STATE OF MINNESOTA SIXTH MEETING

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NINETY-SECOND SESSION

HEALTH FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

**MINUTES**

Representative Tina Liebling, Chair of the Division, called the virtual Health Finance and Policy Committee meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. on January 25, 2021 pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting is being broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

LIEBLING, Tina, Chair

HUOT, John, Vice Chair

SCHOMACKER, Joe, Minority Lead

AKLAND, Susan

BACKER, Jeff

BAHNER, Kristin

BIERMAN, Robert

BOLDON, Liz

DEMUTH, Lisa

FREIBERG, Mike

GRUENHAGEN, Glenn

KIEL, Debra

MORRISION, Kelly

MUNSON, Jeremy

PRIOR, Laurie

QUAM, Duane

REYER, Liz

SCHULTZ, Jennifer

WOLGAMOTT, Dan

A quorum was present.

Representative Huot moved that the minutes of January 20, 2021 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Elisabeth Klarqvist, House Research Staff and Doug Berg, House Fiscal Staff presented an overview of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board.

Tony Spector, Executive Director, Minnesota Emergency Services Regulator Board presented an overview of Minnesota’s emergency services.

Diogo Reis, Rates and Policy Manager, Health Care Administration, MN Department of Human Services, gave an overview of emergency medical spending in public programs.

Testifying on Minnesota’s emergency medical services:

1) Kevin Miller, (Acting) Chair, Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board

2) Buck McAlpin, MN Ambulance Association

3) Dr. Bjorn Peterson, President, Minnesota Chapter of National Association of Emergency Medical Services Physicians

4) Martin Scheerer, Senior Director/Chief, Hennepin EMS

5) Brian Edwards, Emergency Medical Services Chief, Northfield Hospital & Clinics

6) Joshua M. Howell, Vice President, Strategy & Business Optimization, Life Link III

7) Dr. John Pate, Board Member, Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board

8) Jill Rohret. Executive Director, Metropolitan Emergency Services Board

9) Mark Jones, Executive Director, Minnesota Rural Health Association

10) Randall Fischer, President/CEO, Stevens County Ambulance

11) BJ Jungmann, Legislative Committee Chair, Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association

12) Allen Lewis, Fire Chief, City of Virginia

13) Mike Dobesh, Fire Chief, Richfield Fire Department

14) John Swenson, Public Safety Director, Lino Lakes Public Safety Department

Vice Chair Huot and Representative Backer spoke on the importance of improving response times and ensuring there are steps taken to recruit and retain EMS staff throughout the state.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 P.M.

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Representative Tina Liebling, Chair

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Krysta Niedernhöfer, Committee Legislative Assistant