STATE OF MINNESOTA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

Ways and Means Committee

MINUTES

Representative Torkelson, Chair of the Ways and Means Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM on March 9th, 2026, in Room 120 of the Capitol. A quorum was present.

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
BIERMAN, Robert
GOMEZ, Aisha
HEINTZEMAN, Josh
KLEVORN, Ginny
KOEGEL, Erin
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie
KOZNICK, Jon
KRESHA, Ron
LILLIE, Leon
MOLLER, Kelly
NASH, Jim
NOOR, Mohamud
NOVOTNY, Paul
OLSON, Bjorn
PINTO, Dave
SCHOMACKER, Joe
SWEDZINSKI, Chris
VANG, Samantha
WEST, Nolan
YOUAKIM, Cheryl

Members excused:

BAKER, Dave
IGO, Spencer
RARICK, Marion

Representative Agbaje moved the minutes of March 2nd, 2026 be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Presentation from Minnesota Counties

Matthew Hilgart, Association of Minnesota Counties
Britta Torkelson, Minnesota Rural Counties
Nathan Jesson, Minnesota Inter-County Association
Kathleen Walls, Dakota County, Program Trainer Specialist
Dan Jensen, Olmstead County, Association Director for Family Support and Assistance – Minnesota County Social Services Administrators

Presentation from Department of Children, Youth, and Families

Tikki Brown, Commissioner

Presentation from Department of Human Services

Shireen Ghandi, Commissioner

Commissioner Tarek Tomes, Minnesota IT Services, testified.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 PM.

Representative Torkelson, Chair

Allie Spellman, Committee Legislative Assistant