

*S.F. 975 List of Public Testifiers for May 4, 2021*

- **Commissioner Dennis Olson:** Office of Higher Education
- **Paul Cerkvenik:** President, Minnesota Private College Council
- **Karena Verbitsky:** Bethany Lutheran College
- **Chanty Armijo-Cruz:** The College of St. Scholastica
- **Myron Frans:** Senior Vice President for Finance & Operations, University of Minnesota
- **Dr. Jakub Tolar:** Dean of the University of Minnesota Medical School & Vice President for Clinical Affairs
- **Dr. Andre Terzic:** Mayo Clinic
- **Bill Maki:** Vice Chancellor of Finance and Facilities, Minnesota State
- **Paul Shepherd:** System Director for Student Development and Success, Minnesota State
- **Omar Duad Aden:** 10th grader at Faribault High School (Realizing Individual Student Excellence program)
  - **Shawn Peck:** Instructor, joining to testify with Omar Duad Aden
- **Alissa (Ali) Tomashek:** Student Senate North Hennepin Community College
- **Mary Kosir:** Executive Director, Concordia Language Villages
- **Sandra Oluwafemi:** Parent of Summer Academic Enrichment Program student
- **Jess Shimek:** College Lab Assistant at Anoka Ramsey Community College
- **Geoff Wilson:** Executive Director, College Possible
- **Hoang Murphy:** Executive Director, Foster Advocates
- **Paul Spies:** Coalition to Increase Teachers of Color and American Indian Teachers in MN
- **Dr. Robert Jon Peterson:** Program Consultant, MnEEP
- **Dr. Bruce Corrie:** Concordia University - St. Paul
- **Priscilla Mayowa:** LeadMN President
- **Axel Kylander:** LeadMN Vice President
- **Sam Parmekar:** Minnesota Student Association
- **Mark Grant:** Governmental Relations, Minnesota State College Faculty
- **Jonathan Bohn:** Director of Public Affairs, Inter Faculty Organization
- **Matt Shaver:** Policy Director at EdAllies
- **Denise Dittrich:** MN School Boards Association
- **Sam Walseth:** MN Rural Education Association
- **Trey Feuerhelm:** President of SWIPE out Hunger at University of Minnesota

*On hand to answer questions:*

- **Nekey Oliver:** Grants and Government Relations Manager, Office of Higher Ed
- **Nicole Whelan:** Research Analyst, Office of Higher Education
- **Betsy Talbot:** Manager of Licensing and Registration, Office of Higher Education
- **Pat Benner:** Legislative Representative, AFSCME