

House Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee

MINUTES

Representative Rarick, Chair of the Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee, began the meeting at 1:00 P.M., on March 13, 2025, in Room G23 of the Minnesota Capitol Building. A quorum was not present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

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

Non-Voting Members Present:

WOLGAMOTT, Dan

Alexis Oberdorfer, Senior Vice President of Services, Luther Social Services, presented the Lutheran Social Services Student Loan Debt Counseling Services Presentation.

Becky Pakarinen, Senior Director of Financial and Employment Services, Luther Social Services, presented the Lutheran Social Services Student Loan Debt Counseling Services Presentation.

Chair Rarick officially called the meeting to order at 1:23 PM. A quorum was present.

Representative Allen moved the minutes of March 11, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Dan Solomon, Program Manager, Minnesota Dual-Training Pipeline, Department of Labor and Industry, presented the MN Dual Training Pipeline and Grant Update.

Megan FitzGibbon, Manager of Grants and Workforce Initiatives, Minnesota Office of Higher Education, presented the MN Dual Training Pipeline and Grant Update.

Commissioner Dennis Olson, Minnesota Office of Higher Education, presented the State Grant Overview.

Carric Schneider, Director of Research, Minnesota Office of Higher Education, presented the State Grant Overview.

Meghan Flores, State Grant and State Grant Financial Aid Manager, Minnesota Office of Higher Education, presented the State Grant Overview.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 PM.

Marion Rarick

Representative Marion Rarick, Chair

James Cook

James Cook, Committee Legislative Assistant