

HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Representative Dan Wolgamott, Chair of the Committee on Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, March 25, 2025, in Room Capitol G23 in the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

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

A quorum was present.

Co-Chair Rarick moved the minutes of March 13, 2025 as amended, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Coulter moved the minutes of March 20, 2025 as amended, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Coulter assumed the gavel at 1:12 PM.

HF2454 (Wolgamott) Law enforcement grant program established to help recruit and retain law enforcement officers, and money appropriated.

Chair Wolgamott moved to lay over HF2454.

Chair Wolgamott presented HF2454.

Testifiers on HF2454:

- Mark Ross, President, St. Paul Police Federation

Chair Wolgamott renewed his motion that HF2454 be laid over.

The bill is laid over.

Chair Wolgamott assumed the gavel at 1:22 PM.

HF1603 (Coulter) Paramedic scholarship program made permanent, and money appropriated.

Chair Wolgamott moved to lay over HF1603.

Representative Coulter presented HF1603.

Testifiers on HF1603:

- Buck McAplin, Minnesota Ambulance Association.
- Dylan Ferguson, Director of the Office of Emergency Medical Services.

Chair Wolgamott renewed his motion that HF1603 be laid over.

The bill is laid over.

HF1751 (Hanson) Minnesota State Colleges and Universities funding provided for hospital, medical, and dental benefits coverage to part-time or adjunct faculty; report required; and money appropriated.

Chair Wolgamott moved to lay over HF1751.

Representative Hanson presented HF1751.

Testifiers on HF1751:

- Jonathan Bohn, Director of Public Affairs, Interfaculty Organization.
- Emily Oliver, Interfaculty Organization
- Faith Ericson, MFA, Adjunct Instructor at St Cloud State; Temporary Full-Time Instructor at St. Cloud Tech.

Chair Wolgamott renewed his motion that HF1751 be laid over.

The bill is laid over.

Minnesota State HEAPR Request Presentation.

Presenting:

- Brian Swanson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities, Minnesota State

University of Minnesota HEAPR Request Presentation.

Presenting:

- Alice Roberts-Davis, Vice President for University Services, University of Minnesota

The meeting adjourned at 1:47 PM.



Representative Dan Wolgamott, Chair



Andrew Jones, Committee Legislative Assistant