STATE OF MINNESOTA EIGHTEENTH MEETING

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NINETY-THIRD SESSION

HOUSING FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Michael Howard, Chair of the Housing Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM on March 8, 2023, in Room 5 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

HOWARD, Michael (Chair)

AGBAJE, Esther (Vice Chair)

JOHNSON, Brian (GOP Lead)

CHA, Ethan

DOTSETH, Jeff

HASSAN, Hodan

HUSSEIN, Samakab

KOZLOWSKI, Alicia

MYERS, Andrew

NASH, Jim

NORRIS, Matt

PEREZ- VEGA, Maria Isa

PETERSBURG, John

A quorum was present.

Representative Agbaje moved that the minutes of March 7, 2023, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 1412 (Howard) Community stabilization program established, funding for loans or grants to preserve naturally occurring affordable housing provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Agbaje moved to refer HF 1412 to the committee on Ways and Means.

Representative Howard presented HF 1412.

**Testifiers**:

* Warren Hanson, President and CEO, Greater MN Housing Fund
* Hollies Winston, Mayor, Brooklyn Park
* Jurline Bryant, Aeon Resident

Representative Nash moved the H1412A1 amendment.

Representative Nash withdrew the H1412A1 amendment.

Representative Agbaje renewed the motion to refer HF 1412 to the committee on Ways and Means.

Representative Nash requested a roll call.

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NAY
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There being 8 ayes, and 5 nays, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 918 (Agbaje) Build Wealth MN grant provided to establish 9,000 Equities Fund to increase homeownership opportunities in underserved communities of color, and money appropriated.

Representative Agbaje moved to layover HF 918 for possible inclusion in the Housing Finance and Policy committee omnibus bill.

Representative Agbaje presented HF 918.

**Testifiers**:

* David McGee, CEO, BuildWealth
* Rochelle Washington, Participant of BuildWealth

Representative Dotseth moved the H0918A1.

Representative Johnson requested a roll call.

AYE
JOHNSON, Brian (GOP Lead)
DOTSETH, Jeff
PETERSBURG, John

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There being 10 ayes, and 3 nays, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Representative Agbaje renewed the motion to lay over HF 918 for possible inclusion in the Housing Finance and Policy omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF 1472 (Hassan) Homeownership investment grants program established, reports required, and money appropriated.

Representative Hassan moved to layover HF 1472 for possible inclusion in the Housing Finance and Policy committee omnibus bill.

Representative Hassan presented HF 1472.

**Testifiers**:

* Cristen Incitti, Co-Chair of Homeownership Minnesota & CEO, Habitat for Humanity of Minnesota
* Henry Rucker, Financial Coaching and Homeownership Manager, Project for Pride in Living
* Aliyah Primus, Homeownership Advisor, PRG, Inc.
* Kevin Gulden, Project Manager, PRG, Inc.

Representative Hassan renewed the motion to layover HF 1472 for possible inclusion in the Housing Finance and Policy committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

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| Representative Michael Howard, Chair |

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|  Abdullahi Abdullahi, Committee Legislative Assistant |