

House Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for HIGHER EDUCATION

Date: *February 4, 2026*

Location: *RM 19*

Convened: *2:30 PM*

Recessed: *3:05 PM*

Reconvened: *3:45 PM*

Adjourned: *4:00 PM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Collins-CH, Shipley-VC, Brown-Powers-RM, Holt, Hora, Jacoby, Matson, Stone, Wheeler, Wilburn, Wills, J.

Absent:

Excused:

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Chairman Collins introduced the following guests:

Rachel Boon, Chief Academic Officer, Iowa Board of Regents

Jason Pontius, Associate Chief Academic Officer, Iowa Board of Regents

There was a presentation on the findings of Board of Regents Academic Program Review- Workforce Alignment.

Chairman Collins opened the floor for members to ask questions.

Chairman Collins moved to recess the meeting temporarily, and the committee went to caucus at 3:06 PM.

Chairman Collins reconvened the meeting at 3:45 PM.

Chairman Collins moved to consideration of bills, at the discretion of the Chair.

Chairman recognized Representative Shipley for opening comments on [HF 2057](#). There was discussion.

Representative Shipley was recognized for closing remarks and moved adoption of [HF 2057](#). With no further discussion, Chairman Collins moved [HF 2057](#) as a committee bill on a record roll call vote and passed unanimously.

Chairman Collins recognized Representative Shipley for opening comments on [HSB 547](#). There was discussion.

Representative Shipley was recognized for closing remarks and moved adoption of [HSB 547](#). With no further discussion, Chairman Collins moved [HSB 547](#) as a committee bill on a record roll call vote of 7 ayes (Representatives Collins, Shipley, Holt, Hora, Stone, Wheeler, and Wills) and 4 nays (Representatives Brown-Powers, Jacoby, Matson, and Wilburn).

Chairman Collins recognized Representative Wills for opening comments on [HSB 532](#). There was an amendment, .2322, and discussion. Representative Wills moved amendment .2322 and requested a short form vote. With the ayes appearing to have it, amendment .2322 passed on short form. The committee returned to the bill [HSB 532](#) as amended, and there was discussion. Representative Wills was recognized for closing remarks and moved adoption of [HSB 532](#) as amended. Chairman Collins moved [HSB 532](#) as amended as a committee bill on a roll call vote of 10 ayes (Representatives Collins, Shipley, Brown-Powers, Holt, Hora, Matson, Stone, Wheeler, Wilburn, and Wills) and 1 nay (Representative Jacoby).

Chairman Collins transferred the Chair roll to Vice Chair Shipley.

Chairman Shipley recognized Representative Collins for opening comments on [HSB 549](#). There was an amendment.

Representative Collins moved amendment .2324 and requested a short form vote. With the ayes appearing to have it, amendment .2324 passed on short form. The committee returned to the bill [HSB 549](#) as amended, and there was discussion. Representative Collins was recognized for closing remarks and moved adoption of [HSB 549](#) as amended.

Chairman Shipley moved [HSB 549](#) as a committee bill on a roll call vote of 10 ayes (Representatives Collins, Shipley, Brown-Powers, Holt, Hora, Matson, Stone, Wheeler, Wilburn, and Wills) and 1 nay (Representative Jacoby).

Chairman Shipley recognized Representative Collins for opening comments on [HSB 543](#). There was an amendment, .2317 and discussion. Representative Collins moved amendment .2317 and requested a short form vote. With the ayes appearing to have it, amendment .2317 passed on short form. The committee returned to the bill [HSB 543](#) as amended, and there was discussion. Representative Collins was recognized for closing remarks and moved adoption of [HSB 543](#) as amended. Chairman Shipley moved [HSB 543](#) as a committee bill on a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Representatives Collins, Shipley, Holt, Hora, Stone, Wheeler, and Wills) and 4 nays (Representatives Brown-Powers,

Jacoby, Matson, and Wilburn).

Chairman Shipley transferred the role of Chair back to Representative Collins.

With no further business to attend the meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Representative Taylor R. Collins

Rachael Attema, Committee Secretary