



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

REP. ANGELA WITWER

CHAIR

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 9:00 AM Room 352, House Appropriations, State Capitol Building

The House Committee on Appropriations was called to order by Chair Witwer.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Witwer, O'Neal, Brixie, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson, Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Absent: Rep. Hood.

Excused: Rep. Hood.

Representative O'Neal moved to adopt the meeting minutes from May 1, 2024. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Representative Brixie moved to excuse Representative Hood from the meeting. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid Legislative Transfer Request 2024-3 before the committee.

Scott Forester, representing Corning Inc., President JoAnn Crary, representing Saginaw Future Inc., and Josh Hundt and Christin Armstrong, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, all provided a presentation on the Corning Project. Questions and discussion followed.

The Chair laid Legislative Transfer Request 2024-6 before the committee.

Chief Executive Officer Barry O’Shea and Mike Foley, P.E., representing Highland Copper Company Inc., Chief Executive Officer Marty Fittante, representing InvestUP, and Michelle Grinnell and Christin Armstrong, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, all provided a presentation on the Highland Copper Project. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in support of Legislative Transfer Request 2024-6, but did not wish to speak:

Steve Claywell, representing Michigan Building Trades.

Mike Alaimo, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

The Chair laid Legislative Transfer Request 2024-4 before the committee.

Mary-Ann Cleary, representing the House Fiscal Agency, testified on Legislative Transfer Request 2024-4.

Michael Cnossen, representing the House Fiscal Agency, approached to answer questions from committee members. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Puri moved to approve Legislative Transfer Request 2024-4. The motion prevailed 16-12-0:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL

Yeas: Reps. Witwer, O’Neal, Brixie, Brabec, Morse, Puri, Steckloff, Weiss, Martus, McKinney, Mentzer, Morgan, Price, Skaggs, Snyder, Wilson.

Nays: Reps. Lightner, Bollin, Green, Slagh, Beson, Borton, Fink, Cavitt, DeBoer, Kuhn, Schuette, Steele.

Pass: None.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Witwer adjourned the meeting at 10:16 AM.

Representative Angela Witwer, Chair

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