

Human Services Finance and Policy Committee

**MINUTES**

Representative Schomacker, Chair of the Human Service Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM on April 8, 2026, in Room 123 of the State Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

SCHOMACKER, Joe, Chair  
GILLMAN, Dawn, Vice Chair  
NOOR, Mohamud, Chair  
KEELER, Heather, Vice Chair  
BACKER, Jeff  
CURRAN, Brion  
FISCHER, Peter  
FREDERICK, Luke  
FRANSON, Mary  
GANDER, Steve  
GORDON, Jimmy  
HICKS, Kim  
JACOB, Steve  
KNUDSEN, Krista  
MOMANYI-HILTSLEY, Huldah  
MURPHY, Tom  
NORRIS, Matt  
VIRNIG, Bianca

Members excused:

Representative Jacob moved the minutes of April 7, 2026, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The Office of the Legislative Auditor provided an overview of the Department of Human Services Investigations of Alleged Kickbacks in the Early Intensive Developmental and Behavioral Intervention Program.

Testifiers:

Katherine Theisen, Deputy Legislative Auditor, Office of the Legislative Auditor Special Reviews Division.

Nathan Shepherd, General Counsel, Office of the Legislative Auditor.

Shireen Gandhi, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Human Services.

John Connolly, Deputy Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Human Services.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 AM.

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Representative Schomacker, Chair

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Rebecca Reiners, Committee Legislative Assistant