STATE OF MINNESOTA EIGHTEENTH MEETING
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

House Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee

MINUTES

Representative Rarick, Chair of the Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM, on April 21, 2025, in Room G23 of the State Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

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

Members Excused:

Representative Wolgamott moved the minutes of April 10, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Representative Wolgamott moved the minutes of April 3, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF2312 (Rarick) Higher education policy and finance bill.

Representative Rarick moved that HF2312 be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Representative Wolgamott moved the H2312DE1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Ken Savary, House Fiscal Analyst, House Fiscal Department presented HF2312, as amended.

Nathan Hopkins, House Legislative Analyst, House Research Department presented HF2312, as amended.

Testifiers:
Paul Cerkvenik, President, Minnesota Private College Council
Nikki Vilendrer, Director of State Government Relations, Mayo Clinic
Ace Goff, Foster Youth Advocate, Foster Lead
Travis Matthews, Foster Post-Secondary Success Coordinator, Youthprise
Alexis Borgesen, Foster Youth Specialist, The Office of the Foster Youth Ombudsperson
Mike Dean, Executive Director, North Star Prosperity
Christine Kiel, Director of State Relations, University of Minnesota
Bernie Omann, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
Ariana Chamoun, Interim Executive Director, Foster Advocates
Jodi Gertken, Director of State Government and Community Relations, CentraCare
Dennis Olson, Commissioner, Minnesota Office of Higher Education

Chair Rarick renewed the motion that HF2312, as amended, be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 PM.

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Representative Marion Rarick, Chair

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James Cook, Committee Legislative Assistant