

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FINANCE POLICY MEETING MINUTES

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn, Co-Chair of the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:06 PM on March 4, 2026 in Room 123 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, Co-Chair
WEST, Nolan, Co-Chair
HANSON, Jessica, Co-Vice Chair
NELSON, Nathan, Co-Vice Chair
ALTENDORF, Pam
COULTER, Nathan
HICKS, Kim
LEE, Xp
MCDONALD, Joe
NADEAU, Danny
OLSON, Bjorn
PÉREZ-VEGA, María Isa
SENCER-MURA, Samantha

Members absent:

ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

A quorum was present.

Representative Lee, X moved that the minutes of March 4, 2025 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Presentation titled Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) February 2026 Forecast Update

Presenting:

- Ashley Reisenauer, Chief Financial Officer, DCYF

HF3415 (Sencer-Mura) Access to child care center facilities limited.

Representative Pérez-Vega moved HF3415 before the committee.

Representative Pérez-Vega moved the DE1 amendment, THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Sencer-Mura presented HF3415 as amended.

Testifying:

- Pastor Sergio Amezuca
- Alexandra C. Fitzsimmons, Esq., Senior Policy Director, Children's Defense Fund Minnesota
- Anna Landherr, parent
- Alexandria Schroeder, parent
- Dylan Miracle, parent
- Katie Brown, parent
- John Boehler, Policy Counsel, ACLU of Minnesota
- Maria Snider, Rainbow Child Development Center and Vice President, Minnesota Child Care Association

- Dr. Nicole Smerillo, Think Small Director of Data, Research, and Policy
- Mary Nikolai, parent
- Audrey McCann, Observer, local faith leader
- Joey Dobson, parent
- John Fanning, Education Partnerships Coalition

Representative Pérez-Vega moved the A2 amendment, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL

Representative Hanson requested a roll call on HF3415 as amended.

The clerk took the roll on HF3415 as amended:

AYES

Kotzya-Witthuhn

Hanson

Coulter

Hicks

Lee

Pérez-Vega

Sencer-Mura

NAYS

West

Nelson

McDonald

Altendorf

Nadeau

Olson

Co-Chair Kotzya-Witthuhn laid over HF3415 as amended.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58PM



Representative Kotzya-Witthuhn, Co-Chair



Caleb Rohrer, Committee Legislative Assistant