



Minnesota Senate Committee on Higher Education

Thursday, January 23, 2025
3:00pm

Agenda

Chairs

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Tom Watson

Fiscal Analyst

Megan Bursch

1. Call to Order, Chair Fateh presiding
2. Informational presentation from the Office of Higher Education on the State Grant program and the Governor's recommended changes

Testifying:

-Commissioner Dennis Olson
-Meghan Flores, State Financial Aid Manager, Office of Higher Education
-Nicole Whelan, Research Analyst, Office of Higher Education

3. Testimony from colleges and universities on the impact of the State Grant program

Testifying:

-Meredith Fergus, Scholarship and Financial Aid Analyst, University of Minnesota
-Nate Peterson, Director of the Office of Student Finance, University of Minnesota
-Trish Johnson, Director of Financial Aid, College of St. Scholastica
-Amanda Burgess, Director of Financial Aid, Augsburg University
-Jama Jiggo, Augsburg University
-Maddy Ploof, College of St. Scholastica
-Chris Halling, Director of Financial Aid, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

4. Adjournment

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