



**Minnesota House Elections Finance  
and  
Government Operations Committee**

Monday, March 23, 2026

1:00 PM

G23 Capitol

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**Agenda:**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**III. HF 4319 (Altendorf)** Lake City port authority modified.

Testifiers:

- Doug Grout, Executive Director, Lake City Port Authority
- Robert Keehn, City Administrator, Lake City
- Kent Sulem, Director of Government Relations and Senior Counsel, Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association

**IV. HF 3295 (Gordon)** Open Meeting Law; meeting broadcasting through social media authorized.

**V. HF 3589 (Gordon)** Voter permitted to briefly leave a polling place to address an unexpected need, at the discretion of the head election judge.

**VI. HF 3587 (Gordon)** Election judges who assist a voter outside of a polling place required to handle only one voted ballot at a time.

**VII. HF 3588 (Quam)** Eligible persons who may request a public information list expanded.

**VIII. HF 4295 (McDonald)** County authorized to approve up to 24 chickens on any lot by ordinance.

Testifiers:

- Greg Kryzer, County Administrator, Wright County

**IX. HF 3571 (Bakeberg)** Watershed districts allowed to self-insure for certain employee health benefits, and technical changes made.

Testifier:

- Joni Giese, Administrator, Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District

**X. HF 3895 (Igo)** Zoning authority of local governments over certain housing types limited.

Testifiers:

- Nick Erickson, Senior Director of Policy for Housing First Minnesota
- Martha Njolomole, Economist, Center of the American Experiment
- Peter Butler, Coon Rapids City Council Member
- Steve Wilson, Council Member, City of Farmington
- (Via Zoom) Gabe Kravitz, Manager, Housing Policy Initiative, Government Performance, The Pew Charitable Trusts
- (Via Zoom) Lloyd Hilgart, Mayor, City of Monticello
- (Via Zoom) Rick Blake, City Councilor, City of Grand Rapids
- (Via Zoom) Jon Radermacher, City Administrator, City of Cannon Falls
- (Via Zoom) Kelcey Klemm, City Administrator, City of Detroit Lakes
- Kileen Lindgren Senior State Policy Manager, Pacific Legal Foundation
- Drinal Foster, GroundBreak Coalition
- Connor Carroll, Minneapolis Resident
- Eric Searles, Assistant Community Development Director, City of Woodbury

**XI. Adjournment**

\*No testimony will be taken on House Files 3587, 3588, or 3589 as those bills were previously heard and laid over.

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