

Health Finance and Policy Committee

MINUTES

Representative Backer, Chair of the Health Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, on March 11th, 2026, in Room 120 of the State Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

BACKER, Jeff, GOP Chair
BIERMAN, Robert, DFL Chair
NADEAU, Danny, GOP Vice-Chair
REYER, Liz, DFL Vice-Chair
BAHNER, Kristin
CARROLL, Ned
DIPPEL, Tom
ELKINS, Steve
FRANSON, Mary
GILLMAN, Dawn
HUOT, John
KEELER, Heather
KNUDSEN, Krista
LEE, Xp
LIEBLING, Tina
MAHAMOUD, Anquam
PERRYMAN, Bernie
PURSELL, Kristi
REPINSKI, Aaron
SCHOMACKER, Joe
VAN BINSBERGEN, Scott
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

Representative Repinski moved the minutes of March 9th, 2026 be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 3521 (Backer) Exception to the hospital construction moratorium provided.

Vice-Chair Nadeau assumed the gavel at 1:01 PM.

Chair Backer moved HF 3521, as amended, before the committee.

Chair Backer moved HF 3521, as amended, be recommended to pass and be placed on the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 3563 (Anderson, P.E.) Licensing boards required to take action against a license or application when a licensee or applicant is convicted of certain theft or fraud offenses.

Chair Backer assumed the gavel at 1:04 PM.

Representative Knudsen moved HF 3563 before committee.

Representative Knudsen moved that HF 3563 be re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Policy.

Testifiers:

Scott Isaacson, President, Lifts Transportation & Abacus Transportation LLC.

Rep. Knudsen renewed her motion that HF 3563 be re-referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Policy. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 82 (Huot) Athletic trainer scope of practice clarified.

Representative Huot moved HF 82 before the committee.

Representative Huot moved that HF 82 be recommended to pass and be placed on the General Register.

Representative Huot moved the H0082A1-2 amendment before the committee. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifiers:

Kate Taber, Government Affairs Chair, Minnesota Athletic trainers' Association.

Troy Hoehn, LAT, ATC, CSCS, ESSAT-C, ITAT – Supervisor Athletic Trainer at Mayo Clinic.

Dr. David Olson, Board Certified Physician, American Board of Family Medicine, subspecialist certification in Sports Medicine, Team Physician: Minnesota Vikings, Minnesota Twins, University of Minnesota, St. Paul Saints Baseball, University of St. Thomas, US Soccer, USA Weightlifting.

Representative Huot renewed the motion that HF 82, as amended, be moved to the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 2689 (Reyer) Physical therapy practice governing provisions modified, and criminal penalties provided.

Representative Reyer moved HF 2689 before the committee.

Representative Reyer moved that HF 2689 be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.

Representative Reyer moved the H2689A2 amendment before the committee. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifiers:

Professor Holly Clynch, PT, DPT, MA.

Forrest Andres-Beck, PT, DPT, OCS.

Loring Stead, Minnesota Podiatric Medical Association.

Lisa Mattson, MD, President, Minnesota Medical Association.

Dr. Paul Lafferty, Minnesota Orthopedic Society.

Representative Reyer renewed the motion that HF 2689, as amended, be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 1794 (Virnig) Advanced practice registered nurse postgraduate collaborative practice requirements removed.

Vice-Chair Nadeau moved HF 1794 before the committee.

Vice-Chair Nadeau moved the H1794A1 amendment before the committee. **THE**

AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Vice-Chair Nadeau moved that HF 1794, as amended, be recommended to pass and be placed on the General Register.

Testifiers:

Dr. Gretchen A. Moen, DNP, APRN, CPNP-BC.

Dr. Brian Goodroad, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, ANP-BC, FAANP, FAAN.

Dr. Naomi Koenig, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, PMHNP-BC, SANE.

Dr. Sara McCumber, APRN, CNP, CNS.

Lisa Mattson, MD, President, Minnesota Medical Association.

Vice-Chair Nadeau renewed the motion HF 1794, as amended, be recommended to pass and be placed on the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 3544 (Repinski) Certain veterans or former members of the armed forces who have forfeited federal benefits made ineligible for state-funded benefits, services, or programs; and environmental hazards information and assistance program for veterans discontinued.

Representative Repinski moved HF 3544 before the committee.

Representative Repinski moved HF 3544 be recommended to pass and be placed on the General Register.

Representative Repinski moved the H3544A1 before the committee. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifiers:

Jon Kelly, MPA, Director of Government Affairs, MN DVA.

Representative Repinski moved that HF 3544, as amended, be recommended to pass and be placed on the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 3516 (Schomacker) Dentistry profession licensure, registration, scope of practice, continuing education, and disciplinary grounds modified; and fees established.

Representative Schomacker moved HF 3516 before the committee.

Representative Schomacker moved that HF 3516 be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Testifiers:

Bridgett Anderson, Executive Director for the Board of Dentistry.

Representative Schomacker renewed the motion HF 3516 be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 PM.

Representative Backer, Chair

