

**Higher Education Finance and Policy Conference Committee
(HF2431) Wolgamott
Chair: Rep. Marion Rarick**

Meeting: Thursday, May 8th, 2025

Location: Capitol G3

Time: 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Agenda:

- I. Call To Order
- II. Walkthrough of Side-by-side – Nonpartisan Staff
- III. Walkthrough of Spreadsheet – Nonpartisan Staff
- IV. Walkthrough of Same and Similar Items – Nonpartisan Staff
- V. Public Testimony
 1. Dennis Olson – Commissioner, Office of Higher Education
 2. Christine Kiel – Government and Community Relations, University of Minnesota
 3. Traci Toomey, PhD – Director, Cannabis Research Center, University of Minnesota School of Public Health
 4. Bernie Oman – Director of Government Relations, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
 5. Sydney Spreck – Political Affairs Coordinator, MN Association of Professional Employees (MAPE)
 6. Rob Wudlick – Board Member, GUSU2Cure Paralysis
 7. Nikki Vilendrer – Director, Minnesota Government Engagement
 8. Matt Shaver – Senior Policy Director, EdAllies
 9. Dr. Meghan Walsh – Chief Academic Officer, Hennepin Healthcare
 10. Casey Metcalf – Students United and LeadMN
 11. Maeve Olson – Public Policy Coordinator, MN Brain Injury Alliance

12. Jes Shimek – College Lab Assistant, Anoka Ramsey
Community College
13. Shae Horning – Student, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities
14. Karina Villeda – Student, University of Minnesota – Twin
Cities
15. Andi Carter – Student, Minneapolis Community and Technical
College
16. Paul Cerkvenik – President, Minnesota Private College Council
17. Matthew Roderick – Executive Director, Unite 2 Fight
Paralysis
18. Ariana Chamoun – Interim Executive Director – Foster
Advocates
19. Joey Wiley – Government Affairs Associate, Christopherson
Advocates
20. Robert Tipping – Director, MN Geological Survey

Next Meeting: Friday, May 9th, 2025

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2:00 p.m.