

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 March 24, 2026, in Room Capitol G23 in the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

WOLGAMOTT, Dan (DFL Chair)
ROBBINS, Kristin (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
RARICK, Marion
SCOTT, Peggy

A quorum was present.

HF4362 (Coulter) - Visitor carrying of firearms on campuses of public postsecondary institutions regulated.

Representative Coulter moved that HF4362 be re-referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy.

Testifiers:

- Jenne Chernega: IFO President and Winona State Sociology Faculty
- Mark Grant: Governmental Relations, Minnesota State College Faculty
- Brian Gosch: NRA Minnesota State Director
- Anna Leamy: Director of Government Relations and Advocacy for the MN Gun Owners Caucus

Chair Wolgamott requested a roll call on HF4362.

Representative Coulter renewed the motion that HF4362 be re-referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy.

The clerk took the roll.

A YES

Wolgamott
Coulter
Hanson
Hicks
Klevorn
Liebling
Noor

NAYS
Robbins
Schwartz
Allen
Duran
Novotny
Rarick
Scott

There being 7 AYES and 7 NAYS, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

HF4252 (Wolgammott) - Student aid reporting requirements modified, additional accommodations for parenting students required, American Indian Scholars program eligibility modified, and reports required.

Chair Wolgammott moved that HF4252 be laid over.

Chair Wolgammott moved the A1 Amendment to HF4252.

Testifiers:

Dennis W. Olson: Office of Higher Education Commissioner
Nekey Oliver: OHE Director of Government Relations and Community Engagement
Nicole Whelan: OHE Research Analyst
Andrew Wold: OHE General Counsel and Director of Compliance
Meghan Flores: OHI Director of State Financial Aid Programs

Vice Chair Coulter assumed the gavel at 1:48 PM.

Chair Wolgammott assumed the gavel at 1:50 PM.

Representative Allen moved the A3 Amendment to HF4252A1.

Representative Allen withdrew the A3 Amendment to HF4252A1

Representative Duran moved the A5 Amendment to HF4252A1.

Representative Duran withdrew the A5 Amendment HF4252A1.

Representative Novotny moved the A7 Amendment to HF4252A1.

Representative Novotny withdrew the A7 Amendment to HF4252A1

Chair Robbins moved the A4 Amendment to HF4252A1.

Chair Robbins withdrew the A4 Amendment to HF4252A1.

Chair Wolgammott renewed the motion that HF4252 be laid over. The bill was laid over.

The meeting adjourned at 2:47 PM.



Representative Dan Wolgammott, Chair



Carl Yaeger, Committee Legislative Assistant