COMMITTEE MINUTES for
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Date: ***February 5, 2024*** Location: ***RM 315***

Convened: ***11:00 AM***

Adjourned: ***12:10 PM***

Attendance Roll Call:
Present: Senators Lofgren-CH, Dickey-VC, Dotzler-RM, Gruenhagen, Quirmbach

Absent:

Excused:

Chair Senator Lofgren called the meeting to order at 11:00. The clerk took the roll silently. The minutes from the last meeting were approved as distributed. Senator Lofgren welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that the presenters for today's meeting also introduce colleagues they've brought with them when they present. He then introduced the first presenter, Director Debi Durham, from Iowa Economic Development Authority and Iowa Finance Authority. Director Durham spoke about jobs, housing, and efforts to attract residents to Iowa, such as the Visit Iowa Campaign and the measurements they have gleaned from their efforts. She reported that we are now at about 24,000 additional housing units to meet our housing goal across the state and the ongoing efforts to reach this goal. Senators contributed to the conversational presentation throughout and asked questions at the end. Senator Lofgren then introduced David Spalding - Vice President Economic Development and Industry Relations and Dean of the Ivy College of Business at Iowa State University of Science and Technology and Dr. Peter Dorhout - Vice President for Research at Iowa State University of Science and Technology. The gave an update on current and past projects at ISU. Committee members contributed in a conversational atmosphere. With no other business to come before the committee, Senator Dickey moved to adjourn at 12:10.

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Senator Mark S. Lofgren

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Paula Lofgren, Committee Secretary