

HEALTH FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Representative Robert Bierman, Chair of the Health Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M. on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, in Room 120 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

BIERMAN, Robert (DFL Chair)
BACKER, Jeff (GOP Chair)
REYER, Liz (DFL Vice Chair)
NADEAU, Danny (GOP Vice Chair)
BAHNER, Kristin
CARROLL, Ned
ELKINS, Steve
LEE, Xp
HUOT, John
KNUDSEN, Krista
LIEBLING, Tina
MAHAMOUD, Anquam
PERRYMAN, Bernie
REPINSKI, Aaron
PURSELL, Kristi
SCHOMACKER, Joe
VAN BINSBERGEN, Scott
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

Members Excused:

FRANSON, Mary
GILLMAN, Dawn
DIPPEL, Tom
KEELER, Heather

A quorum was present.

Representative Elkins moved to approve the minutes of April 15, 2026. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Presentation on Hennepin County Medical Center Finances.

Testifiers:

- Jodi Wentland, County Administrator, Hennepin County
- Abdirahman Abdi, Chief Financial Officer, Hennepin Healthcare System
- Joe Mathews, Chief Financial Officer, Hennepin County
- Jan Malcolm, Senior Advisor on Hospitals and Health Systems, Governors’ Health Subcabinet

Presentation on the Shutdown of UCare and outstanding debts.

Testifiers:

- Julia Dreier, Deputy Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Commerce
- Carol Backstrom, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Health
- Dan Endreson, Senior Director of Policy and Government Affairs, Minnesota Council of Health Plans

Discussion of Legislative Solutions.

HF4841 (Agbaje); Hennepin County local sales tax authority modified, and grants provided to county health care facilities and to ballpark authority for improvements.

Representative Agbaje presented HF4841 on an informational basis.

HF4892 (Huot); Uncompensated care relief programs established, rulemaking authorized, and money appropriated.

Representative Huot presented HF4892 on an informational basis.

Bills not introduced at the time of the meeting are indicated by the House Research or Revisor code.

Representative Nadeau presented EK126-1, a bill for an act relating to health care; establishing a medical assistance underpayments pool, modifying the governance of Hennepin Healthcare and the authority and membership of the corporate board; requiring Hennepin Healthcare to make certain information available to the public; authorizing grants to certain hospitals; appropriating money.

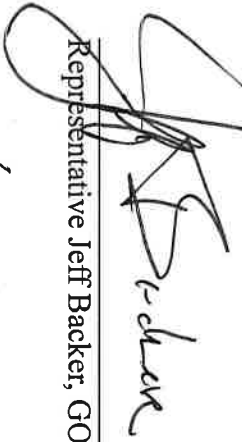
Representative Nadeau presented EK126-1 on an informational basis.

Testifier on EK126-1:

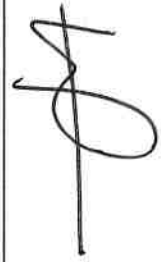
- Stefan Gildemeister, Minnesota Department of Health.

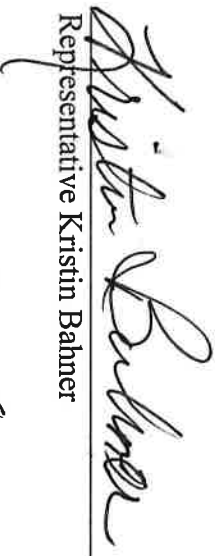
The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 P.M.


Representative Robert Bierman, DFL Chair


Representative Jeff Backer, GOP Chair


Representative Liz Reyer, DFL Vice Chair


Representative Danny Nadeau, GOP Vice Chair


Representative Kristin Bahner


Representative Ned Carroll

(Member Excused)
Representative Tom Dippel


Representative Steve Elkins

(Member Excused)
Representative Mary Franson

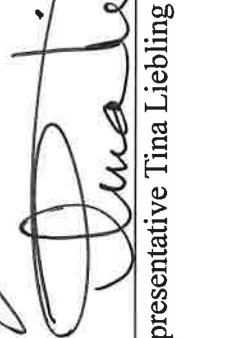
(Member Excused)
Representative Dawn Gillman

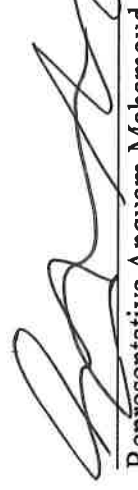

Representative John Huot

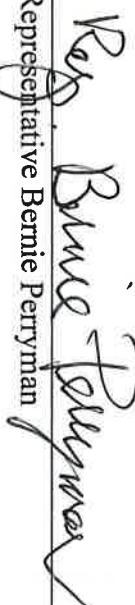
(Member Excused)
Representative Heather Keeler


Representative Krista Knudsen

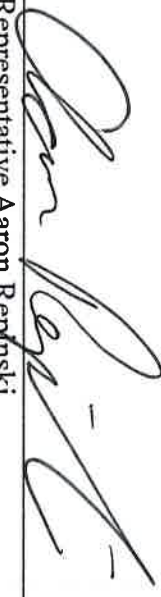

Representative Xp Lee

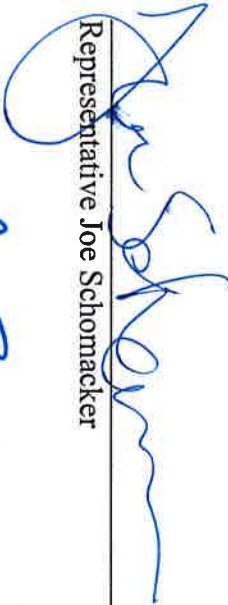

Representative Tina Liebling


Representative Anquam Mahamoud


Representative Bernie Perryman


Representative Krisi Pursell


Representative Aaron Repinski


Representative Joe Schomacker


Representative Scott Van Binsbergen


Representative Natalie Zeleznikar


Sayna Janna, Committee Legislative Assistant