

PUBLIC SAFETY FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Paul Novotny, Chair of the Public Safety Finance & Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:17 PM on February 19, 2025, in Room 120 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

NOVOTNY, Paul, Chair
WITTE, Jeff, Vice Chair
MOLLER, Kelly, DFL Lead
BERG, Kaela
BLISS, Matt
CURRAN, Brion
DURAN JR., Bidal
ENGEN, Elliott
FEIST, Sandra
GREENMAN, Emma
HARDER, Bobbie
HOLLINS, Athena
HUDSON, Walter
JOHNSON, Pete
PINTO, Dave
REHM, Lucy
REPINSKI, Aaron
SCHWARTZ, Erica
STIER, Terry

Non-voting members present:

TABKE, Brad

A quorum was present.

Representative Moller moved the minutes of February 18, 2025, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 124 (Berg) Acceptance of certain gifts related to a line of duty death of a public safety officer allowed.

Representative Berg moved HF 124 before the committee with the recommendation it is referred to the Committee on Elections Finance and Government Operations.

Representative Berg moved the DE2 amendment. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Berg presented HF 124 as amended.

Testifiers:

BJ Jungmann, City of Burnsville Fire Chief, testified in favor of HF 124.

Representative Berg renewed her motion to re-refer HF 124, as amended, to the Committee on Elections Finance and Government Operations. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 541 (Stier) Crime of fleeing peace officer in motor vehicle modified to add heightened penalty for fleeing in culpably negligent manner, crime of fleeing in motor vehicle and failing to obey certain traffic laws established, and expanded use of tracking devices authorized.

Representative Stier moved HF 541 before the committee with the recommendation it is referred to the Committee on Higher Education Finance and Policy.

Representative Stier presented HF 541.

Testifiers:

Andrew Rooney, Interim Director/Professional Peace Officer Education Coordinator at Alexandria Technical and Community College, testified in favor of HF 541.
Tom Draper, Director/Professional Peace Officer Education Coordinator at Hennepin Technical College, testified in favor of HF 541.

Representative Moller moved to orally amend HF 541 as follows: Page 1, line 6, delete "2025" and insert "2026." **THE ORAL AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Representative Stier renewed his motion to re-refer HF 541, as amended, to the Committee on Higher Education. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 340 (Stier) Crime of fleeing peace officer in motor vehicle modified to add heightened penalty for fleeing in culpably negligent manner, crime of fleeing in motor vehicle and failing to obey certain traffic laws established, and expanded use of tracking devices authorized.

Representative Stier moved to re-refer HF 340 to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy.

Representative Stier moved the A2 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Representative Stier presented HF340, as amended.

Testifiers:

Shane Myre, President, Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association, testified in favor of HF 340.
Imran Ali, Minnesota Peace and Police Officers Association, testified in favor of HF 340.

Representative Stier renewed his motion to re-refer HF 340, as amended, to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Vice Chair Witte assumed the gavel at 4:16 p.m.

HF 962 (Novotny) Brady-Giglio Task Force.

Chair Novotny moved HF 962 before the committee.

Chair Novotny moved the DE1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Representative Moller moved to amend HF 962 DE1 with the A2 amendment and requested a roll call vote. The result is as follows:

AYES

Moller
Berg
Curran
Feist
Greenman
Johnson
Hollins
Pinto
Rehm

NAYES

Novotny
Bliss
Duran Jr.
Engen
Harder
Hudson
Repinski
Schwartz
Stier
Witte

On a vote of 9 AYES and 10 NAYS, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL AND THE AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Chair Novotny presented HF 962 as amended.

Testifiers:

Imran Ali, MPPOA Counsel, testified in favor of HF 962 DE1.
Kevin Beck, Attorney with Kelly & Lemmons testified in favor of HF 962 DE1.
Jeff Potts, Executive Director of Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association testified in favor of HF 962 DE1.
Bill Hutton of the Minnesota Sheriffs Association testified in favor of HF 962 DE1.
Brad Johnson, Anoka County Attorney, testified with concerns on HF 962 DE1.
Kevin Magnuson, Washington County Attorney, testified with concerns on HF 962 DE1.
Jonathan Holets, Assistant St. Louis County Attorney, testified with concerns on HF 962 DE1.

Vice Chair Witte laid over HF 962, as amended.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.



Representative Paul Novotny, Chair



Mary McNamara, Committee Legislative Assistant