

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: *February 23, 2026*

Location: *RM 103*

Convened: *2:00 PM*

Adjourned: *3:00 PM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Weldon-VC, Dunwell, Fisher, Kniff McCulla, Larson, McBurney

Absent:

Excused: Representatives Latham-CH, Wilson-RM, Nielsen

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with all present except Representative Latham, Representative Wilson, and Representative Nielsen, who were excused.

Minutes from the last two meetings were approved.

At 2:05 p.m., Drew Conrad, Executive Director of Business and Community Services and Institute for Decision Making; Dan Beenken, Director of UNI Family Business Center; and Drew James, Director of Metal Casting Center and Foundry, gave an economic development update on the University of Northern Iowa.

After the presentation, comments were made.

With no further business, Representative Dunwell motioned to adjourn the committee at 3:00 p.m.

Representative Shannon Latham

Amanda Ostrem, Committee Secretary