

HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Novotny, member of the Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, in Room G23 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

ROBBINS, Kristin, Co-Chair, GOP
SCHWARTZ, Erica, Co-Vice Chair, GOP
WOLGAMOTT, Dan, Co-Chair, DFL
COULTER, Nathan, Co-Vice Chair, DFL
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 Wolgamott moved to approve the minutes, of March 12, 2026 as corrected. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF4266 (Allen) Lowest recognized family responsibility amount modified for purposes of determining state grant awards.

Representative Novotny moved HF4266 before the committee.

Testifiers:

Nicole Whelan, State Grant Research Manager, Office of Higher Education

Representative Novotny renewed the motion that HF4266 be laid over.

The University of Minnesota presented their 2026 State Capital Request:

Presenters:

Alice Roberts-Davis, Vice President of University Services, University of Minnesota
Riley Hetland, Student - Undergraduate Student Government President, University of Minnesota
Dr. Keith Mays, Dean of School of Dentistry, University of Minnesota

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 PM.



Representative Paul Novotny, Acting Chair



Ellie Wasserman, Committee Legislative Assistant