# Minnesota State Senate

**Higher Education Committee**
**Thursday, February 29, 2024**
**3:00 PM, G-15 Capitol**

## Minutes

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<u>Present</u>: Senator Omar Fateh - Chair, Senator Aric Putnam Vice Chair, Senator Zach Duckworth, Senator Robert D. Farnsworth, Senator Robert J. Kupec, Senator Erin P. Murphy, Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten, Senator Jason Rarick

<u>Absent</u>: No Members Absent

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**Senator Omar Fateh called the meeting to order at 3:00pm**

<u>S.F. 1045:</u> **Senator Port: Postsecondary institution\'s mandated sexual harassment and sexual assault policy amendment.**

The following individuals testified on S.F.1045:
-Melissa Watschke, Title IX Administrator, Office of
Higher Education
-Sierra Roiger, student, Minnesota State - Mankato
-Nora Simondet, student, Minnesota State - Moorhead

Senator Fateh moved the A-4 amendment, **MOTION ADOPTED**

Senator Fateh moved the A-5 amendment, **MOTION ADOPTED**

Senator Fateh moved that S.F. 1045, be laid over.

<u>S.F. 3945:</u> **Senator Putnam: Higher education previous appropriations modifications.**

Senator Putnam moved that S.F. 3945, be laid over.

<u>S.F. 4269:</u> **Senator Oumou Verbeten: Postsecondary education institutions incarcerated and postprision persons provisions modifications.**

The following individuals testified on S.F.4269:
-Commissioner Paul Schnell, Department of
Corrections
-Crystal Brakke, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for
Teaching and Learning, Department of Corrections
-Jesse Mason, Associate Vice-Chancellor for Academic
Affairs, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
-Krystle Igbo-Ogbonna, Director of Student Access
and Academic Partnerships, Minnesota State Colleges
and Universities
-Will Cooley, Minnesota Justice Research Center

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved the A-2 amendment, **MOTION ADOPTED**

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved that S.F. 4269, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. - **MOTION ADOPTED**.

**Call to order**

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**The meeting was adjourned at 3:59pm**

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**Senator Omar Fateh, Chair**

_[signature: Chris Meyer]_

**Chris Meyer, Legislative Assistant**