

House Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee

**MINUTES**

Representative Rarick, Chair of the Higher Education Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, on February 11, 2025, in Room G23 of the Minnesota Capitol Building. A quorum was 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, Lead

Mr. Dennis Olson, Commissioner, Office of Higher Education, presented the Office of Higher Education Agency Overview and Budget Walkthrough.

Ms. Wendy Robinson, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Higher Education, presented the Office of Higher Education Agency Overview and Budget Walkthrough.

Ms. Nekey Oliver, Director of Government Relations, Office of Higher Education, presented the Office of Higher Education Agency Overview and Budget Walkthrough.

**HF0010 (SCHULTZ) Minnesota Tax Dollars for Minnesotans.**

Representative Rarick moved that HF0010 be recommended to be re-referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy.

Representative Schultz presented HF0010.

**Testifiers:**

Ms. Emma Jopp, Student, Milaca, Minnesota testified in favor of HF0010.

Ms. Sagrario Torres, Communities Organizing Power and Latin Action, testified in opposition to HF0010.

Ms. Eva J. Pena, Communities Organizing Power and Latin Action, testified in opposition to HF0010.

Ms. Danielle Haque, Professor, Minnesota State University Mankato, testified in opposition to HF0010.

Ms. Samantha Diaz, Political Director, SEIU, testified in opposition to HF0010.

Representative Rarick renewed her motion that HF0010 be recommended to be re-referred to the Committee on Health Finance and Policy.

Representative Coulter requested a roll call vote. The result is as follows:

**AYES**

RARICK, Marion, Chair  
SCHWARTZ, Erica, Vice Chair  
ALLEN, Keith  
DURAN, Bidal  
NOVOTNY, Paul  
ROBBINS, Kristin  
SCOTT, Peggy

**NAYS**

COULTER, Nathan  
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On a vote of 7 AYES and 6 NAYS, **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 PM.

  
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Representative Marion Rarick, Chair

  
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James Cook, Committee Legislative Assistant