

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 1:01 PM, on March 27, 2025, in Room G23 of the Minnesota 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

Representative Scott moved the minutes of March 25th, 2025 be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Representative Scott moved the Higher Education Joint Committee minutes of March 18th, 2025 be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Representative Allen moved to reconsider the minutes, as amended, from February 25, 2025; February 27, 2025; March 11, 2025; March 13, 2025; and March 20, 2025.

Representative Scott moved to incorporate the following oral amendment to the minutes, as amended, of February 25th, 2025 and February 27th, 2025: move Representative Scott from excused to present. **THE AMENDMENT WAS INCOPORATED.**

Chair Rarick moved the approval of the minutes, as amended, from February 25, 2025; February 27, 2025; March 11, 2025; March 13, 2025; and March 20, 2025. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Commissioner Dennis Olson, Office of Higher Education, presented the budget overviews for the State Grant Program and the North Star Program.

Carrie Schneider, Research Director, Office of Higher Education, presented the budget overviews for the State Grant Program and the North Star Program.

Dr. Meghan Walsh, Chief Academic and Research Officer, Hennepin Healthcare System, presented the Hennepin Healthcare System Appropriation Overview.

Charles Esler, Vice President of Finance, Hennepin Healthcare System, presented the Hennepin Healthcare System Appropriation Overview.

Chair Rarick moved to reconsider the adoption of the minutes, as amended, of February 25th, 2025 and February 27th, 2025. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Chair Rarick moved the approval of the minutes as written, as amended, from February 25, 2025 and February 27, 2025. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Chair Rarick called a recess at 2:04 PM.

Chair Rarick called the meeting back to order at 2:21 PM.

Mike Blair, Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs, CentraCare, presented the CentraCare Budget Overview.

Andi J. Smart, MBA, Vice President of Financial Services and Treasury, CentraCare, presented the CentraCare Budget Overview.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 PM.



Representative Kristin Robbins, Acting Chair



James Cook, Committee Legislative Assistant