



# Health Finance and Policy Committee

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Capitol 120 – 1:00pm-2:45pm

## Agenda

### Co-Chairs

Jeff Backer  
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### Members

Co-Vice Chair Danny Nadeau  
Co-Vice Chair Liz Reyer  
Kristin Bahner  
Ned Carroll  
Tom Dippel  
Steve Elkins  
Mary Franson  
Dawn Gillman  
John Huot  
Heather Keeler  
Krista Knudsen  
Xp Lee  
Tina Liebling  
Anquam Mahamoud  
Bernie Perryman  
Kristi Pursell  
Aaron Repinski  
Joe Schomacker  
Scott Van Binsbergen  
Natalie Zeleznikar

### Committee Staff

#### *Committee Administrators*

Jack Dockendorf (DFL)  
Hanna Zimmerman (GOP)

#### *Committee Legislative Assistant*

Liam Edgar (GOP)  
Saynab Jama (DFL)

### Research

Joe Durham (DFL)  
Matt Eichinger (GOP)

### House Research

Elisabeth Klarqvist  
Annie Mach

### House Fiscal Analyst

Melissa Stirn

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Minutes
- III. HF 3521 (Backer) Exception to the hospital construction moratorium provided.
  - a. Emily Blomberg, President of Regions Hospital
  - b. Rochelle Johnson, Vice President of Patient Care Services
- IV. HF 1807 (Gillman) Nonopioid drugs coverage required for treatment or management of pain.
  - a. Claire Onyechi, Vice President of Outreach and Engagement, Voices for Nonopioid Choices
- V. HF 1270 (Gillman) Licensing for practice of acupuncture and herbal medicine modified.
  - a. Dr. Nick Dougherty
- VI. HF 2070 (Dippel) Provisions for the cost of health records changed.
  - a. Sue Nathe, Executive Director for MN Health Information Management Association
  - b. Liz McElhiney, Alliance for Health Information Operations and Standards
  - c. Joel Carlson, Minnesota Association for Justice
  - d. Chuck Shane, Minnesota Association for Justice
- VII. Adjournment

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