

# Minnesota State Senate

**Human Services Committee**  
**Monday, March 18, 2024**  
**3:00 PM, 1200 Minnesota Senate Bldg.**

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## Minutes

**Present:** Senator John A. Hoffman - Chair, Senator Omar Fateh - Vice Chair, Senator Jim Abeler, Senator Alice Mann, Senator Andrew Mathews, Senator Erin K. Maye Quade, Senator Nicole Mitchell, Senator Jordan Rasmusson, Senator Paul J. Utke, Senator Melissa H. Wiklund

**Absent:** No Members Absent

Senator John A. Hoffman called the meeting to order at 3:06pm.

### Call To Order

**S.F. 4399:** Senator Hoffman: Minimum wage protections for people with disabilities establishment; person care assistance and community first services and supports remote reassessment requirements modification; technology in informed choice for disability waiver services prioritization; form usage for community-based waived services clarification; Deaf and Hard-of Hearing Services Act language modification.

### Waiver Reimagine Presentation from the Minnesota Department of Human Services

- The following individuals testified on Waiver Reimagine Presentation from the Minnesota Department of Human Services:
1. Natasha Merz: Assistant Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services; Minnesota Department of Human Services
  2. Misti Okerlund: Head of Disability Voice Advocates Initiative
  3. Kathy Ware with Kylen Ware: advocate
  4. Alice Hulbert: advocate
  5. Kelly Friesen: advocate
  6. Cindy Johnson with Jenna Johnson: advocate
  7. Lauren Thompson: advocate
  8. Katrin Bachmeier: advocate
  9. Elyse Bailey, Fiscal Policy Director, Department of Human Services
  10. Tricia Brisbane, advocate

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04pm.

  
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Senator John A. Hoffman, Chair

  
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Cassie Sohr, Legislative Assistant