



Seclusion Working Group

January 21st, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Senator Seeberger, Chair
Senator Coleman
Representative Sencer-Mura
Representative Elliott Engen
Nicole Woodward
Dave Haveman
Fatima Molas
Melissa Winship
Jessica Heiser
Erin Sandsmark

Kate Hulse

Greta Kjos

Members Excused:

Heather Halstead
Jamie Harthan
James Schmidtke
Kim Baker

1. Call to Order

Senator Seeberger convened the Working Group at 3:02 PM. A quorum was present.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Representative Engen moved approval of the previous meeting minutes. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

3. Overview and Discussion of Chair's Recommendations

Senator Seeberger introduced the chair's recommendations for discussion.

Section B of the Chair's recommendations was edited during discussion to add: MDE will draft a separate consent form specific to the use of seclusion. MDE will develop a streamlined and easy-to-use (accessible) process for complaints relating to

seclusion/restrictive procedures; and that Minnesota Statutes 125A.0942 subd. 2 be amended to include lines 1.26 – 2.13 as set as set forth in amendment AML007-7 EXCEPT lines 1.26 and 2.4.

Chair Seeberger moved that Section B of the Chair's recommendations, as edited in discussion, be adopted as a recommendation in the final report to the legislature and requested a roll call vote. The vote results are as follows:

Ayes: Seeberger, Coleman, Engen, Haveman, Hulse, Woodward

Nays: Sencer-Mura, Heiser, Molas, Sandsmark, Kjos, Winship, Woodward

Absent: Baker, Halstead, Harthan, Schmidtke

There being 6 ayes, 6 nays, and 4 excused, the motion did not prevail.

Chair Seeberger moved that Section C of the Chair's Recommendations be adopted as a recommendation in the final report to the legislature and requested a roll call vote. The vote results are as follows:

Ayes: Seeberger, Coleman, Engen, Sencer-Mura, Haveman, Hulse, Woodward.

Nays: Heiser, Molas, Sandsmark, Kjos, Winship.

Absent: Baker, Halstead, Harthan, Schmidtke

There being 7 ayes, 5 nays, and 4 excused, the motion prevailed.

Rep. Sencer-Mura noted that she wished to change her vote to 'nay' after the roll was closed. This will be noted in the final report.

Rep. Engen moved to not reopen the roll. The motion passed by a voice vote.

Chair Seeberger moved that Section D of the Chair's recommendations be adopted as a recommendation in the final report to the legislature and requested a roll call vote. The vote results are as follows:

Ayes: Seeberger, Coleman, Engen, Haveman, Hulse, Woodward

Nays: Sencer-Mura, Heiser, Molas, Sandsmark, Kjos, Winship

Absent: Baker, Halstead, Harthan, Schmidtke

There being 6 ayes, 6 nays, and 4 excused, the motion did not prevail.

Section E of the Chair's recommendations was edited during discussion to change "restrictive procedures" to "restrictive holds" for consistency, and to consider a more applicable word than "evaluated."

Chair Seeberger moved that Section of the Chair's recommendations, as edited in discussion, be adopted as a recommendation in the final report and requested a roll call. The vote results are as follows:

Ayes: Seeberger, Coleman, Engen, Haveman, Hulse, Woodward

Nays: Sencer-Mura, Heiser, Molas, Sandsmark, Kjos, Winship

Absent: Baker, Halstead, Harthan, Schmidtke

There being 6 ayes, 6 nays, and 4 excused, the motion did not prevail.

There being no further business, the Working Group adjourned at 4:24 PM