

HUMAN SERVICES FINANCE & POLICY MEETING MINUTES

Representative Mohamud Noor, Chair of the Human Services Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM on Thursday, April 9, 2026, in Room 123 of the Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

NOOR, Mohamud, Chair
KEELER, Heather, Vice Chair
SCHOMACKER, Joe
GILLMAN, Dawn
BACKER, Jeff
CURRAN, Brion
FISCHER, Peter
FRANSON, Mary
FREDERICK, Luke
GANDER, Steve
GORDON, Jimmy
HICKS, Kim
JACOB, Steve
KNUDSEN, Krista
MOMANYI-HILTSLEY, Huldah
MURPHY, Tom
NORRIS, Matt
VIRNIG, Bianca

Members excused:

A quorum was present.

Representative Gander moved the minutes of April 8, 2026, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 1767 (Curran) – Commissioner of human services required to develop a proposal to codify integrated community supports, and reports required.

Representative Curran moved HF 1767 to be laid over for possible inclusion in the Human Services Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Representative Curran moved the HF1767DE4 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Curran presented HF 1767, as amended.

Testifiers:

- Josh Berg, Director of Minnesota Services and Strategic Growth, Accessible Space Inc.
- Zanhia Harut, Board Chair, Residential Providers Association of Minnesota

Representative Curran renewed the motion that HF 1767, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in the Human Services Finance and Policy committee omnibus bill.

HF 2068 (Keeler) – Homeless Youth Act grants funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Keeler moves HF 2068 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Human Services Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Representative Keeler presented HF 2068.

Testifiers:

- James Lewis, Chief Program Officer, The Link
- Shary Brown, Youth Advocate, The Link
- Amber Sadowski, Executive Director, Life House
- Alexis Oberdorfer, Senior Vice President of Community Engagement and Partnerships, Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota
- Lorna Schmidt, Legislative Director of Homelessness Housing and Support Services Administration, Department of Human Services

Representative Keeler renews the motion that HF 2068 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Human Services Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

HF 4725 (Norris) – Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Education Center Established, reports required, and money appropriated.

Representative Norris moves HF 4725 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Human Services Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Representative Norris presented HF 4725.

Testifiers:

- Elliot Butay, Senior Policy Coordinator, NAMI

Representative Norris renews the motion that HF 4725 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Human Services Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Vice-Chair Keeler assumed the gavel at 9:27 A.M.

HF 4637 (Noor) – Direct care services corps pilot project existing appropriation availability extended.

Chair Noor moves HF 4637 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Human Services Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Chair Noor moved the HF4637DE1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Noor presented HF 4637, as amended.

Testifiers:

- Jesse Bethke Gomez, Executive Director, Metropolitan Center for Independent Living
- Michelle Vrieze, Assistant Director of Administration, Center for Independent Living

Chair renews the motion that HF 4637, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in the Human Services Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

HF 4638 (Noor) – Compliance training for high-risk medical assistance providers required, misc.

Chair Noor moves HF 4638 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Human Services Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Testifiers:

- Zanhia Harut, Board Chair, Residential Providers Association of Minnesota
- Idil Abdull, Family Advocate
- Josh Berg, Director of Minnesota Services and Strategic Growth, Accessible Space Inc.
- Nathaniel Olson, Disability Advocate

Chair Noor renews the motion HF 4638 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Human Services Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 AM.

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Representative Mohamud Noor, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elijah Henderson', written over a horizontal line.

Elijah Henderson, Committee Legislative Assistant