

HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Scott, member of the Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, on February 24, 2026, in Room G23 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

WOLGAMOTT, Dan, Co-Chair, DFL
SCHWARTZ, Erica, Co-Vice Chair, GOP
COULTER, Nathan, Co-Vice Chair, DFL
ALLEN, Keith
HANSON, Jessica
HICKS, Kim
KLEVORN, Ginny
LIEBLING, Tina
NOOR, Mohamud
NOVOTNY, Paul
ROBBINS, Kristin
SCOTT, Peggy

Members excused:

RARICK, Marion, Chair, GOP
DURAN, Bidal

A quorum was present.

Representative Wolgamott moved the minutes of February 19, 2026 be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The Office of Higher Education presented a Minnesota State Grant Overview:

Presenters:

Dennis W. Olson, Commissioner, Minnesota Office of Higher Education
Meghan Flores, Director of Financial Aid, Minnesota Office of Higher Education

Representative Schwartz assumed the gavel at 1:11 PM

Representative Scott assumed the gavel at 1:13 PM

Nicole Whelan, Research Analyst, Minnesota Office of Higher Education
Wendy Robinson, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Office of Higher Education

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM.



Representative Peggy Scott, Acting Chair



Ellie Wasserman

Ellie Wasserman, Committee Legislative Assistant