

**WORKFORCE, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Representative Dave Pinto, Chair of the Committee on Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy, called the meeting to order at 8:15 A.M. on, Wednesday, April 8, 2026, in Room G3 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

BAKER, Dave (GOP Chair)
PINTO, Dave (DFL Chair)
GREENMAN, Emma (DFL Vice Chair)
MEKELAND, Shane (GOP Vice Chair)
BAKEBERG, Ben
BERG, Kaela
FRAZIER, Cedrick
JOHNSON, Pete
JOHNSON, Wayne
KOZLOWSKI, Lish
MUELLER, Patricia
SCHULTZ, Isaac
ZLEZNIKAR, Natalie

Members Excused:

HUSSEIN, Samakab

A quorum was present.

Chair Baker moved that the minutes of March 26, 2026, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 4477 (Frazier) Minnesota business recovery loan program established, report required, and money appropriated

Representative Frazier moved HF 4477 before the committee

Representative Frazier moved the H4477DE2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Frazier and Representative Xiong presented HF 4477 as amended.

Testifying on HF 4477 as amended:

- Aaron Rosenthal, North Star Policy Action
- Julie Deshler, Mayor, City of Crystal
- Kaohly Her, Mayor, City of St. Paul
- Jacob Frey, Mayor, City of Minneapolis
- Chanda Smith Baker, CEO, Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation
- Jo-Anne Stately, Senior Vice President of Impact, Minneapolis Foundation
- Kenneth Eban, Policy Consultant, Minneapolis Foundation
- Scott Marquardt, President, Southwest Initiative Foundation
- Carl Swanson, Coalition Strategist, Minnesota CDFI Coalition
- Stephanie Lopez, SPURS Bar and Grill, Willmar
- John Salgado Maldonado
- Crystal Torres Scherrer, Con Madres Market, North Mankato
- Maysy Her, Owner, Xiong Khouang Restaurant and Banquet Hall
- Esther Obaigwa, CEO, Kare Health Care, LLC