



Sustainable Foraging Task Force

Wednesday, August 20, 2025
12:00 PM
Room G-23, State Capitol
<https://www.lcc.mn.gov/foraging/>

Members Present:

Senator Susan Pha, Chair
Representative Roger Skraba, Vice Chair
Kelli Brun
Representative Alex Falconer
Senator Steve Green
Angie Gupta
Bradley Harrington

Greg Kvale
Peter Martignacco
Kristen Poppleton
David Schultz
Luke Skinner
Matt Wappler
Gary Wyatt
Ingrid Schneider

Members Excused:

Dale Gentry

Meeting Minutes

Sen. Pha, designated convener, called the meeting of the Student Attendance and Truancy Legislative Study Group to order at 12:01 PM in Room G-23 of the State Capitol. A quorum was present.

Welcome, purpose, agenda

Sen. Pha walked members through the purpose of the task force. Stephanie Klein, a facilitator from Management Analysis and Development (MAD), introduced herself. Nick Nero, research analyst with the Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC), introduced himself.

Introductions

Members of the Task Force introduced themselves.

Election of Chair

Peter Martignacco nominated Sen. Pha to chair the Sustainable Foraging Task Force. Sen. Green nominated Rep. Skraba to be the vice chair of the Task Force. A roll call was taken.

Ayes:

Senator Susan Pha
Representative Roger Skraba

Kelli Brun
Representative Alex Falconer

Senator Steve Green
Angie Gupta
Bradley Harrington
Greg Kvale
Peter Martignacco

Kirsten Poppleton
David Schultz
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The motion prevailed and Sen. Pha was elected chair and Rep. Skraba was elected vice chair.

Legislation and Open Meeting Law

Nick Nero, LCC Research Analyst, provided an overview of the statute creating the Sustainable Foraging Task Force and Minnesota's Open Meeting Law.

Administrative Topics

The Task Force discussed the format and timing for future meetings. Stephanie Klein covered potential operating agreements for the Task Force.

Task Force Member Responsibilities

Stephanie Klein, MAD facilitator, went over expectations for members.

Background Information

Jessica Thiel, Forestry Division Planner at the DNR, provided a presentation on foraging regulations on state lands.

Next Steps and Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:54 PM.