

STATE GOVERNMENT FINANCE & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Michael V. Nelson, Chair of the Committee, called the virtual State Government Finance & Elections Committee meeting to order at 8:31 AM, March 31, 2022 pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was conducted over Zoom and broadcast via House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

NELSON, Michael V. - Chair
CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair
NASH, Jim - Minority Lead
BAHNER, Kristin
DRAZKOWSKI, Steve
ELKINS, Steve
GREENMAN, Emma
KLEVORN, Ginny
KOZNICK, Jon
MASIN, Sandra
NEU BRINDLEY, Anne
PELOWSKI, Gene
QUAM, Duane

A quorum was present.

Vice Chair Carlson moved that the minutes for March 29, 2022, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Nelson moved that HF4306 be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Representative Murphy presented HF4306, Minnesota State Retirement System plans, Public Employees Retirement Association plans, Teachers Retirement Association, Minnesota state higher education individual retirement account plan, and St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association provisions changed; postretirement adjustment rates increased; employee contribution rates temporarily reduced; investment rate of return actuarial assumption reduced; direct state aid increased and extended to the public employees police and fire retirement plan, the St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association, and the judges retirement plan; and money appropriated.

Testifying:

Ethan Vogel, Legislative Director, AFSCME Council 5
Devin K. Bruce, Public Affairs Coordinator, Minnesota Association of Professional Employees (MAPE)
Brian Rice, Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters and the Minnesota Police Fraternal Association

Chair Nelson renewed the motion that HF4306 be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

NELSON, Michael V. - Chair
CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair
BAHNER, Kristin
ELKINS, Steve
GREENMAN, Emma
KLEVORN, Ginny

MASIN, Sandra
PELOWSKI, Gene

NAYS

NASH, Jim - Minority Lead
DRAZKOWSKI, Steve
KOZNICK, Jon
NEU BRINDLEY, Anne
QUAM, Duane

With a vote of 8 AYES and 5 NAYS, THE MOTION PREVAILED

Vice Chair Carlson assumed the gavel at 9:02 AM.

Chair Nelson moved that HF4017 be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Chair Nelson moved Amendment H4017DE1. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Nelson moved Amendment H4017A4. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Nelson presented HF4017, as amended, volunteer fire relief association working group; benefit levels simplified, service credit certification process modified, alternate payee distributions modified pursuant to domestic relations order, supplemental benefit payment clarified, and conforming changes made.

Testifying:

Susan Lenczewski, Executive Director, Minnesota Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement

Chair Nelson renewed the motion that HF4017, as amended, be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

NELSON, Michael V. - Chair
CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair
NASH, Jim - Minority Lead
BAHNER, Kristin
ELKINS, Steve
GREENMAN, Emma
KLEVORN, Ginny
KOZNICK, Jon
MASIN, Sandra
NEU BRINDLEY, Anne
PELOWSKI, Gene
QUAM, Duane

NAYS

DRAZKOWSKI, Steve

With a vote of 12 AYES and 1 NAY, THE MOTION PREVAILED

Chair Nelson assumed the gavel at 9:16 AM.

Chair Nelson moved HF4036.

Representative Klevorn presented HF4036, legislative task force established to examine aging demographics and issues affecting health aging to determine necessity for a state department on aging, report required, and money appropriated.

Representative Klevorn moved Amendment H4036A1. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Klevorn moved Amendment H4036A22-0393. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying:

Dr. Joseph Gaugler, Director of the Center for Healthy Aging and Innovation, U of M School of Public Health

Kathleen Kelso, Co-chair of the Public Policy Committee, MN Board on Aging

Chair Nelson renewed the motion that HF4036, as amended, be laid over.

Representative Greenman moved HF4664.

Representative Greenman presented HF4664, Absentee ballot drop box requirements modified.

Testifying:

Nicole Freeman, Government Relations Director, OSS

Chair Nelson renewed the motion that HF4664 be laid over.

Representative Masin moved that the HF3834 division report be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Elkins moved that HF3834, as amended, be referred to the General Registry.

Representative Elkins presented HF3834, as amended, Bloomington Housing and Redevelopment Authority statutory authority clarified.

Representative Elkins renewed the motion that HF3834, as amended, be referred to the General Registry.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

NELSON, Michael V. - Chair

CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair

NASH, Jim - Minority Lead

BAHNER, Kristin

DRAZKOWSKI, Steve

ELKINS, Steve

GREENMAN, Emma

KLEVORN, Ginny

KOZNICK, Jon

MASIN, Sandra

NEU BRINDLEY, Anne

PELOWSKI, Gene

QUAM, Duane

With a vote of 13 AYES, THE MOTION PREVAILED

Representative Masin moved that the HF4141 division report be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Elkins moved that HF4141, as amended, be referred to the General Registry.

Representative Elkins presented HF4141, as amended, conforming industrialized or modular residential buildings added to structures that may not be prohibited by regulation.

Testifying:

Mary Tingerthal, former Commissioner of Minnesota Housing Finance Agency

Representative Elkins renewed the motion that HF4141, as amended, be referred to the General Registry.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

NELSON, Michael V. - Chair
CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair
NASH, Jim - Minority Lead
BAHNER, Kristin
DRAZKOWSKI, Steve
ELKINS, Steve
GREENMAN, Emma
KLEVORN, Ginny
KOZNICK, Jon
MASIN, Sandra
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PELOWSKI, Gene
QUAM, Duane

With a vote of 13 AYES, THE MOTION PREVAILED

Representative Masin moved that the HF4271 division report be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Elkins moved that HF4271, as amended, be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Representative Elkins presented HF4271, as amended, construction-related and development-related fee collections threshold increased for municipal reporting, and commissioner of labor and industry required to establish a cost per square foot valuation of properties for the purpose of setting municipal building permit fees.

Testifying:

Scott McKown, Assistant Director, Construction Codes and Licensing, Department of Labor and Industry

Nick Erickson, Director, Housing First Minnesota

Representative Elkins renewed the motion that HF4271, as amended, be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

NELSON, Michael V. - Chair
CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair
NASH, Jim - Minority Lead
BAHNER, Kristin
ELKINS, Steve
GREENMAN, Emma
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QUAM, Duane

NAYS

DRAZKOWSKI, Steve

With a vote of 12 AYES and 1 NAY, THE MOTION PREVAILED

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM.

Representative Michael V. Nelson, Chair

Benjamin Brinks, Committee Legislative Assistant