

HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Duran, member of the Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, on March 3, 2026, in Room G23 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

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

Members excused:

RARICK, Marion, Co-Chair, GOP
WOLGAMOTT, Dan, Co-Chair, DFL

A quorum was present.

Representative Scott moved the minutes of February 26, 2026 be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Bemidji State University presented their Campus Storm Damage:

Presenters:

John Hoffman, President, Bemidji State University
Brent Steinmetz, General Repair Worker, Bemidji State University

Minnesota State presented their 2026 Capital Budget Request:

Presenters:

Brian Swanson, Associate Vice-Chancellor for Facilities, Minnesota State
Bernie Omann, Special Assistant to the Chancellor, Minnesota State

The meeting was adjourned at 2:24 PM.



Representative Bidat Duran, Acting Chair



Ellie Wasserman, Committee Legislative Assistant