

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

Representative Dave Pinto, Chair of the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:33 A.M. on Thursday, January 19, 2023, in Room 200 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

PINTO, Dave (Chair)
KEELER, Heather (Vice-Chair)
DANIELS, Brian (Republican Lead)
BLISS, Matt
COULTER, Nathan
DAVIS, Ben
HANSON, Jessica,
HEMMINGSEN-JAEGER, Amanda
HICKS, Kim
HUDSON, Walter
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie
LEE, Liz
NELSON, Nathan
PEREZ-VEGA, Maria
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

A quorum was present.

Representative Hanson assumed the gavel at 8:36 a.m.

HF150 (Pinto) Child care stabilization base grants modified, and money appropriated.

Chair Pinto moved that HF 150 be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Chair Pinto moved the A2 amendment to HF 150. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Pinto presented HF 150 as amended.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn assumed the gavel at 8:43 A.M.

Chair Pinto renewed the motion that HF 150 as amended be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Pinto reassumed the gavel at 8:54 A.M.

HF456 (Perez-Vega) Expansion of voluntary prekindergarten and school readiness plus program made permanent, and money appropriated.

Representative Perez-Vega moved that HF 456 be re-referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Representative Perez-Vega presented HF 456.

Testifying:

- Jason Sellars, Director of Community Education, District 191, Burnsville Eagan Savage School District
- Craig Anderson, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, Saint Paul Schools

- Stefanie Youngberg, Superintendent, East Central School District

Representative Perez-Vega renewed the motion that HF 456 be re-referred to the Committee on Education Finance. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Vice-Chair Keeler assumed the gavel at 9:28 A.M.

HF13 (Pinto) Child care assistance rates modified.

Chair Pinto moved that HF 13 be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Chair Pinto moved the A2 Amendment to HF 13. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Pinto presented HF 13 as amended.

Testifying:

- Karen DeVos, Owner, Little Learners (Halstead and Ada, MN)
- Thea DeVos, Teacher, Little Learners
- Gospel Kordah, Childcare Provider, South Metro Childcare Center

Chair Pinto renewed the motion that HF 13 as amended be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 A.M.

Representative Dave Pinto, Chair

Zehra Khan, Committee Legislative Assistant