



Minnesota Senate Committee on Higher Education

Tuesday, April 8, 2025
3:00pm

Agenda

Chair

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Sen. Paul Utke

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Chris Meyer

Counsel

Tom Watson

Fiscal Analyst

Megan Bursch

1. Call to Order
2. Walkthrough of S.F. 2483 A-4 amendment (omnibus higher education budget and policy provisions)
3. Public testimony on S.F. 2483 A-4 amendment

Testifying:

-Commissioner Dennis Olson, Office of Higher Education

-Gavin Bart, Chief of Addiction Medicine, Hennepin Healthcare

-Sheila Specker, Addiction Medicine Fellowship Program Director, University of Minnesota

-Nikki Vilendrer, Director of Government Engagement, Mayo Clinic

-Jodi Gertken, State Government Affairs Director, CentraCare

-Trevor Ames, Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association

-Montse Torremorell, Chair of Veterinary Population Medicine, University of Minnesota

-Gregg Goldman, Executive Vice President for Finance and Operations, University of Minnesota

-Bernie Omann, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities

-Paul Cerkvenik, President, Minnesota Private Colleges Council

-Shae Horning, State Government Coordinator, UMN Undergraduate Student Government

-Brendan Frazier, student, Concordia University – St. Paul

-Beth Hamer, Director of Access and Success, St. Catherine University

-Matt Shaver, Senior Policy Director, EdAllies

-Casey Metcalfe, Government Relations Manager, Students United

-Ariana Guerra, Executive Director, Foster Advocates

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