



Electricity as Vehicle Fuel Working Group

Monday, February 9, 2026
9:00 AM
Room 120, State Capitol
<https://www.lcc.mn.gov/evfwg/>

Members Present:

Sen. Johnson Stewart, Chair
Rep. Elkins, Vice Chair
Rep. Murphy
Anjali Bains
Carolyn Berninger
Margaret Donahoe
Amanda Duerr
Justin Emmerich
Gary Hansen
Tony Kwilas
Emily Murray
James Pearson
John Pollard

Erik Rudeen
John Thorson
Pong Xiong
Laura Ziegler

Members Excused:

Sen. Howe
Steve Barthel
John Hausladen
Joe Hoppe
Nick Lardinois
Jeremy Neeck
Brett Willhite

Meeting Minutes

Chair Johnson Stewart called the meeting of the Electricity as Vehicle Fuel Working Group to order at 9:01 AM.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Tony Kwilas moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion prevailed.

Recommendation Discussion

Sen. Johnson Stewart moved to adopt the following recommendation: The legislature should replace the MSRP-based electric vehicle and plug-in hybrid vehicle surcharge with a flat fee.

Those who voted in the affirmative:

Chair Johnson Stewart
Anjali Bains
Carolyn Berninger
Margaret Donahoe
Amanda Duerr

Justin Emmerich
Gary Hansen
Rep. Murphy
Emily Murray
James Pearson

John Pollard
John Thorson
Aurora Vautrin
Laura Ziegler

Those who voted in the negative:

Rep. Elkins

Those who abstained were:

Tony Kwilas

Erik Rudeen

Pong Xiong

There were 14 ayes and 1 nay.

Chair Johnson Stewart moved to adopt the following recommendation: Minnesota should provide tax benefits or credits to help bring down the initial purchase price of electric vehicles.

Those who voted in the affirmative:

Chair Johnson Stewart

Amanda Duerr

John Thorson

Vice-Chair Elkins

Justin Emmerich

Aurora Vautrin

Anjali Bains

Gary Hansen

Laura Ziegler

Carolyn Berninger

Emily Murray

Margaret Donahoe

John Pollard

Those who voted in the negative:

Rep. Murphy

Those who abstained:

Tony Kwilas

James Pearson

Erik Rudeen

There were 13 ayes and 1 nay.

Chair Johnson Stewart moved to adopt the following recommendation: Minnesota should apply a fuel tax only to EV chargers that meet a defined utilization-rate benchmark, or just have an outright delay until 2035.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Vice-Chair Elkins

Amanda Duerr

Aurora Vautrin

Anjali Bains

Justin Emmerich

Carolyn Berninger

James Pearson

Those who voted in the negative:

Chair Johnson Stewart	Rep. Murphy	Erik Rudeen
Margaret Donahoe	Emily Murray	John Thorson
Gary Hansen	John Pollard	Laura Ziegler

Those who abstained were:

Tony Kwilas	Pong Xiong
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There were 7 ayes and 9 nays.

Chair Johnson Stewart moved to adopt the following recommendation: The Legislature should continue to pursue and eventually implement a system that distributes tax revenue obtained from residential EV charging to the Highway Tax Fund and not the general fund.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Chair Johnson Stewart	Gary Hansen	John Thorson
Vice-Chair Elkins	Rep. Murphy	Aurora Vautrin
Margaret Donahoe	Emily Murray	Laura Ziegler
Amanda Duerr	John Pollard	

Those who abstained were:

Anjali Bains	Tony Kwilas	Pong Xiong
Carolyn Berninger	James Pearson	
Justin Emmerich	John Pollard	

There were 11 ayes and 0 nays.

Chair Johnson Stewart moved the following recommendation: The auto part sales tax should be expanded to include electric vehicle chargers and charging components.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Chair Johnson Stewart	Gary Hansen	John Thorson
Vice-Chair Elkins	Rep. Murphy	Aurora Vautrin
Margaret Donahoe	Emily Murray	Laura Ziegler
Justin Emmerich	John Pollard	

Those who abstained were:

Anjali Bains
Carolyn Berninger
Amanda Duerr

Tony Kwilas
James Pearson
Erik Rudeen

Pong Xiong

There were 11 ayes and 0 nays.

Chair Johnson Stewart moved the adoption of the following recommendation: A portion of revenue from the assessment of electric vehicles for use of Minnesota roadways should be dedicated to municipalities for the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges within their jurisdiction.

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Chair Johnson Stewart
Vice-Chair Elkins

Gary Hansen
Rep. Murphy

John Pollard
John Thorson

Those who abstained were:

Anjali Bains
Carolyn Berninger
Margaret Donahoe
Amanda Duerr

Justin Emmerich
Tony Kwilas
Emily Murray
James Pearson

Erik Rudeen
Aurora Vautrin
Pong Xiong

There were 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Approval of the Report:

Chair Johnson Stewart moved to approve the Working Group's final report to the legislature. LCC staff are authorized to prepare the report, incorporate recommendations made today, and make any technical changes that are necessary. The Chair is authorized to approve and work with staff to submit the report.

Those who voted in the affirmative:

Chair Johnson Stewart
Vice-Chair Elkins
Anjali Bains

Carolyn Berninger
Margaret Donahoe
Amanda Duerr

Justin Emmerich
Gary Hansen
Tony Kwilas

Rep. Murphy
Emily Murray
James Pearson

John Pollard
Erik Rudeen
John Thorson

Pong Xiong
Laura Ziegler

There were 17 ayes and 0 nays.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Working Group adjourned at 10:29 AM.