

# Minnesota State Senate

Higher Education Committee  
Thursday, March 21, 2024  
3:00 PM, G-15 Capitol

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## Minutes

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**Present:** 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

**Absent:** No Members Absent

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Senator Omar Fateh called the meeting to order at 3:11pm

Call to order

**S.F. 3945:** Senator Putnam: Higher education previous appropriations modifications.

Senator Putnam moved that S.F. 3945, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Finance Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 4003:** Senator Fateh: Certain higher education provisions technical and policy changes.

Gavel transferred to Vice Chair Putnam at 3:14pm  
The following individuals testified on S.F.4003:  
-Commissioner Dennis Olson, Office of Higher Education  
-Kristin Burgess, Director of Accessibility Resources, Metropolitan State University  
-Ziigwan Frazer, Policy and Advocacy Manager, Foster Advocates  
-Marwah Asif, State Chair, Students United  
-Jonathan Bohn, Director of Public Affairs, Inter-Faculty Organization  
-Mark Grant, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota State College Faculty

Senator Fateh moved the A4 amendment, **MOTION ADOPTED**

Senator Fateh moved the A5 amendment to the amendment, **MOTION ADOPTED**

Senator Rarick moved the A6 amendment to the amendment, **MOTION ADOPTED**

Senator Fateh moved the A8 amendment to the amendment, **MOTION ADOPTED**

Senator Fateh moved that S.F. 4003, as amended, be recommended to pass. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:24pm

  
Senator Omar Fateh, Chair

  
Chris Meyer, Legislative Assistant