

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: *February 3, 2025*

Location: *RM 15*

Convened: *11:30 AM*

Adjourned: *12:35 PM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Senators Lofgren-CH, Dickey-VC, Dotzler-RM, Quirmbach, Sires

Absent:

Excused:

Chair Senator Lofgren called the meeting to order at 11:31. The clerk took the roll silently. The minutes from the last meeting on January 27th, were approved as distributed. Senator Lofgren introduced the first presenters, University of Northern Iowa President, Mark Nook and, Randy Pilkington, Executive Director of Business and Community Services. President Nook spoke about programming and potential programming that UNI provides and can provide to help further the state of Iowa. They also introduced Dan Benkins who runs the Family Business Center at UNI, and he spoke about the services that they provide to family businesses across the state. Senator Lofgren then introduced Jon Darsee, Chief Innovation Officer for the University of Iowa. John also spoke about innovative programming that is happening at the University. Senators asked questions following the presentations. With no other business to come before the committee, Senator Dickey moved to adjourn at 12:37.

Senator Mark S. Lofgren

Paula Lofgren, Committee Secretary