



## 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

Promenade Ballroom

- 10) *Federal Update*

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

Promenade Ballroom

- 12) Unfinished Business

- 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

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1:00 p.m. CT  
Promenade Ballroom

14) New Business (continued)

b) Finance and Audit Committee Report – Mr. Larry Tidemann (SD), Treasurer and Committee Chair

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
2. Budget Highlights for FY23 and FY24 year-to-date – Mr. Larry Tidemann (SD), Treasurer and Committee Chair
3. FY23 Audit Report – Moss Adams – Ms. Melissa Harman, Partner, Moss Adams; and Ms. Ashlee Lent, Senior Manager, Moss Adams

2:00 p.m. CT

c) Governance Committee Report – Dr. Julie Underwood (WI), Committee Chair

**Action Item 3**

1. Roles and Responsibilities of the MHEC Commissioner

**Action Item 4**

2. Guidelines for MHEC Officer Nomination Process

**Action Item 5**

3. Increasing the Size of the Finance and Audit Committee
4. Awards Report

2:30 p.m. CT     **Action Item 6-9**

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

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2:55 p.m. CT Promenade Ballroom	<p>15) PRESENTATION</p> <p><i>AI and its Impact on Higher Education</i></p> <p>Mr. Daniel Schwarcz, Fredrickson &amp; Byron Professor of Law, University of Minnesota Law School</p> <p>Introduction: Sen. John Cavanaugh (NE), State Senator, Nebraska Legislature</p>
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	<p>BOARD BUS</p> <p>Depart from The Saint Paul Hotel Lobby</p>
4:45 p.m. CT	<p>BUS DEPARTS</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Bell Museum, University of Minnesota</u></a> 2088 Larpenteur Ave W, Saint Paul (8.7 miles)</p>
5:00 p.m. CT MN Journeys	<p>RECEPTION &amp; EXHIBIT VIEWING</p> <p><a href="#"><u>Bell Museum, University of Minnesota</u></a></p>
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	<p>17) PRESENTATION</p> <p><i>Higher Education and Workforce, How Does the Midwest Respond</i></p> <p>Mr. Kurt Zellers, CEO, Minnesota Business Partnership</p> <p>Introduction: Rep. Jacob Bossman (IA); State Representative and Member Appropriations Committee; Iowa Legislature</p>
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

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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

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