

**COMMERCE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Representative Erin Koegel, Co-Chair of the Transportation Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:14 AM on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, in Room 120 of the Capitol Building. The meeting was broadcast via House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

KOEGEL, Erin, Co-Chair
O'DRISCOLL, Tim, Co-Chair
ELKINS, STEVE, Vice-Chair
PERRYMAN, Bernie, Vice-Chair
ALLEN, Keith
BUCK, Shelley
CHA, Ethan
DAVIDS, Greg
DOTSETH, Seth
FALCONER, Alex
FINKE, Leigh
HANSON, Jess
HEINTZEMAN, Josh
HUOT, John
KOTYZA-WITTUHN, Carlie
RYMER, Max
SMITH, Andy
VAN BINSBERGEN, Scott
WEST, Nolan

Members excused:

KRESHA, Ron

A quorum was present.

Co-Chair O'Driscoll moved that the minutes from April 3, 2025, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Presentation by Minnesota Department of Commerce and MNsure on the state of private health insurance market.

Testifiers:

- Julia Dreier, Deputy Commissioner of Insurance, Minnesota Department of Commerce
- Erika Helvick Anderson, Senior Director of Public Affairs, MNsure
- Stefan Gildemeister, State Economist & Director, Health Economics Program, Minnesota Department of Health

Presentation by Minnesota Office of the Attorney General on implementation and overview of the Consumer Fraud Restitution Fund.

Testifiers:

- Jessica Whitney, Deputy Attorney General, Consumer Protection Section
- Thomas Elness, Associate State Director, AARP

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 AM.

Erin Koegel

Representative Erin Koegel, Co-Chair

Alex Wheeler

Alex Wheeler, Committee Legislative Assistant