

Minnesota State Senate

Judiciary and Public Safety Committee
Tuesday, June 25, 2024
12:30 PM, 1200 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Ron Latz - Chair, Senator Warren Limmer, Senator Jim Carlson, Senator Justin D. Eichorn, Senator Jeff R. Howe, Senator Michael E. Kreun, Senator Judy Seeberger, Senator Bonnie S. Westlin

Absent: Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten - Vice Chair, Senator Sandra L. Pappas

Senator Ron Latz called the meeting to order at 12:43 PM

Scope of hearing To ask questions, gather information, and take testimony on the pattern of anti-Israel and anti-Jewish incidents at the University of Minnesota and the U administration’s handling of these incidents, including issues relating to the Minnesota Human Rights Act, the state’s anti-BDS statute, 1st Amendment freedom of speech protections, academic freedom, and public safety and security of Jewish students and faculty, as they have arisen since October 7, 2023.

06.25.2024 11:30 AM Additional documents added.

Attendance information for members of the public There is dedicated space in the hearing room for testifiers and media. For members of the public, there is additional limited seating available, and admittance will be on a first come first served basis. No signs, banners, or other similar paraphernalia is allowed in the hearing room. Bags and backpacks may be subject to search. By attending the hearing, individuals agree to adhere to committee decorum set forth by the Senate. Clapping, booing, commentary, or any other disruptive behavior is not allowed.

Testifier List

The following individuals testified on Testifier List:
Jeff Ettinger, Interim President, University of Minnesota; Benjie Kaplan, Executive Director, Hillel; Professor Richard W. Painter, University of Minnesota; Professor Oren Gross, University of Minnesota; Zach Fisher, UMN Law School Graduate; Brandon Wagenfeld, Jewish UMN Student via zoom; Imogen Page, Jewish UMN Alumni via zoom; Beth Gendler, Jewish Community Action; Bob Goonin, MN BDS Community Member; Sylvia Schwarz, MN BDS Community Member; Karen Redleaf Schraufnagel, MN BDS Community Member; Dr. Sima Shakhsari, UMN Professor; Dr. Tony C. Brown, UMN Professor; Stephanie Iskhakov, Chabad; Steve Hunegs, Executive Director, Jewish Community Relations Council;

3:03 PM Senator Latz called a recess
3:12 PM Senator Latz called the committee to order

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 PM



Senator Ron Latz, Chair



Zach Cullen, Legislative Assistant