

**TAXES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Representative Aisha Gomez, Chair of the Taxes Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:16 A.M. on April 9, 2026, in Room 120 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

**Members Present:**

GOMEZ, Aisha, DFL Chair  
DAVIDS, Greg, GOP Chair  
NORRIS, Matt, DFL Vice Chair  
JOY, Jim, GOP Vice Chair  
AGBAJE, Esther  
ANDERSON, Patti  
ELKINS, Steve  
FREIBERG, Mike  
HARDER, Bobbie  
HOLLINS, Athena  
HOWARD, Michael  
HUOT, John  
JOHNSON, Wayne  
KOZLOWSKI, Liish  
LEE, Liz  
ROACH, Drew  
ROBBINS, Kristin  
SCHWARTZ, Erica  
SMITH, Andy  
SWEDZINSKI, Chris  
WARWAS, Cal  
WIENER, Mike  
WITTE, Jeff  
YOUAKIM, Cheryl

A quorum was present.

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

HF4841 (Agbaje) Hennepin County local sales tax authority modified, and grants provided to county health care facilities and to ballpark authority for improvements.

Representative Agbaje moved that HF4841 be laid over for possible inclusion in the 2026 Taxes Bill.

Representative Agbaje presented HF4841.

**Testifiers:**

- Dr. Casey Ricker, Resident, Hennepin Healthcare – Bemidji Rotation.
- Dr. Tom Wyatt, Chair, Emergency Medicine, Hennepin Healthcare.
- Kerry Paarmann, Patient.
- Dr. Tom Masters, Chair, Hyperbaric Medicine, Hennepin Healthcare.
- Becky Boland, Patient.

- Dr. Jon Gipson, MD, FACS, Medical Director Trauma and Acute Care Surgery, General and Trauma Surgeon.
- Trevor Sawallish, CEO North Memorial Health.
- Dave St. Peter, Minnesota Twins.
- Dan McConnell, Minneapolis/Minnesota Trades.
- Ethan Vogel, Legislative Director, AFSCME.
- Jeremy Olson-Ehlert, RN, Minnesota Nurses Association.
- Reverend Doug Mork, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.
- Eric Harris Bernstein, Coalitions Director, WeMakeMN.
- Sam Erickson, Vice President, Hennepin County Association of Paramedics and EMTs.
- Dr. Abishek Thatigutla, Family Medicine Resident at HCMC, member of the Committee of Interns and Residents.
- Dr. Lexy Kindt, Surgery Resident at HCMC, member of the Committee of Interns and Residents.
- Laura Sayles, Attorney General's Office.
- Tina Santos, Healthcare Worker.
- Dan Collison, Senior Director of Business Development and Public Affairs.
- Jodi Wentland, Hennepin County Administrator.
- Joe Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, Hennepin County.

HF4841 was laid over for possible inclusion in the 2026 Taxes Bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 P.M.

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Representative Aisha Gomez, Chair

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Sumira Sheikh, Committee Legislative Assistant