



**Outreach and Engagement Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2023**

A meeting of the Outreach and Engagement Committee of the Board of Trustees was held on April 18, 2023, in the McCormick Room, 4th Floor.

Committee members present: Dawn Erlandson, Chair; Jerry Janezich, Vice Chair; Alex Cirillo, Jim Grabowska, and Cheryl Tefer.

Other board members present: Victor Ayemobuwa, Jay Cowles, Tim Huebsch, Roger Moe, Kathy Sheran, and George Soule.

Staff present: Devinder Malhotra, Chancellor; Noelle Hawton, Chief Marketing and Communications Officer.

The meeting materials for this meeting are available [here](#), starting on page 11. An audio recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Committee Chair Erlandson called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Meeting Minutes for January 24, 2023

Committee Chair Erlandson asked if there are any changes or amendments to the minutes then asked for a motion to approve. Trustee Cirillo made the motion and Trustee Grabowska provided a second.

A roll call vote was conducted and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 2: Developing Minnesota's Energy Workforce

Committee Chair Erlandson invited Noelle Hawton, Rose Patzer, Executive Director, Minnesota State Energy Center of Excellence, and Bruce Peterson, Special Projects Manager, Minnesota State Energy Center of Excellence, to present an overview on the Center's educational initiatives and industry collaborations that benefit students and overall workforce development across the state. The presentation materials are available [here](#), beginning on page 2. Industry collaboration was highlighted with a presentation on the Energy Careers Academy by Patzer; Peterson; Tony Gagliardo, Assistant Vice President, Enterprise and Technical Learning, Xcel Energy; Doug Barber, Director of Maintenance and Energy Supply Training, Xcel Energy; DeCarlo Canty and Marcus Davis, students in the Energy Careers Academy; and Carrie Brimhall,

President, Minnesota Community and Technical College. The Energy Careers Academy, which is a partnership with Xcel Energy, the Minnesota State Energy Center of Excellence, and Minnesota State Community and Technical College, works to create a more diverse energy workforce by offering metro access to energy career training and recruitment efforts focused on students of color, women and veterans.

This being an informational item, there was no vote taken.

Adjournment

The committee chair adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.