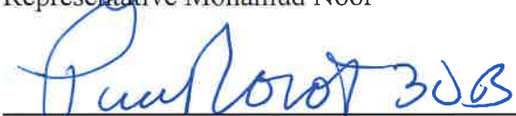
Representative Leon Lillie



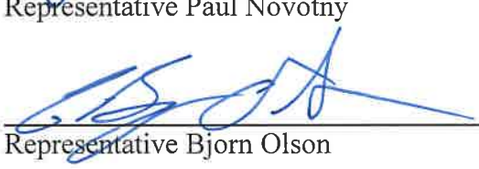
Representative Kelly Moller

Representative Jim Nash

Representative Mohamud Noor



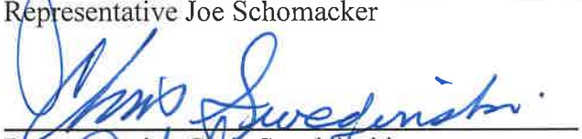
Representative Paul Novotny



Representative Bjorn Olson

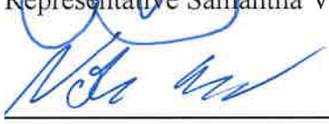
Representative Dave Pinto

Representative Joe Schomacker

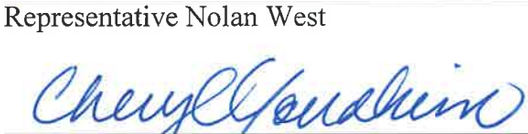


Representative Chris Swedzinski

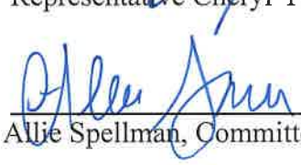
Representative Samantha Vang



Representative Nolan West



Representative Cheryl Youakim



Allie Spellman, Committee Legislative Assistant