

**HEALTH FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Representative Robert Bierman, Chair of the Health Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M. on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, in Room 120 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

**Members Present:**

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

**Member Excused:**

FRANSON, Mary

A quorum was present.

Representative Liz Reyer moved to approve the minutes of March 25, 2026. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4609 (Kotyza-Witthuhn); Health plans required to cover infertility treatment and standard fertility preservation services, medical assistance and MinnesotaCare required to cover infertility treatment and standard fertility preservation services, and money appropriated.

Chair Bierman moved that HF4609 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn presented HF4609.

Testifier:

- Miraya Gran, President, MN Building Families Association and Patient Advocate
- Jennifer Stein, Patient Advocate
- Chandra Shenoy, MD, Gynecologist and Reproductive Endocrinologist, Mayo Clinic
- Maggee Hangge, Assistant Director for Family Policy, Minnesota Catholic Conference
- Rebecca Delajunt, Director of Public Policy, Minnesota Family Council & Institute

Chair Bierman renewed the motion that HF4609 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

Governor's Budget – Presentation from the Minnesota Department of Health.

Testifier:

- Wendy Underwood, Deputy Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Health

Governor's Budget – Presentation from the Department of Human Services.

Testifier:

- Elyse Bailey, Budget Director, Minnesota Department of Human Services

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

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Representative Robert Bierman, Chair

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Saynab Jama, Committee Legislative Assistant