



**Annual Commission Meeting - Hybrid**  
**November 13-15, 2023**  
**Agenda | St. Paul, Minnesota**  
*All times are listed in Central Time (CT)*

***Day 1: Monday, November 13***

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. CT      Finance and Audit Committee Meeting (*for committee members only*)  
Cedar

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. CT      Governance Committee Meeting (*for committee members only*)  
Lexington

3:30 p.m. CT      BOARD BUS  
Lobby      Meet in hotel lobby and board bus to the Minnesota State Capitol

3:35 p.m. CT      BUS DEPARTS  
[Minnesota State Capitol](#)  
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, St. Paul (1.3 miles)

3:50 p.m. CT      Minnesota State Capitol Security Check

4:00 p.m. CT      OPTIONAL TOUR  
[Minnesota State Capitol](#)

5:00 p.m. CT      Depart for The Saint Paul Hotel

5:15 p.m. CT      RECEPTION  
Drake Landing      The Saint Paul Hotel

6:00 p.m. CT      Welcome – Ms. Susan Heegaard, MHEC President

6:15 p.m. CT      DINNER  
Drake Landing      The Saint Paul Hotel

7:00 p.m. CT

PRESENTATION

*Social and Economic Realities of Demographic Shifts in the Midwest*  
Dr. Susan Brower, Minnesota State Demographer, Minnesota State  
Demographic Center

Introduction: Ms. Susan Heegaard, MHEC President

7:45 p.m. CT

Closing Remarks – Ms. Susan Heegaard, MHEC President

***Day 2: Tuesday, November 14***

7:30 a.m. CT

BREAKFAST

Summit

8:30 a.m. CT

Promenade Ballroom

1) Call to Order – Rep. Barbara Ballard (KS), MHEC Acting Chair

2) Minnesota Welcome – Minnesota Governor Tim Walz *Invited*  
Mr. Dennis Olson, Commissioner, Minnesota Office of Higher  
Education and Governor’s Designee

8:50 a.m. CT

3) Overview of Hybrid Meeting Guidelines – Ms. Susan Heegaard, MHEC  
President

4) Roll Call of States - Ms. Mary Roberson, MHEC Senior Director of  
Communications and Marketing

5) Introductions of Commissioners, Guests, and Staff

9:15 a.m. CT

**Action Item 1**

6) Approval of Agenda – Rep. Barbara Ballard (KS), MHEC Acting Chair

**Action Item 2**

7) Approval of Annual Commission Meeting Minutes, November 14-16,  
2022 – Rep. Barbara Ballard (KS), MHEC Acting Chair

9:20 a.m. CT

8) Report of the MHEC Chair – Rep. Barbara Ballard (KS), MHEC Acting  
Chair



- 9:30 a.m. CT 9) Report of the MHEC President – Ms. Susan Heegaard, MHEC President
- 9:40 a.m. CT BREAK
- 9:55 a.m. CT 10) *Federal Update*  
Promenade Ballroom Dr. Thomas Harnisch, Vice President of Government Relations, State Higher Education Executive Officers
- Introduction: Dr. Daniel J. Hurley, CEO, Michigan Association of State Universities
- 10:30 a.m. CT 11) *Perspective from the Midwest: A Legislative Recap and 2024 Session Preview*  
Ms. Laura Tomaka, Director, Council of State Governments, Midwest Office
- Introduction: Rep. Tyler Tordsen, State Representative; Member, House Education Committee, South Dakota Legislature
- 11:00 a.m. CT BREAK
- 11:15 a.m. CT 12) Unfinished Business  
Promenade Ballroom
- a) Contract and Program Updates
1. Master Property Program/Stone Arch Captive
  2. Technology Contract Payments
  3. National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA)
- 13) New Business
- a) BoardEffect – Board portal introduction

12:00 p.m. CT Summit	LUNCH
1:00 p.m. CT Promenade Ballroom	<p>14) New Business (continued)</p> <p>b) Finance and Audit Committee Report – Mr. Larry Tidemann (SD), Treasurer and Committee Chair</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CliftonLarsonAllen Update and Report on Budget Support and Process Improvements – Ms. Nancy Fuchs, Executive Consultant, Clifton Larson Allen; and Ms. Leah Lindstrom, Executive Consultant, Clifton Larson Allen</li> <li>2. Budget Highlights for FY23 and FY24 year-to-date – Mr. Larry Tidemann (SD), Treasurer and Committee Chair</li> <li>3. FY23 Audit Report – Moss Adams – Ms. Melissa Harman, Partner, Moss Adams; and Ms. Ashlee Lent, Senior Manager, Moss Adams</li> </ol>
2:00 p.m. CT	c) Governance Committee Report – Dr. Julie Underwood (WI), Committee Chair
<b>Action Item 3</b>	1. Roles and Responsibilities of the MHEC Commissioner
<b>Action Item 4</b>	2. Guidelines for MHEC Officer Nomination Process
<b>Action Item 5</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Increasing the Size of the Finance and Audit Committee</li> <li>4. Awards Report</li> </ol>
2:30 p.m. CT <b>Action Item 6-9</b>	d) Nominations and Elections of Officers, Chair, Vice Chair, Past Chair, and Treasurer – Rep. Barbara Ballard (KS), MHEC Acting Chair
2:40 p.m. CT	BREAK

- 2:55 p.m. CT  
Promenade Ballroom
- 15) PRESENTATION  
*AI and its Impact on Higher Education*  
Mr. Daniel Schwarcz, Fredrickson & Byron Professor of Law,  
University of Minnesota Law School
- Introduction: Sen. John Cavanaugh (NE), State Senator, Nebraska  
Legislature
- 3:40 p.m. CT  
Wrap Up – Rep. Barbara Ballard (KS), MHEC Acting Chair
- 3:45 p.m. CT  
RECESS
- 4:40 p.m. CT  
Lobby
- BOARD BUS  
Depart from The Saint Paul Hotel Lobby
- 4:45 p.m. CT  
BUS DEPARTS  
[Bell Museum, University of Minnesota](#)  
2088 Larpenteur Ave W, Saint Paul (8.7 miles)
- 5:00 p.m. CT  
MN Journeys
- RECEPTION & EXHIBIT VIEWING  
[Bell Museum, University of Minnesota](#)
- 5:15 p.m. CT  
Planetarium
- PLANETARIUM SHOW (20 minutes) (Optional)
- 6:30 p.m. CT  
Horizon Hall
- 16) WELCOME – Dr. Rachel Croson, Executive Vice President and  
Provost, University of Minnesota
- 6:45 p.m. CT  
DINNER
- 7:30 p.m. CT
- 17) PRESENTATION  
*Higher Education and Workforce, How Does the Midwest Respond*  
Mr. Kurt Zellers, CEO, Minnesota Business Partnership
- Introduction: Rep. Jacob Bossman (IA); State Representative and  
Member Appropriations Committee; Iowa Legislature
- 8:05 p.m. CT
- 18) MHEC Award Presentations – Ms. Susan Heegaard, MHEC President



8:45 p.m. CT Depart for The Saint Paul Hotel

***Day 3: Wednesday, November 15***

7:30 a.m. CT BREAKFAST  
Summit

8:30 a.m. CT 19) Reconvene  
Promenade Ballroom

20) PRESENTATION  
*Facing Change: How can Higher Education Adapt and Move Forward in our Midwest Region*  
Dr. Nathan Grawe, Professor of Economics, Carleton College  
  
Introduction: Dr. Eric Fulcomer, President, Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities

9:20 a.m. CT 21) PRESENTATION  
*What's Coming Next with the FASFA*  
Dr. Thomas Harnisch, Vice President of Government Relations, State Higher Education Executive Officers  
  
Introduction: Ms. Susan Heegaard, MHEC President

10:05 a.m. CT 22) Closing Comments – Rep. Barbara Ballard (KS), MHEC Acting Chair  
  
23) Passing of the Gavel

10:15 a.m. CT ADJOURN