



Minnesota Senate Higher Education Committee

Thursday, February 22, 2024
3:00pm

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Agenda:

I. Call to Order

II. Senate File 3804 (Kupec)

Testifying:

-Caitlin Efta, University of Minnesota - Duluth student,
President of Education Minnesota Aspiring Educators

-Melissa Larson, University of Minnesota - Duluth
student, Vice President of Education Minnesota
Aspiring Educators

-Trinitey Bryant, Minnesota State University Mankato
student

-AJ Von Bank, Minnesota State University Moorhead
student

-Peter Dux, Minnesota State University Moorhead
student

-Matt Shaver, Policy Director, EdAllies

-Laura Mogelson, Legislative Liaison, Minnesota
Association of Colleges of Teacher Education

-Caroline Maguire, Continuous Improvement
Coordinator, Office of Teacher Education

III. Presentation from the Office of Higher Education

Testifying:

-Commissioner Dennis Olson

-Wendy Robinson, Assistant Commissioner

-Meghan Fitzgibbon, Manager of Grants and
Workforce Initiatives

-Meghan Flores, Financial Aid Manager

-Nicole Whelan, Research Analyst

IV. Presentation from the Department of Corrections

Testifying:

-Commissioner Paul Schnell

-Crystal Brakke, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for
Teaching and Learning

V. Adjourn

