



# Minnesota Senate Higher Education Committee

Thursday, March 16, 2023

3:00pm

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## Agenda:

I. Call to Order

II. Senate File 2075 (Fateh)

### Testifying:

-Nekey Oliver, Director of Grants and Government Relations, Minnesota Office of Higher Education

III. Senate File 1177 (Putnam)

### Testifying:

-Joe Mulford, President, Pine Technical and Community College

-Steve Hallan, Pine County Commissioner

-Lori Kloos, President, St. Cloud Technical and Community College

-Patti Gartland, President, Greater St. Cloud Development Corporation

-Vince Thomas, Dean of Trade Technologies, Minneapolis College

-Rick Steer, Vice President, Zero Zone

-Nicole Mattson, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, Care Providers of Minnesota

-Anna Mowry, Director of Workforce Solutions, LeadingAge MN

-Dawanna Witt, Hennepin County Sheriff

-Stu Lourey, Government Relations Director, Minnesota Farmers Union

-Kaytlin Bemis, Public Policy Specialist, Minnesota Farm Bureau

-Scott Weicht, Adolfson & Peterson Construction

-Lynn Shelton, Vice President, Enterprise Minnesota

-Amy Walstein, Education Policy and Workforce

Development Director, Minnesota Business Partnership

-Scott Lambert, President, Minnesota Auto Dealer Association

-Mary Krinkie, Vice President of Government Relations, Minnesota Hospital Association

-Steve Noble, Board Member, Builders Association of Minnesota

-Ed Reynoso, Director of Political and Legislative

Affairs, Teamsters Local 320  
-Roger Moe, Chair, Minnesota State Colleges and  
Universities Board of Trustees

IV. Adjourn