

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 April 13th, 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 Perryman moved the minutes of April 8th, 2026 be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 4712 (Schultz) Use of private residential pools for certified swimming classes authorized.

Representative Dippel moved HF 4712 before the committee.

Representative Perryman moved the H4712DE2 amendment before the committee. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifiers:

Tessa Seppelt, Certified ISR Instructor.

Chair Backer laid over HF 4712, as amended, for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

HF 4801 (Nadeau) Provisions governing prior authorization of health care services

modified, and managed care contracts under medical assistance modified.

Vice-Chair Nadeau moved HF 4801 before the committee.

Testifiers:

Dan Endreson, Senior Director of Policy and Government Affairs, MN Council of Health Plans.

Katie Smentek, MD, President, MN Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics.

Chair Backer laid over HF 4801 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

HF 3756 (Backer) Definition for covered insulin provided for the insulin safety net program and manufacturer registration fee.

Vice-Chair Nadeau assumed the gavel at 1:35 PM.

Chair Backer moved HF 3756 before the committee.

Testifiers:

Andrea Rau, Lead Government Relations Specialist, Winthrop & Weinstine, P.A.

Aaron Patterson, Executive Director, Minnesota Board of Pharmacy.

Vice-Chair Nadeau laid over HF 3756 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

HF 4860 (Backer) Operation of remote pickup sites from which patients may obtain drugs and devices dispensed by a managing pharmacy authorized, and rulemaking authorized.

Chair Backer moved HF 4860 before the committee.

Testifiers:

Stacy Barstad, CEO, Tracy Medical Center.

Gary Carlson, President, Maynard's Food Centers.

Aaron Patterson, Executive Director, Minnesota Board of Pharmacy.

Vice-Chair Nadeau laid over HF 4860 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

HF 4931 (Backer) Single dental administrator implementation delayed for the medical assistance program.

Chair Backer moved HF 4931 before the committee.

Testifiers:

John Kunelius, Executive Director, Caring Hands Dental Clinic.

Vice-Chair Nadeau laid over HF 4931 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

HF 4289 (Backer) Parent allowed to request one free certified birth record per child.

Chair Backer moved HF 4289 before the committee.

Testifiers:

Barbara Olson, Hennepin County, Minnesota Association of County Officers.

Mike Fangman, Rice County, Minnesota Association of County Officers.

Vice-Chair Nadeau laid over HF 4289 for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

HF 4460 (Huot) Anesthesiologist assistant licensure established.

Chair Backer re-assumed the gavel at 2:38 PM.

Representative Huot moved HF 4460 before the committee.

Testifiers:

Jake Eiler - President of the Minnesota Society of Anesthesiologists, MD.

Robyn Finney, APRN, CRNA, DNAP, FAANA (MANA President).

Samantha Salman - Certified Anesthesiologist Assistant, CAA.

Leah Gordon, CRNA.

Chair Backer laid over HF 4460.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 PM.

Representative Backer, Chair

Liam Edgar, Committee Legislative Assistant
