

# Minnesota State Senate

Higher Education Committee  
Thursday, March 27, 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 Verbeten, Senator Jason Rarick, Senator Paul J. Utke

**Absent:** No Members Absent

Senator Omar Fateh called the meeting to order at 3:00pm

**Call to order**

**S.F. 2734: Senator Hauschild: Minnesota Green Iron initiative at the University of Minnesota's Natural Resources Research Institute appropriation.**

The following individuals testified on S.F.2734:

-Rolf Weberg, Executive Director, Natural Resources Research Institute

Senator Fateh moved that S.F. 2734, be laid over.

**S.F. 2881: Senator Hauschild: Permanent university fund mining royalty income allocation modifications.**

The following individuals testified on S.F.2881:

-Rolf Weberg, Executive Director, Natural Resources Research Institute

Senator Fateh moved that S.F. 2881, be laid over.

**S.F. 2703: Senator Gustafson: Enrollment fraud working group creation.**

The following individuals testified on S.F.2703:

-Joe Haker, instructor, Century College

-Jenna Chernega, President, Inter-Faculty Organization

Senator Fateh moved that S.F. 2703, be laid over.

**S.F. 2932: Senator Oumou Verbeten: College Financing Literacy Act establishment provision.**

-Rachel Fishman, Higher Education Program Director, New America

-Eddy Conroy, Higher Education Policy Manager, New America

-Maxwell Berg, student, University of Minnesota

-Madie Spartz, Policy and Research Analyst, EdAllies

-Travis Matthews, Foster Postsecondary Success Coordinator, Youthprise

-Bryce McKibben, Senior Director of Policy and Advocacy, Hope Center at Temple University

-Eleanor Anderson, student, St. Catherine's University

-John Runningen, student, Concordia University – Moorhead

-Hailey Brown, student, Minnesota State College Southeast – Red Wing

-Mark Salisbury, CEO, Tuition Fit

-Mike Dean, Executive Director, North Star Prosperity

Senator Fateh moved that S.F. 2932, be laid over.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:37pm**



Senator Omar Fateh, Chair



Chris Meyer, Legislative Assistant