

COMMERCE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Zack Stephenson, Chair of the Commerce Finance and Policy Committee, called the virtual meeting to order at 3:00 PM on March 23, 2021 pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

Members present:

STEPHENSON, Zack, Chair  
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, Vice Chair  
O'DRISCOLL, Tim, GOP Lead  
BAHR, Cal  
CARLSON, Andrew  
DAVNIE, Jim  
ELKINS, Steve  
HALEY, Barb  
KOEDEL, Erin  
LEE, Fue  
LILLIE, Leon  
LISLEGARD, Dave  
LUCERO, Eric  
OLSON, Liz  
PFARR, Brian  
RASMUSSEN, Jordan  
RICHARDSON, Ruth  
THEIS, Tama

A quorum was present.

Representative O'Driscoll moved to approve the minutes from the committee meeting on March 19, 2020. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Dr. Bruce Corrie, Concordia University St. Paul, presented "The Economic Cost of Systemic Racism & the Minnesota Solution."

The following gave testimony on this topic:

Commissioner Grace Arnold, Minnesota Department of Commerce  
Ron Elwood, Legal Services Advocacy Project  
Anna Odegaard, Minnesota Asset Building Coalition

HF2146 (Kotzya-Witthuhn); Minnesota Council on Economic Education grants provided, report required, and money appropriated.

Representative Kotzya-Witthuhn moved HF2146 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

The following testified on HF2146:

Julie Bunn, Executive Director, Minnesota Council on Economic Education  
Jamie Shaw, Teacher, Champlin Park High School

The bill was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24 PM.

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Representative Zack Stephenson, Chair

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Simon Brown,  
Committee Legislative Assistant