

Minnesota State Senate

Higher Education Committee
Thursday, February 13, 2025
3:00 PM, G-15 Capitol

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Minutes

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

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Omar Fateh called the meeting to order at 3:10pm

Call to order

Overview of enrollment data and trends Presentations from the University of Minnesota, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, and the Minnesota Private Colleges Council.

The following individuals testified on Overview of enrollment data and trends:

- Melissa Lopez Franzen, Director of Government Relations, University of Minnesota
- Mary Holz-Clause, Chancellor, University of Minnesota-Crookston
- Charles Nies, Chancellor, University of Minnesota - Duluth
- Melissa Bert, Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management, University of Minnesota - Morris
- Lori Carrell, Chancellor, University of Minnesota - Rochester
- Gregory Sneed, Vice Provost for Enrollment Management, University of Minnesota
- Lori Kloos, President, St. Cloud Technical and Community College
- Karen Backes, Director of Recruitment and Outreach, St Cloud Technical and Community College
- Carrie Brimhall, President, Minnesota State Community and Technical College
- Bill Maki, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Faculties, Minnesota State
- Paul Shepherd, Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management, Minnesota State
- Paul Cerkenik, President, Minnesota Private Colleges Council
- Megan Rozowski, Director of Research and Policy Development, Minnesota Private College Council

Student testimony on enrollment and retention

The following individuals testified on Student testimony on enrollment and retention:

- Leemu Garyu, student, Metro State University
- Hans Arvidson-Hicks, student, Metro State University
- Grace Horn, student, Minnesota College Southeast
- Kailen Roeder, student, South Central College
- Noura Rezk, student, Hamline University
- Elena Pastor, student, Hamline University
- Will Luther, student, University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
- Miah Moore, student, Normandale Community College
- John Runningen, student, Concordia College Moorhead
- Rahma Ali, student, University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
- Shirly Moua, student, Metro State University

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06pm



Senator Omar Fateh, Chair



Chris Meyer, Legislative Assistant