# TAXES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Representative Aisha Gomez, Chair of the Taxes Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:15 A.M. on March 18, 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
WARWAS, Cal
WIENER, Mike
WITTE, Jeff
YOUAKIM, Cheryl

**Members Excused:**
SWEDZINSKI, Chris

A quorum was present.

Representative Elkins moved the minutes of March 17, 2026, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Presentation by the Minnesota Department of Health on Selected State Safety Net Hospitals.

Presenting:
- Stefan Gildemeister, Health Economics Program, Minnesota Department of Health.

Presentation by the Minnesota Hospital Association on Selected State Safety Net Hospitals.

Presenting:
- Michelle Benson, Senior Policy Director, Minnesota Hospital Association.

Presentation by the Hennepin County Medical Center on Selected State Safety Net Hospitals.

Presenting:
- Angela Conley, Hennepin County Commissioner.
- Dr. Meghan Walsh, Chief Academic and Research Officer, President of the Medical Staff, Hennepin Healthcare.
- Dr. Nathaniel Scott, Vice President, Hospital and Acute Care Service Line, Hennepin Healthcare.
- Jessica Oaxaca, Advocacy Engagement Manager, Hennepin Healthcare.
- Abdirahman Abdi, Chief Financial Officer, Hennepin Healthcare.
- Liz Young, Director of Government Affairs, Hennepin Healthcare.

Presentation by North Memorial Health on Selected State Safety Net Hospitals.

Presenting:
- Trevor Sawallish, CEO, North Memorial Health.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 P.M.


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Representative Aisha Gomez, Chair


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Sumira Sheikh, Committee Legislative Assistant