

HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Representative Nathan Coulter, Vice Chair of the Committee on Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM on April 14, 2026, in Room Capitol G23 in the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

WOLGAMOTT, Dan (DFL Chair)
ROBBINS, Kristin (GOP Chair)
COULTER, Nathan (DFL Vice Chair)
SCHWARTZ, Erica, (GOP Vice Chair)
ALLEN, Keith
DURAN, Bidal
HANSON, Jessica
KLEVORN, Ginny
LIEBLING, Tina
NOOR, Mohamud
NOVOTNY, Paul
RARICK, Marion
SCOTT, Peggy

Members Excused:

HICKS, Kim

A quorum was present.

Representative Noor moved the minutes of April 9, 2026, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4479 (Frederick) – Elected officials permitted to hold town hall meetings at postsecondary institutions.

Vice Chair Coulter moved to lay over HF4479.

Representative Frederick presented HF4479.

Testifiers on HF4479:

- Jim Dimnock: Minnesota State University Mankato Professor
- Bernie Omann: Minnesota State University Government Relations

Vice Chair Coulter renewed the motion that HF4479 be laid over.

The bill is laid over.

HF4368 (Hanson) – Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities directed to convene a workgroup on adjunct faculty health care eligibility, and report required.

Representative Hanson presented HF4368.

Testifiers on HF4368:

- Faith Ericson: St. Cloud State University and St. Cloud Technical and Community College Faculty
- Eric Davis: Minnesota State, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources
- Carl Newman: Minnesota State Faculty

Vice Chair Coulter moved to lay over HF4368.

The bill is laid over.

HF4889 (Hanson) – Higher education; wage credit use clarification provided.

Representative Hanson presented HF4889.

Testifiers on HF4889:

- Faith Ericson: St. Cloud Technical and Community College Faculty
- Carl Newman: Minnesota State Faculty
- Eric Davis: Minnesota State, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources

Vice Chair Coulter moved to lay over HF4889.

The bill is laid over.

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 PM.



Representative Dan Wolgamott, Chair



Carl Yaeger, Committee Legislative Assistant