



Sustainable Foraging Task Force

Tuesday, October 21, 2025
10:00 AM
Room G-23, State Capitol
<https://www.lcc.mn.gov/foraging/>

Members Present:

Senator Susan Pha, Chair
Kelli Bruns
Dale Gentry
Senator Steve Green
Bradley Harrington
Nibi Ogichidaa Ikwe
Greg Kvale

Peter Martignacco
Rebecca Montgomery
Ingrid Scheider
David Schultz
Luke Skinner
Matt Wappler
Gary Wyatt

Members Excused:

Representative Roger Skraba
Representative Alex Falconer
Angela Gupta
Kristen Poppleton

Meeting Minutes

Sen. Pha called the meeting of the Sustainable Foraging Task Force to order at 10:06 AM in Room G-23 of the State Capitol. A quorum was present.

Welcome and purpose

Senator Green moved to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2025, meeting minutes. A roll call was taken.

Ayes:

Senator Susan Pha
Kelli Bruns
Senator Steve Green
Bradley Harrington
Greg Kvale

Peter Martignacco
Rebecca Montgomery
Ingrid Scheider
Luke Skinner
Matt Wappler

The motion prevailed and the minutes were approved.

Sen. Pha reviewed the purpose and duties of the Task Force.

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Agenda and Introductions

Sen. Pha went over the agenda for the meeting.
Members introduced themselves.

Presentations

Panelists Tim Clemens, Samuel Thayer, Luke Black Elk, and Maria Wesserle shared about their roles and relationship to foraging, followed by discussion where members asked them questions.

Discussion

Senator Pha provided a summary of the Fort Snelling State Park tour held on October 20, 2025, followed by a discussion in which members shared their reflections of the tour including the opening words by Doreen Hagen, an elder from the Prairie Island Indian Community.

Upcoming Topics

Sen. Pha discussed next steps involving several listening sessions in the coming days.

Public Input

Sen. Pha welcomed public participants to share their testimony.
Jaime Rockney provided a testimony to the Task Force.

Next Steps and Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:03