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Friday, June 27, 2025

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: REMOTE: through electronic means ([YouTube](#))

Members Present: Rita Albrecht, Michelle Beeman, Rep. Peter Fischer, Sen. Steve Green, Sen. FOUNG Hawj, Monica Hedstrom, Rep. Josh Heintzeman, Rep. Sydney Jordan, Shona Langseth, Rep. Leon Lillie, Sen. Jennifer McEwen, Seth Moore, Sen. Aric Putnam, Michael Reese, Sen. Torrey Westrom

Staff Present: B. Nash, M. Varien, M. Campana, D. Griffith, T. Dietrich, N. Fibley, T. Schaufler

Members Excused: William Faber and Rep. Roger Skraba

Members Absent:

Co-Chair: Sen. FOUNG Hawj

Chair Hawj called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1. Roll call attendance

Chair Hawj asked for a roll call. Diana Griffith took roll call for attendance. There were 12 members present at the time of roll call, and nine were needed for a quorum. Representatives Fischer and Jordan attended from locations on the Capitol complex.

Member	Attendance	Member	Attendance
Commissioner Albrecht	Yes (remote)	Commissioner Langseth	Yes (remote)
Commissioner Beeman	Yes (remote)	Commissioner Lillie - Rep	Yes (remote)
Commissioner Faber	Excused	Commissioner McEwen - Sen	Excused
Commissioner Fischer – Rep	Yes (remote)	Commissioner Moore	Yes (remote)
Commissioner Green – Sen	Yes (remote)	Commissioner Putnam – Sen	Yes (remote)
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Yes (remote)	Commissioner Reese	Excused
Commissioner Hedstrom	Yes (remote)	Commissioner Skraba – Rep	Excused
Commissioner Heintzeman - Rep	Yes (remote)	Commissioner Westrom – Sen	Absent
Commissioner Jordan - Rep	Yes (remote)		

2. Members report potential conflicts of interest regarding today's business

Members reported the following conflicts of interest for 2026 proposals:

Rita Albrecht, Michelle Beeman, William Faber, Rep. Peter Fischer, Sen. Steve Green, Sen. FOUNG Hawj, Monica Hedstrom, Rep. Josh Heintzeman, Rep. Sydney Jordan, Shona Langseth, Rep. Leon Lillie, Sen. Jennifer A. McEwen, Seth Moore, Sen. Aric Putnam, Michael Reese, Rep. Roger Skraba, Sen. Torrey Westrom

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Member Conflict of Interest Report - M.L. 2026 (FY27)					
Proposal ID	First Name	Last Name	Project Title	Organization	Members With Conflict of Interest
2026-149	Veluchamy	Chitraichamy	Ambient Alkaline Hydrolysis, an Emergency Livestock Mortality Disposal	U of MN, WCROC	Michael Reese
2026-168	Veluchamy	Chitraichamy	Integrating Biological-Carbon Capture and Microalgae for Sustainable Biofuel Production	U of MN, WCROC	Michael Reese
2026-255	Kim	Melton	Red River Basin Soil Health Initiative	Red River Basin Commission	Monica Hedstrom
2026-303	Veluchamy	Chitraichamy	Greenhouse Gas Mitigation in Minnesota Livestock Farming	U of MN, WCROC	Michael Reese
2026-318	Tiffany	Wolf	United in Responding to CWD in Minnesota	U of MN, College of Veterinary Medicine	Monica Hedstrom
2026-329	Eric	Buchanan	Making Solar Work for Minnesota Dairy Farmers	U of MN, WCROC	Michael Reese
2026-338	Soon Li	Teh	Evaluating Agrivoltaics on Minnesota's Novel Cold-Hardy Table Grapes	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Michael Reese
2026-396	Skip	Langer	Southeast Minnesota Groundwater Protection and Soil Health Initiative	Olmsted County	Shona Langseth
2026-465	Kerry	Holmberg	Managing Climate using Inverse Modeling: Central Sands Aquifer	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Monica Hedstrom
2026-472	Josh	Pennington	Assessing Recruitment Threats for Imperiled Blanding's Turtles	Department of Military Affairs	William Faber
2026-481	Isaac	Haagen	Resilient Dairy Calf Systems to Support Minnesota's Communities	U of MN, College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Michael Reese

3. Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund 2026 Proposal Presentations (FY27) – see presentation schedule for Day 4 (subject to change)

See [Attachment #1](#) for Presentation Schedule for June 27, 2025.

Commissioner Westrom joined the meeting.

4. Public testimony

There was no public testimony.

5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Signed by Senator Foug Hawj

Minutes approved at LCCMR meeting on July 18, 2025