

**HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Representative Dan Wolgamott, Chair of the Committee on Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on Thursday, April 3, 2025, in Room Capitol G23 in the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

**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, Kristen  
SCOTT, Peggy

HF2930 (Hill) - Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis research funding provided, report required, appropriation cancelled, and money appropriated.

Chair Wolgamott moved to lay over HF2930.

Representative Hill presented HF2930.

Testifiers on HF2930:

- Dante Tomassoni, ALS Advocate
- Dr. David Walk, Professor and Neuromuscular Medicine Division Director, University of Minnesota

A quorum was present.

Representative Hill moved an oral amendment to HF2930, as below:

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THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE ORAL AMENDMENT WAS INCORPORATED.

Chair Wolgamott renewed his motion that HF2930, as amended, be laid over.

The bill is laid over.

Representative Coulter moved the minutes of April 1, 2025, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF2561 (Bahner) - Authority to offer applied doctoral degrees at state universities expanded

Chair Wolgamott moved to lay over HF2561.

Representative Bahner presented HF2561.

Testifiers on HF2561:

- Ginny Arthur, President, Metro State University
- Bernie Omann, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota State

Chair Wolgamott renewed his motion that HF2561 be laid over.

The bill is laid over.

HF1165 (Bahner) - Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority restructured and renamed to Minnesota Health and Education Facilities Authority, authority to construct and finance health care facilities authorized, and bonding capacity increased.

Chair Wolgamott moved to lay over HF1165.

Representative Bahner presented HF1165.

Testifiers on HF1165:

- Barry Fick, Executive Director, MNHEFA

Chair Wolgamott renewed his motion that HF1165 be laid over.

The bill is laid over.

HF0421 (Hanson) - Legacy admissions prohibited in higher education institutions

Chair Wolgamott moved to lay over HF0421.

Representative Bahner presented HF0421.

Chair Wolgamott renewed his motion that HF0421 be laid over.

The bill is laid over.

HF2151 (Wolgamott) - Plant-based foods production training pilot program established, and money appropriated.

Chair Wolgamott moved to lay over HF2151.

Chair Wolgamott moved the A1 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Wolgamott presented HF2151 as amended.

Presenting:

- Daniel Gertner - Lead Economic & Industry Analyst, The Good Food Institute
- Zach Hubert - Corporate Development Manager, PURIS Foods

Chair Wolgamott renewed his motion that HF2151, as amended, be laid over.

The bill is laid over.

HF2767 (Wolgamott) - Grant amounts for the dual training competency grant program increased, and money appropriated.

Chair Wolgamott moved to lay over HF2767.

Chair Wolgamott moved the A1 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Wolgamott presented HF2767 as amended.

Presenting:

- Danny Ackert, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Hospital Association
- Abigail Knieste, RN and Clinical Supervisor, Children's Minnesota

Chair Wolgamott renewed his motion that HF2767, as amended, be laid over.

The bill is laid over.

HF2908 (Kotyza-Witthuhn) - Statewide children's savings account program for higher education established, local partner design and implementation grants established, report required, rulemaking required, and money appropriated.

Chair Wolgamott Moved to lay over HF2908.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn Presented HF 2908.

Presenting:

- Erin Martin, Director of Policy and System Transformation Programs, Youthprise
- Amy Trombley, Vice President for Community, Central Minnesota Initiative
- Maureen Nelson, Parent and St. Paul resident

Chair Wolgamott renewed his motion to lay over HF2908.

The bill is laid over.

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 PM.

  
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Representative Dan Wolgamott, Chair

  
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Andrew Jones, Committee Legislative Assistant