

Legislative Commission on Housing Affordability

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 1:00 PM Remote Hearing via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Sen. Rich Draheim

Sen. Kari Dziedzic

Rep. Peter Fischer

Sen. Karin Housley

Sen. Shane Mekeland

Rep. Jim Nash

Sen. Lindsey Port

Rep. Samantha Vang

Rep. Peter Fischer called the remote meeting of the Legislative Commission on Affordable Housing to order at 1:00 PM.

A quorum was present.

Election of Officers

Sen. Dziedzic nominated Rep. Fischer and Sen. Housley for the position of Commission Co-Chairs.

Rep. Mekeland nominated Rep. Nash for the position of House Co-Chair.

Rep. Fischer noted that the Commission Co-Chairs should be from different parties.

Rep. Nash nominated Sen. Dziedzic for the position of Senate Co-Chair.

Rep. Fischer withdrew his name from nomination.

The vote was taken to elect Rep. Nash and Sen. Dziedzic as Co-Chairs. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Member Introductions

Members introduced themselves.

Update on Governor's Task Force on Housing Recommendations

Anne Mavity, Executive Director, Minnesota Housing Partnership, provided an update on the recommendations and goals from the 2018 Governor's Task Force on Housing.

Presentation from Housing First

David Siegel, Executive Director, Housing First Minnesota, provided a presentation on the state of housing in Minnesota.

Presentation from the League of Minnesota Cities

Daniel Lightfoot, Intergovernmental Relations Representative, League of Minnesota Cities, provided a presentation on addressing local needs across the housing spectrum.

Presentation of first two articles of 2SS-CG001-3

Rep. Steve Elkins provided an overview of the first two articles of 2SS-CG001-3, which contains the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Act language.

The following people provided public testimony on 2SS-CG001-3:

- Jason Wedel, City Manager, Prior Lake
- Irene Kao, League of Minnesota Cities

Next Steps

Members discussed various topics and issues that they would like to come before the Commission at future meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:27 PM.