

TAXES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Representative Aisha Gomez, Chair of the Taxes Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:16 A.M. on April 9, 2026, in Room 120 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

GOMEZ, Aisha, DFL Chair
DAVIDS, Greg, GOP Chair
NORRIS, Matt, DFL Vice Chair
JOY, Jim, GOP Vice Chair
AGBAJE, Esther
ANDERSON, Patti
ELKINS, Steve
FREIBERG, Mike
HARDER, Bobbie
HOLLINS, Athena
HOWARD, Michael
HUOT, John
JOHNSON, Wayne
KOZLOWSKI, Liish
LEE, Liz
ROACH, Drew
ROBBINS, Kristin
SCHWARTZ, Erica
SMITH, Andy
SWEDZINSKI, Chris
WARWAS, Cal
WIENER, Mike
WITTE, Jeff
YOUAKIM, Cheryl

A quorum was present.

Representative Joy moved the minutes of April 8, 2026, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

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 moved that HF4841 be laid over for possible inclusion in the 2026 Taxes Bill.

Representative Agbaje presented HF4841.

Testifiers:

- Dr. Casey Ricker, Resident, Hennepin Healthcare – Bemidji Rotation.
- Dr. Tom Wyatt, Chair, Emergency Medicine, Hennepin Healthcare.
- Kerry Paarmann, Patient.
- Dr. Tom Masters, Chair, Hyperbaric Medicine, Hennepin Healthcare.
- Becky Boland, Patient.

- Dr. Jon Gipson, MD, FACS, Medical Director Trauma and Acute Care Surgery, General and Trauma Surgeon.
- Trevor Sawallish, CEO North Memorial Health.
- Dave St. Peter, Minnesota Twins.
- Dan McConnell, Minneapolis/Minnesota Trades.
- Ethan Vogel, Legislative Director, AFSCME.
- Jeremy Olson-Ehlert, RN, Minnesota Nurses Association.
- Reverend Doug Mork, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.
- Eric Harris Bernstein, Coalitions Director, WeMakeMN.
- Sam Erickson, Vice President, Hennepin County Association of Paramedics and EMTs.
- Dr. Abishek Thatigutla, Family Medicine Resident at HCMC, member of the Committee of Interns and Residents.
- Dr. Lexy Kindt, Surgery Resident at HCMC, member of the Committee of Interns and Residents.
- Laura Sayles, Attorney General's Office.
- Tina Santos, Healthcare Worker.
- Dan Collison, Senior Director of Business Development and Public Affairs.
- Jodi Wentland, Hennepin County Administrator.
- Joe Matthews, Chief Financial Officer, Hennepin County.

HF4841 was laid over for possible inclusion in the 2026 Taxes Bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 P.M.


 Representative Aisha Gomez, Chair


 Sumira Sheikh, Committee Legislative Assistant