

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Cedrick Frazier, Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means, called the meeting to order at 10:16AM on Monday, April 13, 2026, in Room 120 of the Capitol.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

TORKELSON, Paul, GOP Chair
FRAZIER, Cedrick, DFL Chair
SCOTT, Peggy, GOP Vice Chair
AGBAJE, Esther, DFL Vice Chair
ACOMB, Patty
BACKER, Jeff
BAKER, Dave
BIERMAN, Robert
GOMEZ, Aisha
HEINTZEMAN, Josh
KLEVORN, Ginny
KOEGL, Erin
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie
KOZNICK, Jon
KRESHA, Ron
LILLIE, Leon
MOLLER, Kelly
NOOR, Mohamud
NOVOTNY, Paul
OLSON, Bjorn
PINTO, Dave
SCHOMACKER, Joe
SWEDZINSKI, Chris
VANG, Samantha
WEST, Nolan
YOUAKIM, Cheryl

Members excused:

IGO, Spencer
NASH, Jim

A quorum was present.

Chair Torkelson moved the minutes of April 7, 2026. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Presentations on the economic impact of Operation Metro Surge

- Patricia Nauman, Executive Director, Metro Cities
- Aaron Rosenthal, Research Director, Northstar Policy Action
- Mayor Kaohly Her, Saint Paul
- Giorgia Gallardo, owner, Kerkhoven County Butcher
- David Campana, Legislative and Policy Director in Economic Development, Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs
- Chief Mark Bruley, Brooklyn Park Police
- LeeAnn Rasachak, CEO, WomenVenture
- Dr. Brenda Lewis, Superintendent, Fridley Public Schools
- Mary Granlund, School Board Chair, Columbia Heights Public Schools
- Mike Seifert, Minnesota Farmer's Union
- Mayor Jacob Frey, Minneapolis

- Maysy Her, owner, Xieng Khouang Restaurant and Banquet Hall
- JD Delgado, Lakeville Public Schools and Lakeville business owner
- Alexandra Fitzsimmons, Senior Policy Director, Children's Defense Fund

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 PM.



Representative Cedrick Frazier, Chair



Emma Erdahl, Committee Legislative Assistant