

**JOINT MEETING OF THE HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE AND SENATE HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Senator Omar Fateh, Chair of the Senate Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee, called the joint meeting of the House Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee and the Senate Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee to order at 6:03 PM on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, in Room 120 of the Capitol Building.

The Committee Administrator noted the roll.

House Higher Education Finance and Policy Members Present:

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

Senate Higher Education Finance and Policy Members Present:

FATEH, Omar, Chair
PUTNAM, Aric, Vice Chair
DUCKWORTH, Zach, GOP Lead
CLARK, Doron
FARNSWORTH, Robert
KUPEC, Robert
OUMOU VERBETEN, Clare
RARICK, Jason
UTKE, Paul

A quorum was present.

Presentation from the Minnesota House Research Department on the joint committee procedure.

Presenting:

- Nathan Hopkins, House Research Analyst, Minnesota House Research Department
- Tom Watson, Counsel, Minnesota Senate

Chair Fateh moved to adopt the joint committee procedure. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Wolgamott assumed the gavel at 6:08pm.

Regent candidates for the Student-At-Large provided a 1 minute presentation.

Presenting:

- Dylan Young
- Flora Yang
- Kowsar Mohamed

Candidates provided with a 15 minute question-and-answer session.

The House and Senate clerks noted the role.

First Vote:
Mohamed – 0 House, 0 Senate
Yang – 7 House, 4 Senate
Young – 7 House, 5 Senate

KOWSAR MOHAMED

FLORA YANG
Rep. Allen
Sen. Duckworth
Rep. Duran
Sen. Farnsworth
Rep. Novotny
Rep. Schwartz
Rep. Scott
Rep. Rarick
Sen. Rarick
Rep. Robbins
Sen. Utke

DYLAN YOUNG
Sen. Clark
Rep. Coulter
Sen. Fateh
Rep. Hansen
Rep. Hicks
Rep. Klevorn
Sen. Kupec
Rep. Liebling
Rep. Noor
Sen. Oumou Verbeten
Sen. Putnam
Rep. Wolgamott

A majority vote was not received. Mohamed was dropped from the ballot.

The House and Senate clerk noted the role.

Second Vote:
Young – 7 House, 5 Senate
Yang – 7 House, 4 Senate

FLORA YANG
Rep. Allen
Sen. Duckworth
Rep. Duran
Sen. Farnsworth
Rep. Novotny
Rep. Schwartz
Rep. Scott
Rep. Rarick
Sen. Rarick
Rep. Robbins
Sen. Utke

DYLAN YOUNG
Sen. Clark
Rep. Coulter
Sen. Fateh

Rep. Hansen
Rep. Hicks
Rep. Klevorn
Sen. Kupec
Rep. Liebling
Rep. Noor
Sen. Oumou Verbeten
Sen. Putnam
Rep. Wolgamott

The House and Senate clerk noted the role.

Third Vote:
Young – 7 House, 5 Senate
Yang – 7 House, 4 Senate

FLORA YANG

Rep. Allen
Sen. Duckworth
Rep. Duran
Sen. Farnsworth
Rep. Novotny
Rep. Schwartz
Rep. Scott
Rep. Rarick
Sen. Rarick
Rep. Robbins
Sen. Utke

DYLAN YOUNG

Sen. Clark
Rep. Coulter
Sen. Fateh
Rep. Hansen
Rep. Hicks
Rep. Klevorn
Sen. Kupec
Rep. Liebling
Rep. Noor
Sen. Oumou Verbeten
Sen. Putnam
Rep. Wolgamott

Chair Wolgamott moved that candidates Yang and Young be recommended to the Joint Convention as a slate.

The House and Senate clerk noted the roll.

AYES

Rep. Allen
Sen. Clark
Rep. Coulter
Sen. Duckworth
Rep. Duran
Sen. Farnsworth
Sen. Fateh
Rep. Hansen
Rep. Hicks
Rep. Klevorn
Sen. Kupec
Rep. Liebling
Rep. Noor

Rep. Novotny
Sen. Oumou Verbeten
Sen. Putnam
Rep. Schwartz
Rep. Scott
Rep. Rarick
Sen. Rarick
Rep. Robbins
Sen. Utke
Rep. Wolgamott

NAYS

There being (23) Ayes and (0) Nays, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Rarick assumed the gavel at 6:37 PM.

Senator Oumou Verbeten nominated Kowsar Mohamed. (7) House members and (5) Senate members approved by a show of hands. Kowsar Mohamed was placed into nomination.

Regent candidates for the 5th Congressional District provided a 1 minute presentation.

Presenting:

- Rob Albright
- Ellen Luger

Candidates provided with a 15 minute question-and-answer session.

The House clerk noted the role.

First Vote:

Albright – 0 House, 0 Senate

Kaplan – 7 House, 4 Senate

Luger – 0 House, 0 Senate

Mohamed – 7 House, 5 Senate

The House clerk noted the role.

ROB ALBRIGHT

BENJIE KAPLAN

Rep. Allen

Sen. Duckworth

Rep. Duran

Sen. Farnsworth

Rep. Novotny

Rep. Schwartz

Rep. Scott

Rep. Rarick

Sen. Rarick

Rep. Robbins

Sen. Utke

ELLEN LUGER

KOWSAR MOHAMMED

Sen. Clark

Rep. Coulter

Sen. Fateh

Rep. Hansen

Rep. Hicks

Rep. Klevorn

Sen. Kupec
Rep. Liebling
Rep. Noor
Sen. Oumou Verbeten
Sen. Putnam
Rep. Wolgamott

A majority vote was not received. Albright and Luger were dropped from the ballot.

The House clerk noted the roll.

Second Vote:
Kaplan – 7 House, 4 Senate
Mohamed – 7 House, 5 Senate

BENJIE KAPLAN

Rep. Allen
Sen. Duckworth
Rep. Duran
Sen. Farnsworth
Rep. Novotny
Rep. Schwartz
Rep. Scott
Rep. Rarick
Sen. Rarick
Rep. Robbins
Sen. Utke

KOWSAR MOHAMMED

Sen. Clark
Rep. Coulter
Sen. Fateh
Rep. Hansen
Rep. Hicks
Rep. Klevorn
Sen. Kupec
Rep. Liebling
Rep. Noor
Sen. Oumou Verbeten
Sen. Putnam
Rep. Wolgamott

A majority vote was not received.

The House clerk noted the roll.

Third Vote:
Kaplan – 7 House, 4 Senate
Mohamed – 7 House, 5 Senate

BENJIE KAPLAN

Rep. Allen
Sen. Duckworth
Rep. Duran
Sen. Farnsworth
Rep. Novotny
Rep. Schwartz
Rep. Scott
Rep. Rarick
Sen. Rarick
Rep. Robbins
Sen. Utke

KOWSAR MOHAMMED

Sen. Clark
Rep. Coulter
Sen. Fateh
Rep. Hansen
Rep. Hicks
Rep. Klevorn
Sen. Kupec
Rep. Liebling
Rep. Noor
Sen. Oumou Verbeten
Sen. Putnam
Rep. Wolgamott

A majority vote was not received.

Chair Rarick moved that candidates Kaplan and Mohamed be recommended to the Joint Convention as a slate.

The House and Senate clerks noted the roll.

AYES

Rep. Allen
Sen. Clark
Rep. Coulter
Sen. Duckworth
Rep. Duran
Sen. Fateh
Rep. Hansen
Rep. Hicks
Rep. Klevorn
Sen. Kupec
Rep. Liebling
Rep. Noor
Rep. Novotny
Sen. Oumou Verbeten
Sen. Putnam
Rep. Schwartz
Rep. Scott
Rep. Rarick
Sen. Rarick
Rep. Robbins
Sen. Utke
Rep. Wolgamott

NAYS

Sen. Farnsworth

There being (22) Ayes and (1) Nays, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Fateh assumed the gavel at 7:00 PM.

The regent candidates for the At-Large provided a 1 minute presentation.

Presenting:

- Jamal Adam
- Jeffery Ettinger
- John Gibbs

Candidates provided with a 15 minute question-and-answer session.

Chair Fateh called for a recess at 7:13 PM.

Chair Fateh reconvened the committee at 7:35PM.

The regent candidates for the At-Large provided a 1 minute presentation.

Presenting

- Scott Nagel
- Ann Sheldon
- Dan Wolter

Candidates provided with a 15 minute question-and-answer session.

The House clerk noted the role.

First Vote:

Adam – 7 House, 5 Senate
Ettinger – 0 House, 0 Senate
Gibbs – 7 House, 4 Senate
Nagel – 0 House, 0 Senate
Sheldon – 7 House, 5 Senate
Wolter – 7 House, 4 Senate

JAMAL ADAM

Sen. Clark
Rep. Coulter
Sen. Fateh
Rep. Hansen
Rep. Hicks
Rep. Klevorn
Sen. Kupec
Rep. Liebling
Rep. Noor
Sen. Oumou Verbeten
Sen. Putnam
Rep. Wolgamott

JEFFERY ETTINGER

JOHN GIBBS

Rep. Allen
Sen. Duckworth
Rep. Duran
Sen. Farnsworth
Rep. Novotny
Rep. Schwartz
Rep. Scott
Rep. Rarick
Sen. Rarick
Rep. Robbins
Sen. Utke

SCOTT NAGEL

ANN SHELDON

Sen. Clark
Rep. Coulter
Sen. Fateh
Rep. Hansen
Rep. Hicks
Rep. Klevorn
Sen. Kupec

Rep. Liebling
Rep. Noor
Sen. Oumou Verbeten
Sen. Putnam
Rep. Wolgamott

DAN WOLTER

Rep. Allen
Sen. Duckworth
Rep. Duran
Sen. Farnsworth
Rep. Novotny
Rep. Schwartz
Rep. Scott
Rep. Rarick
Sen. Rarick
Rep. Robbins
Sen. Utke

No candidate received a majority of votes. Ettinger and Nagel were dropped from the ballot.

The Senate and House clerks noted the role.

Second Vote:

Adam – 7 House, 5 Senate
Gibbs – 7 House, 4 Senate
Sheldon – 7 House, 5 Senate
Wolter – 7 House, 4 Senate

JAMAL ADAM

Sen. Clark
Rep. Coulter
Sen. Fateh
Rep. Hansen
Rep. Hicks
Rep. Klevorn
Sen. Kupec
Rep. Liebling
Rep. Noor
Sen. Oumou Verbeten
Sen. Putnam
Rep. Wolgamott

JOHN GIBBS

Rep. Allen
Sen. Duckworth
Rep. Duran
Sen. Farnsworth
Rep. Novotny
Rep. Schwartz
Rep. Scott
Rep. Rarick
Sen. Rarick
Rep. Robbins
Sen. Utke

ANN SHELDON

Sen. Clark
Rep. Coulter
Sen. Fateh
Rep. Hansen
Rep. Hicks

Rep. Klevorn
Sen. Kupec
Rep. Liebling
Rep. Noor
Sen. Oumou Verbeten
Sen. Putnam
Rep. Wolgamott

DAN WOLTER

Rep. Allen
Sen. Duckworth
Rep. Duran
Sen. Farnsworth
Rep. Novotny
Rep. Schwartz
Rep. Scott
Rep. Rarick
Sen. Rarick
Rep. Robbins
Sen. Utke

A majority vote was not received.

The House and Senate clerk noted the role.

Third Vote:

Adam – 7 House, 5 Senate
Gibbs – 7 House, 4 Senate
Sheldon – 7 House, 5 Senate
Wolter – 7 House, 4 Senate

JAMAL ADAM

Sen. Clark
Rep. Coulter
Sen. Fateh
Rep. Hansen
Rep. Hicks
Rep. Klevorn
Sen. Kupec
Rep. Liebling
Rep. Noor
Sen. Oumou Verbeten
Sen. Putnam
Rep. Wolgamott

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Sen. Utke

ANN SHELDON

Sen. Clark
Rep. Coulter
Sen. Fateh

Rep. Hansen
Rep. Hicks
Rep. Klevorn
Sen. Kupec
Rep. Liebling
Rep. Noor
Sen. Oumou Verbeten
Sen. Putnam
Rep. Wolgamott

DAN WOLTER

Rep. Allen
Sen. Duckworth
Rep. Duran
Sen. Farnsworth
Rep. Novotny
Rep. Schwartz
Rep. Scott
Rep. Rarick
Sen. Rarick
Rep. Robbins
Sen. Utke

A majority vote was not received.

Chair Fateh moved that candidates Adam, Gibbs, Sheldon and Wolter be recommended as a slate to the Joint Convention.

The House and Senate Clerks noted the roll.

AYES

Rep. Allen
Sen. Clark
Rep. Coulter
Sen. Duckworth
Rep. Duran
Sen. Farnsworth
Sen. Fateh
Rep. Hansen
Rep. Hicks
Rep. Klevorn
Sen. Kupec
Rep. Liebling
Rep. Noor
Rep. Novotny
Sen. Oumou Verbeten
Sen. Putnam
Rep. Schwartz
Rep. Scott
Rep. Rarick
Sen. Rarick
Rep. Robbins
Sen. Utke
Rep. Wolgamott

NAYS

There being (23) Ayes and (0) Nays, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Fateh adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Representative Dan Wolgamott, Chair

Drew Jones, Committee Legislative Assistant