

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTH MEETING  
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

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 1:00 PM, on March 6, 2025, in Room G23 of the Minnesota Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

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

Members excused:

NOOR, Mohamud

Non-voting Members present:

WOLGAMOTT, Dan, Lead

Representative Scott moved the minutes of March 4, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Susan Heegaard, President, Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC), presented on MHEC.

Amy Gudmestad, CEO, Minnesota Independence College and Community (MICC), presented on MICC.

Julie Czaplewski, Student, Minnesota Independence College and Community (MICC), presented on MICC.

Abbie Wendkand, Student, Minnesota Independence College and Community (MICC), presented on MICC.

Dr. Sheila Specker, Program Director, Addiction Medicine Fellowship, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, University of Minnesota, presented the Addiction Medicine Fellowship (University of Minnesota).

Dr. David Peter, University of Minnesota, presented the Addiction Medicine Fellowship (University of Minnesota).

Dr. Charlie Reznikoff, Physician, Hennepin Healthcare, presented the Addiction Medicine Fellowship (University of Minnesota).

Dr. Meghan Walsh, Chief Academic and Research Officer, Hennepin Healthcare, presented on Hennepin Healthcare

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 PM.

Marion Rarick

Representative Marion Rarick, Chair

James Cook

James Cook, Committee Legislative Assistant