

HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Robbins, Chair of the Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM, on April 9, 2026, in Room G23 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

ROBBINS, Kristin, Co-Chair, GOP
SCHWARTZ, Erica, Co-Vice Chair, GOP
WOLGAMOTT, Dan, Co-Chair, DFL
COULTER, Nathan, Co-Vice Chair, DFL
ALLEN, Keith
DURAN, Bidal
HANSON, Jessica
HICKS, Kim
KLEVORN, Ginny
LIEBLING, Tina
NOOR, Mohamud
NOVOTNY, Paul
RARICK, Marion
SCOTT, Peggy

A quorum was present.

Representative Scott moved to approve the minutes of March 26, 2026 as corrected. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF4698 (Duran) Minnesota State Colleges and Universities funding provided for identity verification software to combat enrollment fraud, and money appropriated.

Chair Robbins moved HF4698 before the committee with the recommendation it be laid over.

Testifiers:

Craig Munson, Chief Information Security Officer, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

Chair Robbins laid over HF4698.

HF4608 (Koznick) Certain disclosures and implementation of a corequisite model related to developmental courses required, and report required.

Chair Robbins moved HF4698 before the committee with the recommendation it be laid over.

Representative Allen presented HF4608.

Testifiers:

Jane Graupman, Executive Director, International Institute of Minnesota
Mark Grant, Speech Communications Instructor, Dakota County Technical College
Andrew Wold, General Counsel, Office of Higher Education

Chair Robbins laid over HF4608.

The University of Minnesota presented on Regenerative Farming.

Presenters:

Brian Buhr, Dean of the College of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources
Jacob Jungers, Associate Professor, College of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40PM.



Representative Kristin Robbins, Chair



Ellie Wasserman, Committee Legislative Assistant