

Minnesota State Senate

Higher Education Committee

Tuesday, April 8, 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 3:04pm

Call to order

S.F. 2483: Senator Fateh: Office of Higher Education funding and policy related provisions modifications and appropriations.

Senator Fateh turned over the gavel to Senator Putnam at 3:37pm

The following individuals testified on the A-4 amendment to S.F.2483:

- 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

Senator Fateh moved that S.F. 2483, be laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44pm



Senator Omar Fateh, Chair



Chris Meyer, Legislative Assistant