

# MINNESOTA STATE SENATE

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Health & Human Services Committee  
Tuesday, January 28th, 2025  
8:30 am Livestream YouTube

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### Minutes

Present: Present: Senator Melissa H. Wiklund – Co-Chair Senator Paul Utke – Co-Chair, Senator Bill Lieske – Co-Vice Chair, Senator Alice Mann – Co-Vice Chair, Senator Jim Abeler, Senator Liz Boldon, Senator Glenn Gruenhagen, Senator John Hoffman, Senator Mark Koran, Senator Rob Kupec, Senator Lindsey Port, Senator Jordan Rasmussen

Absent:

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Co-Chair Wiklund called the meeting to order at 8:32 am on Tuesday, January 28th, 2025, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present

### **AGENDA ITEM #1: Presentation on the Governor's Budget Recommendations for the Minnesota Health Related Licensing Boards**

The first item on the agenda was a presentation on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Minnesota Health Related Licensing Boards.

#### **The following individuals gave a presentation on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Minnesota Health Related Licensing Boards**

- Bridgett Anderson, Executive Director of the Minnesota Board of Dentistry
- Samantha Strehlo, Executive Director of the Minnesota Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy.
- Paul Bakken, Executive Director of the Minnesota Board of Podiatric Medicine
- Dr. Ridge Pidde, Executive Director of the Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners.
- Ruth Grendahl, Executive Director of the Minnesota Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice.
- Dr. Katrina Howard, Deputy Director at the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy.
- Dr. Brock Reed, Director of the Controlled Substance Reporting Section at the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy.

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

### **AGENDA ITEM #2: Presentation on the Governor's Budget Recommendations for the Minnesota Department of Health**

The second item on the agenda was a presentation on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Minnesota Department of Health.

#### **The following individuals gave a presentation on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Minnesota Department of Health**

- Commissioner Brooke Cunningham, Minnesota Department of Health
- Lisa Thimjon, Director of Government Relations for the Minnesota Department of Health

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

**AGENDA ITEM #3: Presentation on the Governor's Budget Recommendations for the Minnesota Department of Human Services**

The third item on the agenda was a presentation on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

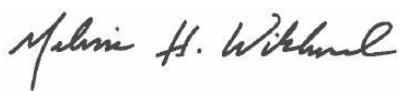
**The following individuals gave a presentation on the Governor's budget recommendations for the Minnesota Department of Human Services**

- Commissioner Jodi Harpstead, Minnesota Department of Human Services
- John Connolly, Assistant Commissioner for Health Care and State Medicaid Director at the Minnesota Department of Human Services
- Elyse Bailey, Budget Director with the Minnesota Department of Human Services

Committee members' questions and discussion followed.

**Chair Wiklund adjourned the meeting at 10:34am**

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Senator Melissa H. Wiklund

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Senator Paul J. Utke

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Hailey Ryan, Committee Legislative Assistant