



Health Finance and Policy Committee

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Capitol 120 – 1:00pm-2:45pm

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Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Minutes
- III. Minnesota Department of Health Presentation on Rural Health
 - a. *Diane Rydrych, Health Policy Division Director, Minnesota Department of Health*
 - b. *Zora Radosevich, Office of Rural Health and Primary Care, Minnesota Department of Health*
 - c. *Michelle Benson, Senior Director of State Government Relations, Minnesota Hospital Association*
 - d. *Dania Kamp, MD, President-elect, Minnesota Medical Association*
 - e. *Martha Jones, volunteer advocate for rural healthcare*
- IV. HF 1925 (Schomacker); Nurse Licensure Compact created, and money appropriated.
 - a. *April Grunhovd, Vice President of Patient Care and CNO, Riverview Health*
 - b. *John Porter, Minnesota Organization of Leaders in Nursing*
 - c. *Tahni Gayton, RN*
 - d. *Laura Arnold, RN*
 - e. *Andrea Kmetz, RN, PHN*
 - f. *Anne Neu Brindley, Health Policy Director, Minnesota Business Partnership*
- V. Adjournment

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