

Memorandum

Date: October 22, 2025

To: Members of the Task Force on Homeowners and Commercial Property Insurance

From: Michelle Yurich, Executive Director

RE: Member Designees

The Task Force on Homeowners and Commercial Property Insurance was established in Minnesota Laws 2025, Chapter 4, Article 3, Section 20. This legislation specifies the membership of the task force and identifies the specific appointing authorities as:

1. one member appointed by the commissioner of commerce;
2. one member appointed jointly by the speaker of the house and the speaker emerita of the house;
3. one member appointed jointly by the senate majority leader and the senate minority leader;
4. one member appointed by the Minnesota Consortium of Community Developers;
5. two members appointed by the Insurance Federation of Minnesota, including one member with expertise in homeowners insurance and one member with expertise in commercial insurance;
6. one member appointed by Big I Minnesota;
7. one member appointed by the Minnesota Association of Farm Mutual Insurance Companies;
8. one member appointed by the Community Associations Institute;
9. one member appointed by the Contractors Association of Minnesota;
10. one member appointed by the Minnesota Multi Housing Association;
11. one member appointed by the Housing Justice Center; and
12. one member appointed by Ceres with expertise in climate risk mitigation and insurance markets.

The Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC) is assigned administrative support for the work of the task force.

Task force members have discussed whether it would be possible for appointed members to identify an individual other than the officially appointed member who would be able to participate in meetings and vote on behalf of the appointed member. After consultation with nonpartisan House counsel, the LCC has determined that voting and official participation in task force meetings by anyone other than the appointed member is not permissible. The task force is subject to the Open Meeting Law (Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13D) and there is no authority under that chapter or under the legislation

establishing the task force that authorizes an individual other than the officially appointed member to vote on issues before the task force or be counted for the purposes of establishing a quorum of members.

If a member is unable to participate in a meeting, they may ask someone else to attend the meeting to follow the discussion and if recognized by the chair, this individual may be able to testify before the task force. This person is not considered a member of the task force and is not able to participate in task force proceedings in any sort of official capacity.

Task force members must be present at a meeting in which a vote is taken for their vote to be recorded. They cannot vote at another time outside of the official meeting. They may submit written comments to the task force so that the members are aware of their position.

Please feel free to contact me or Austin Turman with any additional questions.