

HEALTH FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Representative Backer, Chair of the Health Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00PM, on March 3, 2025, in Room 120 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

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

Non-Voting member present:

KEELER, Heather

Members excused:


Representative Knudsen moved the minutes of February 26, 2025 be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The following individuals offered updates and budget presentations from the health-related licensing boards:

Samantha Strehlo, Executive Director, Board of Behavioral Health & Therapy;
Paul Bakken, Executive Director, Board of Podiatric Medicine;
Dr. Ridge Pidde, DC, Executive Director, Board of Chiropractic Examiners;
Deb Schuhmacher, DNP, MAN, RN, PHN, Director of Nursing Education, Board of Nursing;
Youa Yang, Executive Director, Board of Social Work;
Samuel Sands, Executive Director, Board of Psychology;
Britt Heglund, Executive Director, Board of Optometry;
Elizabeth Huntley, Executive Director, Board of Medical Practice;
Dr. Katrina Howard, Deputy Executive Director, Board of Pharmacy;
Dr. Brock Reed, Director, Controlled Substance Reporting Section, Board of Pharmacy.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42PM.

Representative Jeff Backer, Chair




Kaylyn Scourbys, Committee Legislative Assistant