

# Minnesota State Senate

Human Services Committee  
Wednesday, February 12, 2025  
3:00 PM, 1200 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

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## Minutes

**Present:** Senator John A. Hoffman - **Chair**, Senator Omar Fateh - **Vice Chair**, Senator Jordan Rasmusson - **Ranking Minority Member**, Senator Jim Abeler, Senator Glenn H. Gruenhagen, Senator Erin K. Maye Quade, Senator Zaynab Mohamed, Senator Paul J. Utke

**Absent:** Senator Melissa H. Wiklund

Senator John A. Hoffman called the meeting to order at 3:07pm. Senator Jordan Rasmusson took the gavel at 4:01pm.

### Call to Order

### DHS: PCA to CFSS Transition Update

The following individuals testified on DHS: PCA to CFSS Transition Update:

1. Natasha Merz, Assistant Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services; Department of Human Services (DHS)
2. Elyse Bailey, Budget Director, DHS
3. Vicki Gerrits, Board Member of the Minnesota First Provider Alliance
4. Olga Sheveleva, VP of Development and Strategic Planning for Metropolitan Community Services

**S.F. 1175: Senator Boldon: Presumptive disability determination process for medical assistance eligibility establishment.**

Senator Hoffman moved that the A-1 amendment be adopted to SF 1175. **MOTION ADOPTED.**

The following individuals testified on S.F.1175:

1. Erica Barnes, Executive Director; Minnesota Rare Disease Advisory Council
2. Dr. Susan Berry, medical Geneticist and Director of the Center of Rare Disease Excellence at Children's Masonic

Senator Abeler moved that S.F. 1175, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

**S.F. 985: Senator Maye Quade: Disability inclusion pilot project establishment.**


Senator Gruenhagen moved that the A-1 amendment be adopted to SF 0985. **MOTION WITHDRAWN**

The following individuals testified on S.F.0985:

1. Keeri Tramm, Director of Disability Services; Lifeworks Services, Inc.

Senator Maye Quade moved that S.F. 985, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49pm.



Senator John A. Hoffman, Chair



Cassie Sohr, Legislative Assistant