

**ELECTIONS FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Representative Mike Freiberg, Co-Chair of the Elections Finance and Government Operations Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on March 26th, 2025, in Room G23 of the Capitol Building.

The clerk noted the roll.

Members present:

FREIBERG, Mike, DFL Co-Chair
QUAM, Duane, GOP Co-Chair
LEE, Liz, DFL Vice Chair
ALTENDORF, Pam, GOP Vice Chair
ACOMB, Patty
COULTER, Nathan
DAVIS, Ben
GORDON, Jimmy
GREENMAN, Emma
MCDONALD, Joe
VIRNIG, Bianca

Members excused:

ROACH, Drew

A quorum was present.

Representative Lee moved that the minutes from March 24th, 2025, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 2418 (Tabke) Local governments required to establish replacement accounts to maintain and replace capital projects that receive state funding.

Representative Freiberg brought HF 2418 before the committee.

Representative Freiberg moved that HF 2418 be re-referred to the Capital Investment committee.

Representative Tabke presented HF 2418.

Representative Freiberg moved the H2418DEF3 amendment to HF 2418. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying:

- William Reynolds, City Administrator, City of Shakopee
- Craig Johnson, Intergovernmental Relations, League of Minnesota Cities
- Cap O'Rourke, Executive Director, Minnesota Small Cities
- Nathan Jesson, Executive Director, Minnesota Inter-County Association

Representative Freiberg renewed the motion that HF 2418, as amended, be re-referred to the Capital Investment committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 1299 (Rehrauer) Emergency shelter facilities authorized in certain zoning districts.

Representative Freiberg brought HF 1299 before the committee.

Representative Rehrauer presented HF 1299 on an informational basis.

Testifying:

- Matt Traynor, Director of Advocacy and Interim Executive Director, Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless
- David Frei, Executive Director, Family Promise
- Daniel Lightfoot, Intergovernmental Relations, League of Minnesota Cities

Representative Davis moved the H1299A1 amendment to HF 1299. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

The committee concluded discussion on HF 1299 and the bill was kept in possession of the committee.

HF 1596 (Acomb) Government data classification of investigative information pertaining to certain Metropolitan Council personnel modified.

Representative Freiberg brought HF 1596 before the committee.

Representative Acomb moved that HF 1596 be placed on the General Register.

Representative Acomb presented HF 1596.

Testifying:

- Judd Schetnan, Government Affairs Director, Metropolitan Council
- Rich Neumeister, Citizen, St. Paul, Minnesota

Representative Freiberg renewed the motion that HF 1596 be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 2361 (Lee, K.) Polling place closure and change notice required until occurrence of a presidential election or redistricting.

Representative Freiberg brought HF 2361 before the committee.

Representative Lee, K. moved that HF 2361 be placed on the General Register.

Representative Lee, K. moved the H2361A1 amendment to HF 2361. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Lee, K. presented HF 2361, as amended.

Testifying

- Michael Stalberger, District VIII Director, Minnesota Association of County Officers

Representative Lee, K. renewed the motion that HF 2361, as amended, be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 2284 (Coulter) Definitions of lobbyist and metropolitan governmental unit modified, expert witness lobbying reporting requirements modified, and additional individuals required to file statements of economic interest.

Representative Freiberg brought HF 2284 before the committee.

Representative Freiberg moved that HF 2284 be placed on the General Register.

Representative Coulter moved the H2284A4 amendment to HF 2284. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Coulter presented HF 2284, as amended.

Representative Greenman moved an oral amendment to HF 2284, as amended, as follows: On Line 3.3 after “public” insert “at a public meeting” THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Freiberg recessed the meeting at 2:21 PM.

Representative Freiberg reconvened the meeting at 2:23 PM.

Representative Freiberg withdrew the motion to place HF 2284, as amended, on the General Register.

The committee concluded discussion on HF 2284 and the bill was kept in possession of the committee.

HF 2595 (Freiberg) Election judge provisions modified.

Representative Freiberg brought HF 2595 before the committee.


Representative Freiberg moved that HF 2595 be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 2596 (Freiberg) Special election timing modified.

Representative Freiberg brought HF 2596 before the committee.

Representative Freiberg moved that HF 2596 be re-referred to the Ways and Means committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 PM.



Representative Mike Freiberg, DFL Chair



Christopher Olendorf, Committee Legislative Assistant