

Minnesota State Senate

Higher Education Committee

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

3:00 PM, G-15 Capitol

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Minutes

Present: Senator Zach Duckworth - **Chair**, Senator Omar Fateh - **Chair**, Senator Aric Putnam - **Vice Chair**, Senator Jason Rarick - **Vice Chair**, Senator Robert D. Farnsworth, Senator Robert J. Kupec, Senator Clare Oumou Verbeté, Senator Paul J. Utke

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Zach Duckworth called the meeting to order at 3:00pm

Call to order

Informational overview from Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

The following individuals testified on Informational overview from Minnesota State Colleges and Universities:

- George Soule, Chair, Board of Trustees
- Chancellor Scott Olson
- Dawn Erlandson, Vice Chair, Board of Trustees
- Amy Jorgenson, Chief Audit Officer
- Tim Huebsch, Trustee
- Bill Maki, Vice Chancellor of Finance and Facilities
- Mike Raich, President, Minnesota North College
- Tim Downs, President, Minnesota State University – Moorhead
- Mike Seymour, President, Alexandria Technical and Community College
- John Hoffman, President, Bemidji State University
- Anita Hanson, President, Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College

Informational overview from the University of Minnesota

The following individuals testified on Informational overview from the University of Minnesota:

Testifying:

- Melisa López Franzen, Director, Government and Community Relations
- Mary Holz Clause, Chancellor, University of Minnesota – Crookston
- Charles Nies, Chancellor, University of Minnesota – Duluth
- Janet Schrunk Ericksen, Chancellor, University of Minnesota – Morris
- Lori Carrell, Chancellor, University of Minnesota – Rochester
- Calvin Phillips, Vice President for Student Affairs
- Shashank Priya, Vice President for Research and Innovation
- Connie Delaney, Dean, School of Nursing
- Bev Durgan, Dean, University of Minnesota Extension
- Robert Blair, Faculty Legislative Liaison
- Mark Bee, Faculty Legislative Liaison

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02pm



Senator Zach Duckworth



Chris Meyer, Legislative Assistant