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Michael Paymar

Michael Paymar (b. December 27, 1953) is a former Democratic-Farmer-Labor member of the Minnesota House of Representatives, representing District 64B from 1993 to 2005. Paymar did not seek re-election in 2014.

Minnesota's District 64B

Michael Paymar

Prior offices
Minnesota House of Representatives District 64B

Education	
Bachelor's	College of Saint Benedict
Graduate	Hamline University
Personal	
Religion	Jewish
Profession	Resource Manager, Northland Women's Justice Project

Biography

Paymar earned his B.A. in education/History from the College of Saint Scholastica, and M.P.A. from Hamline University. His professional experience includes working as a Resource Specialist at the Battered Women's Justice Project, Program Coordinator for the National Training Project, Consultant for the Open Society Institute, social worker and teacher.[1]

Committee assignments

2013-2014

At the beginning of the 2013 legislative session, Paymar served on the following committees:

Minnesota committee assignments, 2013 [show]

- Civil Law
- Judiciary Finance and Policy
- Public Safety Finance and Policy, Chair
- Taxes
- Ways and Means

2011-2012

In the 2011-2012 legislative session, Paymar served on the following committees:

Minnesota committee assignments, 2011-2012 [show]

2009-2010

In the 2009-2010 legislative session, Paymar served on the following committees:

Minnesota committee assignments, 2009-2010 [show]

Campaign themes

2012

Paymar's website highlighted the following campaign themes:[2]

Capital Investments

- Excerpt: "The legislature made strategic, targeted investments in high-priority, shovel-ready infrastructure improvements to maximize job creation impact and strengthen Minnesota's economy. It is estimated that the bonding bill will put over 20,000 people back to work."

Education

- Excerpt: "Hopefully, with an improved economy and a new governor and reconstituted legislature we can make the hard budget choices, which will mean some increased revenues."

Health and Human Services

- Excerpt: "We maintained (General Assistance Medical Care), as the very poor will have health insurance and a perfect plan, but it was the best we could do with this Governor."

Public Safety and Guns

- Excerpt: "As part of the Public Safety Finance Division, I hope to promote public safety which I believe is a core government function, despite having to cut an additional $36 million from our budget. This was on top of the cuts we already made in the first year of the biennium.... I am pleased that my bill to plug the gun show loophole didn't pass out of a committee. The bill would have simply required that anyone purchasing a firearm at a gun show obtain a background check. Just like if you were buying a weapon at a sporting goods store. A background check disqualifies felons, domestic abusers, and people with serious mental health problems from purchasing firearms."

Environment, Energy and Natural Resources

- Excerpt: "I was pleased with the huge commitment we made to environmental protection and our habitat with the revenue from the dedicated sales tax. We prioritized our limited resources in clean water, parks, trails and recreation. Significant investments were made for water resources, protection against invasive species, renewable energy, and environmental education."

Elections

2014

See also: Minnesota House of Representatives elections, 2014

Paymar did not seek re-election in the 2014 election.[3]

2012

See also: Minnesota House of Representatives elections, 2012

Paymar won re-election in the 2012 election for Minnesota House of Representatives District 64B. He ran unopposed in the Democratic primary on August 14 and defeated Brandon Carmack (R) in the general election on November 6, 2012.[4][5]

Minnesota House of Representatives, District 64B, General Election, 2012			[Collapse]
PARTY	CANDIDATE	VOTE %	VOTES
Democratic	✓Michael Paymar Incumbent	72.3%	17,273
Republican	Brandon Carmack	27.7%	6,612
Total Votes			**23,885**

2010

See also: Minnesota House of Representatives elections, 2010

Paymar won re-election to the District 64B seat in 2010. He had no primary opposition. He defeated Andrew Smith (R) in the general election on November 2, 2010.[6]

Minnesota House of Representatives, District 64B (2010)		
Candidates	Votes	Percent
✓Michael Paymar (DFL)	12,209	72.35%
Andrew Smith (R)	5,265	30.52%
Write-In	16	0.09%

2008

See also: Minnesota House of Representatives elections, 2008

On November 4, 2008, Michael Paymar won re-election to the District 64B Seat in the Minnesota House of Representatives, defeating Eric Drusky.[7]

Michael Paymar raised $30,664 for his campaign.[8]

Minnesota House of Representatives, District 64B (2008)		
Candidates	Votes	Percent
✓Michael Paymar (DFL)	16,143	71.65%
Jimmy Drusky (R)	6,284	27.91%
Write-In	41	0.18%

Campaign donors

⚠ The Federal data shown below comes from the documents required of candidates and parties. Depending on the election or campaign, it may not include contributions and funds spent on their behalf. Satellite spending groups may or may not have expended funds related to the candidate or politician on whose behalf they are meeting this disclaimer, and campaign finance data from elections may be incomplete. For elections for federal offices, complete data can be found at the FEC website⊡. Click here for more on federal campaign finance law and here for more on state campaign finance law.

Michael Paymar campaign contribution history [hide]

Year	Office	Result	Contributions
2012	Minnesota State House, District 64B	✓	$20,478
2010	Minnesota State House, District 64B	✓	$22,941
2008	Minnesota State House, District 64B	✓	$30,664
2006	Minnesota State House, District 64B	✓	$30,235
2004	Minnesota State House, District 64B	✓	$27,782
2002	Minnesota State House, District 64B	✓	$22,518
2000	Minnesota State House, District 64B	✓	$23,640
1998	Minnesota State House, District 64B	✓	$66,208
1996	Minnesota State House, District 64B	✓	$32,752
Grand total raised			**$278,218**

Source: FTM(view the Money)

2012

Paymar won re-election to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 2012. During that election cycle, Paymar raised a total of $20,478.

Minnesota House of Representatives 2012 election - campaign contributions [show]

2010

Paymar won re-election to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 2010. During that election cycle, Paymar raised a total of $22,941.

Minnesota House of Representatives 2010 election - Campaign Contributions [show]

2008

Paymar won re-election to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 2008. During that election cycle, Paymar raised a total of $30,664.

Minnesota House of Representatives 2008 election - Campaign Contributions [show]

2006

Paymar won re-election to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 2006. During that election cycle, Paymar raised a total of $30,235.

Minnesota House of Representatives 2006 election - Campaign Contributions [show]

2004

Paymar won re-election to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 2004. During that election cycle, Paymar raised a total of $27,782.

Minnesota House of Representatives 2004 election - Campaign Contributions [show]

2002

Paymar won re-election to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 2002. During that election cycle, Paymar raised a total of $22,518.

Minnesota House of Representatives 2002 election - Campaign Contributions [show]

2000

Paymar won re-election to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 2000. During that election cycle, Paymar raised a total of $23,640.

Minnesota House of Representatives 2000 election - Campaign Contributions [show]

1998

Paymar won re-election to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 1998. During that election cycle, Paymar raised a total of $66,208.

Minnesota House of Representatives 1998 election - Campaign Contributions [show]

1996

Paymar won re-election to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 1996. During that election cycle, Paymar raised a total of $32,752.

Minnesota House of Representatives 1996 election - Campaign Contributions [show]

Scorecards

See also: State legislative scorecards and State legislative scorecards in Minnesota

A scorecard evaluates a legislator's voting record. Its purpose is to inform voters about the legislator's political positions. Because scorecards have varying purposes and methodologies, each report should be considered on its own merits. For example, an organization that is interested in evaluating a legislator's voting record on one issue while a state newspaper's scorecard may evaluate the voting record in its entirety.

Ballotpedia is in the process of developing an encyclopedic list of published scorecards. Some states have a limited number of available scorecards or scorecards produced only by select groups. It is Ballotpedia's goal to incorporate all available scorecards regardless of ideology or number.

Click here for a complete list of legislative scorecards in all 50 states. To contribute to the list of Minnesota scorecards, email suggestions to editor@ballotpedia.org.

2014

In 2014, the Minnesota State Legislature was in session from February 25 to May 19.

- AFSCME Council 5
  Legislators are scored on if they supported or opposed AFSCME's position.
- Americans for Prosperity Minnesota
  Legislators are scored based on votes on economic issues.
- Legislative Evaluation Assembly of Minnesota
  Legislators are scored on their support for the organization's principles, which it defines as "provid[ing] a basis for a constitutionally limited government established to sustain life, liberty, justice, property rights and free enterprise."
- Liberty Minnesota
  Legislators are scored on bills of interest to an organization advocating "limited government, free enterprise, and individual liberty."
- MnCAN
  Legislators are scored based on bills related to education.
- Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
  Legislators are scored on business-related bills.
- Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life in House and Senate
  Legislators are scored on bills related to reproductive health issues.
- Minnesota Nurses Association
  Legislators are scored based on issues affecting nurses, healthcare, and working families.
- Minnesota Voters for Animal Protection
  Legislators are scored on their votes on bills related to animals.
- NARAL Pro-Choice Minnesota
  Legislators are scored on bills related to reproductive health issues.
- National Federation of Independent Business in Minnesota
  Legislators are scored on their votes on small business issues.
- Taxpayers League of Minnesota
  Legislators are scored on how they voted on tax and fiscal legislation.
- The American Conservative Union
  Legislators are scored on their votes on conservative issues.
- Voices for Racial Justice
  Legislators are scored by the organization on "their support for legislation forwarding an equitable and inclusive Minnesota."

2013

To view all the scorecards we found for this legislator in 2013, click [show]. [show]

Taxpayers League of Minnesota

The Taxpayers League of Minnesota, a Minnesota-based taxpayer advocacy organization, releases a legislative scorecard for the Minnesota House of Representatives and Minnesota State Senate once a year. The scorecard gives each legislator a score based on how they voted in the prior legislative term on tax issues and "their efforts to balance the state budget without a tax increase." The organization also compiles a legislator's individual "Lifetime Score."[9]

2013

Paymar received a score of 0% in the 2013 scorecard, ranking 88th out of all 134 Minnesota House of Representatives members.[10]

2012

Paymar received a score of 29% in the 2012 scorecard, ranking 87th out of all 134 Minnesota House of Representatives members.[11]

2011

Paymar received a score of 8% in the 2011 scorecard, ranking 88th out of all 134 Minnesota House of Representatives members.[12]

Personal

Note: Please contact us if the personal information below requires an update.
Paymar has two children. He has been a Board Member of Clearwhey Minnesota, Eastern European Medical Society, Junior League of Saint Paul, and Scenic Minnesota.[13]

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Footnotes

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Political offices		
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