

Energy Finance and Policy Committee

MINUTES

Representative Swedzinski, Chair of the Energy Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM on March 12, 2026, in Room 123 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

SWEDZINSKI, Chris, Co-Chair
ACOMB, Patty, Co-Chair
MURPHY, Tom, Co-Vice Chair
KRAFT, Larry, Co-Vice Chair
ANDERSON, Paul
BAKER, Dave
BUCK, Shelley
CARROLL, Ned
HOLLINS, Athena
IGO, Spencer
LUGER-NIKOLAI, Meg
MAHAMOUD, Anquam
MEKELAND, Shane
SEXTON, Thomas
WIENER, Mike

Member excused:

JONES, Katie

Representative Baker moved that the minutes of March 10, 2026, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 3830 (Sexton) Reporting requirements for recoverable expenses in rate cases modified, and sunset of cost recovery for gas utility infrastructure costs eliminated.

Representative Sexton moved that HF 3830 be referred to the General Register.

Testifiers:

Ray Gardner, AVP Gas Engineering for Xcel Energy
Jamie Fitzke, Director of Government Affairs, CenterPoint Energy
Annie Levenson-Falk, Executive Director, Citizens Utility Board
Justin Fay, Chief Program Officer, Fresh Energy
Dr. Pete Wyckoff, Assistant Commissioner, Federal and State Energy Initiatives, Minnesota Department of Commerce
Kevin Pranis, Marketing Manager, LiUNA Minnesota and North Dakota

Co-Chair Acomb requested a roll call.

Representative Sexton renewed the motion that House File 3830 be re-referred to the General Register.

The results of the roll call were as follows:

AYES:

SWEDZINSKI, Chris, Chair
MURPHY, Tom, Vice Chair
ANDERSON, Paul
BAKER, Dave
IGO, Spencer
MEKELAND, Shane
SEXTON, Thomas

WIENER, Mike

NAYS:

ACOMB, Patty, Lead

KRAFT, Larry

BUCK, Shelley

CARROLL, Ned

HOLLINS, Athena

LUGER-NIKOLAI, Meg

MAHAMOUD, Anquam

EXCUSED

JONES, Katie

On a vote of 8 Ayes and 7 Nays, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

HF 3830 was laid over.

HF 3688 (Sexton) Expenditures on fuel-switching improvements made to low-income households allowed to apply to low-income conservation spending requirements for municipal utilities and cooperative electric associations.

Representative Sexton moved that HF 3688 be re-referred to the General Register.

Representative Sexton moved the H3688DE1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifier:

Annie Levenson-Falk, Executive Director, Citizens Utility Board

Representative Sexton renewed the motion that House File 3688, as amended, be re-referred to the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The Future of Net Metering discussion led by Rep. Dave Baker

Presenters:

Justin Jahnz, CEO, East Central Energy

Logan O'Grady - Executive Director, MnSEIA

Griffin Dooling - CEO, Blue Horizon Energy

Patty O'Keefe, Regional Director, Midwest, Vote Solar

Bobby King, Minnesota State Director, Solar United Neighbors

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 PM.

Representative Chris Swedzinski, Chair

Sharon Goblisch, Committee Legislative Assistant