

STATE OF MINNESOTA

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SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025

The House of Representatives convened at 12:00 noon and was called to order by Lisa Demuth, Speaker of the House.

Prayer was offered by Minister Joshua Foster, Church Ambassador Network, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The members of the House gave the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Allen	Dippel	Igo	Myers	Roach	Van Binsbergen
Altendorf	Dotseth	Jacob	Nadeau	Robbins	Warwas
Anderson, P. E.	Duran	Johnson, W.	Nash	Rymer	West
Anderson, P. H.	Engen	Joy	Nelson	Schomacker	Wiener
Backer	Fogelman	Knudsen	Niska	Schultz	Witte
Bakeberg	Franson	Koznick	Novotny	Schwartz	Zelevnikar
Baker	Gander	Kresha	O'Driscoll	Scott	Spk. Demuth
Bennett	Gillman	Lawrence	Olson	Sexton	
Bliss	Gordon	McDonald	Perryman	Skraba	
Burkel	Harder	Mekeland	Quam	Stier	
Davids	Heintzeman	Mueller	Rarick	Swedzinski	
Davis	Hudson	Murphy	Repinski	Torkelson	

A quorum was present.

The Clerk pro tem proceeded to read the Journal of the preceding day. There being no objection, further reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal was approved as corrected by the Clerk pro tem.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Speaker announced the next order of business to be the election of the Chief Clerk.

The name of Patrick D. Murphy was placed in nomination by Kresha. The nomination was seconded by Nadeau.

There being no further nominations, the Speaker declared the nominations closed.

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The Clerk pro tem called the roll on the election of the Chief Clerk and the following voted for Murphy:

Allen	Demuth	Hudson	Murphy	Repinski	Torkelson
Altendorf	Dippel	Igo	Myers	Roach	Van Binsbergen
Anderson, P. E.	Dotseth	Jacob	Nadeau	Robbins	Warwas
Anderson, P. H.	Duran	Johnson, W.	Nash	Rymer	West
Backer	Engen	Joy	Nelson	Schomacker	Wiener
Bakeberg	Fogelman	Knudsen	Niska	Schultz	Witte
Baker	Franson	Koznick	Novotny	Schwartz	Zeleznikar
Bennett	Gander	Kresha	O'Driscoll	Scott	
Bliss	Gillman	Lawrence	Olson	Sexton	
Burkel	Gordon	McDonald	Perryman	Skraba	
Davids	Harder	Mekeland	Quam	Stier	
Davis	Heintzeman	Mueller	Rarick	Swedzinski	

Patrick D. Murphy, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

#### OATH OF OFFICE

The oath of office was administered to the Chief Clerk-elect by the Speaker.

The Speaker announced the next order of business to be the election of other elected officers of the House of Representatives.

Niska offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

*Resolved*, that the election of other officers, with the exception of the Chief Sergeant at Arms, be made on one roll call unless there should be more than one nomination for any one office.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

Niska placed the following names in nomination for elected officers of the Minnesota House of Representatives:

The name of Stefanie R. Miller for First Assistant Chief Clerk.

The name of Cathy K. Carlson for Second Assistant Chief Clerk.

The name of Erica Brynildson for Assistant Sergeant at Arms.

The name of Andrew Olson for Assistant Sergeant at Arms.

The name of Carl Hamre for Index Clerk.

There being no further nominations, the Speaker declared the nominations closed.

The Chief Clerk called the roll on the election of the other officers and the following members voted for the other officers:

Allen	Demuth	Hudson	Murphy	Repinski	Torkelson
Altendorf	Dippel	Igo	Myers	Roach	Van Binsbergen
Anderson, P. E.	Dotseth	Jacob	Nadeau	Robbins	Warwas
Anderson, P. H.	Duran	Johnson, W.	Nash	Rymer	West
Backer	Engen	Joy	Nelson	Schomacker	Wiener
Bakeberg	Fogelman	Knudsen	Niska	Schultz	Witte
Baker	Franson	Koznick	Novotny	Schwartz	Zeleznikar
Bennett	Gander	Kresha	O'Driscoll	Scott	
Bliss	Gillman	Lawrence	Olson	Sexton	
Burkel	Gordon	McDonald	Perryman	Skraba	
Davids	Harder	Mekeland	Quam	Stier	
Davis	Heintzeman	Mueller	Rarick	Swedzinski	

The nominees, having received a majority of the votes cast, were declared duly elected to their respective offices.

#### OATH OF OFFICE

The oath of office was administered by the Speaker to those elected to the above offices.

The Speaker announced the next order of business to be the election of the Chief Sergeant at Arms.

The name of Lori Hodapp was placed in nomination by Nash. The nomination was seconded by Witte.

There being no further nominations, the Speaker declared the nominations closed.

The Chief Clerk called the roll on the election of the Chief Sergeant at Arms and the following voted for Hodapp:

Allen	Demuth	Hudson	Murphy	Repinski	Torkelson
Altendorf	Dippel	Igo	Myers	Roach	Van Binsbergen
Anderson, P. E.	Dotseth	Jacob	Nadeau	Robbins	Warwas
Anderson, P. H.	Duran	Johnson, W.	Nash	Rymer	West
Backer	Engen	Joy	Nelson	Schomacker	Wiener
Bakeberg	Fogelman	Knudsen	Niska	Schultz	Witte
Baker	Franson	Koznick	Novotny	Schwartz	Zeleznikar
Bennett	Gander	Kresha	O'Driscoll	Scott	
Bliss	Gillman	Lawrence	Olson	Sexton	
Burkel	Gordon	McDonald	Perryman	Skraba	
Davids	Harder	Mekeland	Quam	Stier	
Davis	Heintzeman	Mueller	Rarick	Swedzinski	

Lori Hodapp, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected Chief Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives.

## OATH OF OFFICE

The oath of office was administered to the Chief Sergeant at Arms-elect by the Speaker.

Niska offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

*Resolved*, that the Chief Clerk be instructed to inform the Senate by message that the House is duly organized pursuant to law.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

Niska offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

*Resolved*, that the Speaker appoint a committee of four members of the House to notify the Governor that the House of Representatives is now duly organized pursuant to law and ready to receive any message he may desire to give them.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE SPEAKER

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following members to the committee to notify the Governor that the House is now organized and ready to receive any message he may desire to give them:

Anderson, P. H.; Koznick; Bakeberg and Rymer.

The committee members just named should meet immediately in the Governor's Office to notify the Governor that the House is now organized. The committee will then return to the House chamber. Later in today's session, the Speaker will call on Representative Anderson, P. H., for a report.

The Speaker announced the following House committee assignments and committee meeting schedule for the 2025-2026 session. (NOTE: All scheduled House committee meetings are held in the Capitol Building unless otherwise noted.)

## 2025-2026 HOUSE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

**Agriculture Finance and Policy --**

Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m., G3 Capitol

Anderson, P.H., Chair	TBD (DFL Lead)
Harder, Vice Chair	TBD
Burkel	TBD
Gander	TBD
Jacob	TBD
Lawrence	TBD
Nelson	

**Capital Investment --**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:15 a.m., G23 Capitol

Franson, Chair	TBD (DFL Lead)
Fogelman, Co-Chair	TBD
Allen	TBD
Koznick	TBD
Myers	TBD
Rymer	TBD
Sexton	TBD
Skraba	

**Commerce Finance and Policy --**

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8:15 a.m., 120 Capitol

O'Driscoll, Chair	TBD (DFL Lead)
Perryman, Vice Chair	TBD
Allen	TBD
Davids	TBD
Dotseth	TBD
Heintzeman	TBD
Kresha	TBD
Rymer	TBD
Van Binsbergen	TBD
West	

**Children and Families Finance and Policy --**

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3:00 p.m., 123 Capitol

West, Chair	TBD (DFL Lead)
Nelson , Vice Chair	TBD
Altendorf	TBD
McDonald	TBD
Nadeau	TBD
Olson	TBD
Zelevnikar	

**Education Finance --**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00 p.m., 120 Capitol

Kresha, Chair	TBD (DFL Lead)
Bakeberg, Vice Chair	TBD
Altendorf	TBD
Bennett	TBD
Dippel	TBD
Hudson	TBD
Knudsen	TBD
Lawrence	TBD
Mueller	TBD
Quam	TBD
Roach	TBD
Rymer	

**Education Policy --**

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3:00 p.m., G23 Capitol

Bennett, Chair	TBD (DFL Lead)
Mueller, Vice Chair	TBD
Dippel	TBD
Fogelman	TBD
Gordon	TBD
Lawrence	TBD
Roach	

**Elections Finance and Government Operations--**

Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m., G23 Capitol

Quam, Chair	TBD (DFL Lead)
Altendorf, Vice Chair	TBD
Davis	TBD
Engen	TBD
Gordon	TBD
McDonald	

**Energy Finance and Policy--**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00 p.m., 123 Capitol

Swedzinski, Chair	TBD (DFL Lead)
Murphy, Vice Chair	TBD
Anderson, P. H.	TBD
Baker	TBD
Igo	TBD
Mekeland	TBD
Sexton	TBD
Wiener	

**Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy --**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00 p.m., G3 Capitol

Heintzeman, Chair	TBD (DFL Lead)
Burkel, Vice Chair	TBD
Gillman	TBD
Jacob	TBD
Nelson	TBD
Schultz	TBD
Warwas	

**Ethics --**

Call of the Chair

Davids, Chair	TBD (DFL Lead)
Myers	TBD
Bennett, Alternate	TBD, Alternate

**Fraud Prevention and State Agency Oversight Policy --**

Mondays, 8:15 a.m., 120 Capitol

Robbins, Chair	TBD (DFL Lead)
Anderson, P. E., Vice Chair	TBD
Hudson	
Rarick	
Scott	

**Health Finance and Policy --**

Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m., 120 Capitol

Backer, Chair	TBD (DFL Lead)
Nadeau, Vice Chair	TBD
Dippel	TBD
Franson	TBD
Gillman	TBD
Knudsen	TBD
Perryman	TBD
Repinski	TBD
Schomacker	TBD
Van Binsbergen	TBD
Zelevnikar	

**Higher Education Finance and Policy --**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00 p.m., G23 Capitol

Rarick, Chair	TBD (DFL Lead)
Schwartz, Vice Chair	TBD
Allen	TBD

Bliss	TBD
Novotny	TBD
Robbins	TBD
Scott	

**Housing Finance and Policy --**

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3:00 p.m., G3 Capitol

Igo, Chair	TBD (DFL Lead)
Dotseth, Vice Chair	TBD
Johnson, W.	TBD
Mekeland	TBD
Myers	TBD
Nash	TBD
Skraba	

**Human Services Finance and Policy --**

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8:15 a.m., 123 Capitol

Schomacker, Chair	TBD (DFL Lead)
Gillman, Vice Chair	TBD
Backer	TBD
Franson	TBD
Gander	TBD
Gordon	TBD
Jacob	TBD
Knudsen	TBD
Murphy	

**Judiciary Finance and Civil Law --**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:15 a.m., G3 Capitol

Scott, Chair	TBD (DFL Lead)
Hudson, Vice Chair	TBD
Bliss	TBD
Duran	TBD
Engen	TBD
Rarick	TBD
Stier	

**Legacy Finance --**

Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m., G3 Capitol

McDonald, Chair	TBD (DFL Lead)
Skraba, Vice Chair	TBD
Burkel	TBD



Dippel	TBD
Heintzeman	TBD
Olson	

**Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement--**

Tuesdays, 5:00 p.m., 123 Capitol

O'Driscoll, Chair	TBD (DFL Lead)
Nadeau	TBD
Stier	TBD

**Public Safety Finance and Policy --**

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3:00 p.m., 120 Capitol

Novotny, Chair	TBD (DFL Lead)
Witte, Vice Chair	TBD
Bliss	TBD
Duran	TBD
Engen	TBD
Hudson	TBD
Harder	TBD
Repinski	TBD
Schwartz	TBD
Stier	

**Rules and Legislative Administration --**

Call of the Chair

Niska, Chair	TBD (DFL Lead)
Engen, Vice Chair	TBD
Jacob	TBD
Nash	TBD
Scott	TBD
Schultz	
Stier	
Torkelson	
Zelevnikar	

**State Government Finance and Policy --**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:15 a.m., G23 Capitol

Nash, Chair	TBD (DFL Lead)
Davis, Vice Chair	TBD
Anderson, P. H.	TBD
Joy	TBD
Koznick	TBD

Quam	TBD
Sexton	

**Taxes --**

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10:15 a.m., 120 Capitol

Davids, Chair	TBD (DFL Lead)
Joy, Vice Chair	TBD
Anderson, P. E.	TBD
Harder	TBD
Johnson, W.	TBD
Roach	TBD
Robbins	TBD
Schwartz	TBD
Swedzinski	TBD
Warwas	TBD
Wiener	TBD
Witte	

**Transportation Finance and Policy --**

Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m., 123 Capitol

Koznick, Chair	TBD (DFL Lead)
Myers, Vice Chair	TBD
Anderson, P. E.	TBD
Fogelman	TBD
Joy	TBD
Murphy	TBD
Olson	TBD
Skraba	

**Veterans and Military Affairs Division --**

Wednesdays, 8:15 a.m., G23 Capitol

Bliss, Chair	TBD (DFL Lead)
Olson, Vice Chair	TBD
Bennett	TBD
Davis	TBD
Duran	TBD
Repinski	

**Ways and Means --**

Call of the Chair

Torkelson, Chair	TBD (DFL Lead)
Robbins, Vice Chair	TBD
Baker	TBD
Heintzeman	TBD

Igo	TBD
Koznick	TBD
Kresha	TBD
Nash	TBD
Novotny	TBD
Rarick	TBD
Schomacker	TBD
Scott	TBD
Swedzinski	TBD
West	

**Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy --**

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8:15 a.m., G3 Capitol

Baker, Chair	TBD (DFL Lead)
Mekeland, Vice Chair	TBD
Bakeberg	TBD
Johnson, W.	TBD
Mueller	TBD
Schultz	TBD
Zelevnikar	

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE  
GOVERNOR THAT THE HOUSE IS NOW ORGANIZED

Anderson, P. H., from the Committee to Notify the Governor reported that Governor Walz was notified that the House is now duly organized and ready to begin the 94th Legislative Session.

IN MEMORIAM

The members-elect of the House of Representatives paused for a moment of silence in memory of former Representative Mary Murphy of Hermantown, Minnesota who served from 1977 to 2022, who passed away on Wednesday, December 25, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Niska moved that when the House adjourns today it adjourn until 3:30 p.m., Thursday, January 16, 2025. The motion prevailed.

Niska moved that the House adjourn. The motion prevailed, and the Speaker declared the House stands adjourned until 3:30 p.m., Thursday, January 16, 2025.

PATRICK D. MURPHY, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

