

STATE GOVERNMENT FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Ginny Klevorn, Co-Chair of the State Government Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:17am on February 26, 2026, in Room G23 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

KLEVORN, Ginny (DFL Co-Chair)
NASH, Jim (GOP Co-Chair)
BAHNER, Kristen (DFL Vice Co-Chair)
DAVIS, Ben (GOP Vice Co-Chair)
ANDERSON, Paul
CLARDY, Mary Frances
FREIBERG, Mike
JONES, Katie
JOY, Jim
KOZNICK, Jon
KRAFT, Larry
QUAM, Duane
SEXTON, Tom
LUGER-NIKOLAI, Meg

A quorum was present.

Co-Chair Klevorn moved to approve the minutes from February 19th, 2026.

Representative Joy requested a division

Co-Chair Nash requested a roll-call

The committee legislative assistant noted the roll.

AYES:

Klevorn, Ginny (DFL Co-Chair)
BAHNER, Kristen (DFL Co-Vice Chair)
CLARDY, Mary Frances
FREIBERG, Mike
LUGER-NIKOLAI, MEG
JONES, Katie
KRAFT, Larry

NAYS:

NASH, Jim (GOP Co-Chair)
DAVIS, Ben (GOP Co-Vice Chair)

ANDERSON, Paul
JOY, Jim
QUAM, Duane
SEXTON, Tom

EXCUSED:
KOZNICK, Jon

There being 7 AYES and 6 NAYS, and 1 EXCUSED, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Presentation from the “Office of the Secretary of State” updates on fraud protection.

Presenting:

- Steve Simon, Minnesota Secretary of State

HF2904 (Reyer) Public employees insurance program regulated, participation by certain school employers required, and money appropriated.

Co-Chair Klevorn moved that HF2904 be laid over for possible inclusion in a future bill.

Co-Chair Klevorn moved the A1 amendment to HF2904.

Representative Reyer presented the A1 amendment to HF2904.

Chair Klevorn requested a roll call vote.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

AYES:

Klevorn, Ginny (DFL Co-Chair)
BAHNER, Kristen (DFL Co-Vice Chair)
CLARDY, Mary Frances
FREIBERG, Mike
LUGER-NIKOLAI, MEG
JONES, Katie
KRAFT, Larry
NASH, Jim (GOP Co-Chair)
DAVIS, Ben (GOP Co-Vice Chair)
ANDERSON, Paul
JOY, Jim
QUAM, Duane
SEXTON, Tom

EXCUSED:
KOZNICK, Jon

There being 13 AYES, and 1 EXCUSED, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Reyer presented HF2904 as amended.

Testifying:

- Adam Janiak, Negotiation Specialist, Education Minnesota
- Aaron Wilke, Ed MN member from Kasson Mantorville
- Lori Goth, Paraeudicator, Saint Michael Albertville Schools
- Kristen Scott, Special Education Assistant, ISD728, AFSCME Council 65 Member Local 3331
- Todd Mensink, Director of Labor Relations and Benefits for Anoka-Hennepin Schools
- Kirk Schneidawind, Executive Director, MN School Boards Association
- Galen Benshoof, Employee Group Insurance Program (SEGIP)

Co-Chair Klevorn laid over HF2904, as amended.

HF3422 (Hicks) Enhanced agency oversight of state grants required.

Co-Chair Klevorn moved that HF2566 be laid over, for possible inclusion in a future bill.

Representative Hicks presented HF3422.

HF3461 (Luger-Nikolai) Benefits rights for legislative leaves of absence from state and local government employment aligned.

Co-Chair Klevorn moved that HF3461 to be laid over, for possible inclusion in a future bill.

Representative Luger-Nikolai presented HF3461.

Co-Chair Klevorn laid over HF3461 for possible inclusion in a future bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50am.

Representative Ginny Klevorn, DFL Chair



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