



Minneapolis College Legislators - 2021

Minneapolis College Legislators: Minnesota State Senators

Minnesota State Senator: Bobby Joe Champion

Senate District: 59 **Party Affiliation:** DFL

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Legislative Assistant: Shemeka Bogan

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Notable Roles: Ranking Minority Member: Jobs and Economic Growth Finance and Policy

Key Areas: Equity bills that provide resources for women, people of color, veterans, and small businesses. Tackling systemic racial inequalities in education, higher education, among others. Chief author of Ban the box

Number of Students Represented in FY 18 – 19: 1075

Minnesota State Senator: D. Scott Dibble (represents where campus is located)

Senate District: 61 **Party Affiliation:** DFL

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Notable Roles: Ranking Minority member: Transportation Finance and Policy

Key Areas: Transportation, public safety, environment, housing/homelessness

Number of Students Represented in FY 18 – 19: 915

Minnesota State Senator: Kari Dziejdzic

Senate District: 60 **Party Affiliation:** DFL

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Notable Roles: Ranking Minority Member: Housing Finance and Policy

Key Areas: Agriculture, Rural Development, and Housing & Finance committee. Focus areas: consumer protection, environment, data privacy, housing and tax issues.

Number of Students Represented in FY 18 – 19: 1026

Minnesota State Senator: Omar Fateh (Newly Elected)

Senate District: 62 **Party Affiliation:** DFL

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Notable Roles: Ranking Minority Member: Technology and Reform Policy

Key Areas: Fully Funded Public Schools; Housing as Fundamental Right; Living wages; New Civil Rights Era: Protect LGBTQIA+ residents from systemic and legal discrimination.

Number of Students Represented in FY 18 – 19: 1350

Minnesota State Senator: Mary Kunesh-Podein (Newly Elected)

Senate District: 41 **Party Affiliation:** DFL

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Legislative Assistant: Sami Rajab

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Notable Roles: Education Finance and Policy committee member;

Key Areas: Education Policy and Ways & Means: Education Finance Division; , civil justice, environment, American Indian issues. Founding member of Native American and People of Color & Indigenous caucuses.

Number of Students Represented in FY 18 – 19: 567

Minnesota State Senator: Ron Latz

Senate District: 46 **Party Affiliation:** DFL

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Legislative Assistant: Nicole Kaplan

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Notable Roles: Civil Law and Data Practices Policy committee member

Key Areas:

Number of Students Represented in FY 18 – 19: 386

Minnesota State Senator: Patricia Torres Ray

Senate District: 63 **Party Affiliation:** DFL

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Legislative Assistant: Claudia Sanchez Santoyo

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Notable Roles: Ranking Minority Member: Environment and Natural Resources Finance

Key Areas: how to improve graduation rates, enhancing faculty's cultural fluency, supporting under-represented students

Number of Students Represented in FY 18 – 19: 651

Minneapolis College Legislators: Minnesota State Representatives

Minnesota State Representative: Esther Agbaje (Newly Elected)

Representative District: 59B **Party Affiliation:** DFL

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Legislative Assistant: Tenzin Dhakong

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Notable Roles: Vice Chair: Rules and Legislative Administration

Key Areas: Labor rights, Health and sustainable communities, managed programs at the State Department advocating for civil rights. Public transit and affordable housing.

Number of Students Represented in FY 18 – 19: 556

Minnesota State Representative: Jim Davnie

Representative District: 63A **Party Affiliation:** DFL

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Legislative Assistant: Brittney Sunderland

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Notable Roles: K-12 Education Finance Division Committee Chair; Ethics Chair; Commerce Finance & Policy Chair; Early Childhood Finance & Policy; Workforce and Business Development Finance & Policy

Key Areas: D3 Program, how students are impacted by federal regulations, workforce readiness. 2021 Session Priorities: Economic Security; Worker Protections: Education; Affordable Health Care; Childcare; Human Services

Number of Students Represented in FY 18 – 19: 389

Minnesota State Representative: Aisha Gomez

Representative District: 62B **Party Affiliation:** DFL

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Legislative Assistant: Kevin Petrie

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Notable Roles: Higher Education Finance & Policy Committee Member

Key Areas: Tuition-free higher education at all MN public universities. Provide student loan debt relief. Fight for affordable housing and colleges.

Number of Students Represented in FY 18 – 19: 576

Minnesota State Representative: Hodan Hassan

Representative District: 62A **Party Affiliation:** DFL

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Legislative Assistant: Sonia Romero

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Notable Roles: Vice Chair Education Policy

Key Areas: Effects the pandemic has had on education. East African community economic development pilot grant program; Avivo grant funding; Immigrant workforce development support grant funding provided.

Number of Students Represented in FY 18 – 19: 774

Minnesota State Representative: Frank Horstein (Represents area where campus is located)

Representative District: 61A **Party Affiliation:** DFL

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Legislative Assistant: Dan Dodge

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Notable Roles: Chair: Transportation Finance & Policy

Key Areas: HF3797: MCTC funding provided; transportation and public safety activities additional funding provided; state employees with disabilities provisions modified

Number of Students Represented in FY 18 – 19: 536

Minnesota State Representative: Sydney Jordan

Representative District: 60A **Party Affiliation:** DFL

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Legislative Assistant: David Roland

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Notable Roles: Education Finance Committee Member

Key Areas: Education Finance Committee; Education Policy Committees; Tibetan American Foundation of MN educational and community center funding provided; India Day observance established; Collaborative urban and greater Minnesota educators of color grant funding provided; Several Climate and Environment related bills;

Number of Students Represented in FY 18 – 19: 471

Minnesota State Representative: Fue Lee

Representative District: 59A **Party Affiliation:** DFL

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Legislative Assistant: Joe Lenczewski

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Notable Roles: Chair: Capital Investment

Key Areas: Higher education grant stipends modified; Ethnic studies requirement and advisory board created; English learner grants authorized;

Number of Students Represented in FY 18 – 19: 519

Minnesota State Representative: Jamie Long

Representative District: 61B **Party Affiliation:** DFL

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Legislative Assistant: Mike Hermanson

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Notable Roles: Chair: Climate and Energy Finance & Policy; Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance & Policy committee member

Key Areas: Project SUCCESS grants authorized; BCA scientists funding provided; Voter's rights; Census related bills; Energy usage and Community solar gardens;

Number of Students Represented in FY 18 – 19: 379

Minnesota State Representative: Mohamud Noor

Representative District: 60B **Party Affiliation:** DFL

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Legislative Assistant: Jason Chavez

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Notable Roles: Chair: Workforce and Business Development Finance & Policy; Higher Education Finance & Policy Division Committee Member

Key Areas: Homelessness, hunger, broadband. How we are working with MPS and local employers to ease students' transitions into good paying jobs, apprenticeships, IT and Early Childhood careers

Number of Students Represented in FY 18 – 19: 555

Minnesota State Representative: Emma Greenman* (Newly Elected)

Representative District: 63B **Party Affiliation:** DFL

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Legislative Assistant: Ellen Larson

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Notable Roles: Vice Chair Property Tax Division

Key Areas: Labor, Industry, Veterans and Military Affairs Finance & Policy Committee; State Government Finance & Policy Committee; Workforce and Business Development Finance & Policy Committee

Number of Students Represented in FY 18 – 19: 262

Minnesota State Representative: Ryan Winkler

Representative District: 46A **Party Affiliation:** DFL

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Legislative Assistant: Hnuchee Vang

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Notable Roles: Majority Leader

Key Areas: Veterans resilience project grant funding provided; Minnesota Tribal Nations government-to-government relationship established; India Day observance established; Farm crisis loan origination fee grant funding provided; African American Youth Access and African Immigrant Family Outreach nonviolence program grant established;

Number of Students Represented in FY 18 – 19: 189

Minnesota State Representative: Cheryl Youakim

Representative District: 46B **Party Affiliation:** DFL

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Legislative Assistant: Eric Petersen

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Notable Roles: Property Tax Division Chair; Education Finance Committee Member

Key Areas: Education Finance Committee; Professional Educators Licensing and Standards Board directed to adopt dual enrollment instruction endorsement standards; Community education revenue program funding increased; Several Pre K - 12 grade related bills

Number of Students Represented in FY 18 – 19: 196

Minnesota State Representative: Sandra Feist* (Newly elected)

Representative District: 41B **Party Affiliation:** DFL

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Notable Roles: Education Finance Committee Member; Education Policy Committee Member;

Key Areas: Education Finance Committee; Education Policy Committee

Number of Students Represented in FY 18 – 19: 345

Minnesota State Representative: Connie Bernardy

Representative District: 41A **Party Affiliation:** DFL

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Notable Roles: Higher Education Finance & Policy Division Committee Chair; Transportation Finance & Policy; Ways and Means

Key Areas: Higher Education Finance & Policy Committee; Higher Ed institutional approval provisions amended, and fees established and increased; Workforce development scholarships clarified and expanded; Minnesota Goes to College program expanded, and report required; Merit-based scholarship program developed; Office of Higher Education policy changes provided, including financial aid, institutional approval, and Minnesota college savings plan; UM and MSCU capital improvement spending authorized better public land and other capital improvements

Number of Students Represented in FY 18 – 19: 220

Minnesota State Representative: Samantha Vang

Representative District: 40B **Party Affiliation:** DFL

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Notable Roles: Higher Education Finance & Policy Division Committee Member;

Key Areas: Higher Education institutional approval provisions modified; MN Africans United long-term support for African-owned small businesses and non-profits grant funding provided; CLEP funding reinstated; Low-income student college admission and graduation programs funding provided

Number of Students Represented in FY 18 – 19: 193

Minnesota State Representative: Rena Moran

Representative District: 65A **Party Affiliation:** DFL

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Legislative Assistant: Laura Sparkman

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Notable Roles: Ways & Means Committee Chair

Key Areas: Capital investment committee; Rules and Legislative Administration

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