

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Dave Pinto, Chair of the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:32 A.M. on March 7, 2023, in Room 200N of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

PINTO, Dave (Chair)
DANIELS, Brian (GOP Lead)
BLISS, Matt
COULTER, Nathan
DAVIS, Ben
HANSON, Jessica
HEMMINGSSEN-JAEGER, Amanda
HICKS, Kim
HUDSON, Walter
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie
LEE, Liz
NELSON, Nathan
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

Members Excused:

KEELER, Heather (Vice Chair)
PÉREZ-VEGA, Maria Isa

A quorum was present.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn moved that the minutes from March 2, 2023 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 2121 (Hassan) CornerHouse grant funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Hanson moved to bring HF 2121 before the committee.

Representative Hanson presented HF 2121.

Testifying on HF 2121:

- Mitzi Hobot, Executive Director, CornerHouse

Chair Pinto laid over HF 2121.

HF 1385 (Reyer) Community action grant funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn moved to bring HF 1385 before the committee.

Representative Reyer presented HF 1385.

Testifying on HF 1385:

- Annie Shapiro, Advocacy Director, Minnesota Community Action Partnership
- Jeff Hansen, Executive Director, Community Action Partnership of Scott Carver & Dakota Counties

Chair Pinto laid over HF 1385.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn assumed the gavel at 9:11 A.M.

HF 2320 (Pinto) Children's cabinet modified; Department of Children, Youth, and Families established; responsibilities of Department of Education, Department of Human Services, and Department of Public Safety transferred to Department of Children, Youth, and Families; reports required; rulemaking authorized; and money appropriated.

Chair Pinto moved that HF 2320 be re-referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

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

Chair Pinto presented HF 2320 as amended.

House Research provided a review of HF 2320 as amended.

Presentation from the Children's Cabinet and the Departments of Education and Human Services titled "One Minnesota Budget: Proposal to establish and transition to a Department of Children, Youth, and Families."

Presenters:

- Erin Bailey, Assistant Commissioner of the Children's Cabinet, Minnesota Management and Budget
- Bobbie Burnham, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Education Office of Teaching and Learning
- Tikki Brown, Assistant Commissioner for Children and Family Services, Department of Human Services

Testifying on HF 2320 as amended:

- Ellory Roske, Parent
- Angie Thies, Child Wellbeing Policy Analyst, Association of Minnesota Counties
- Kristy Snyder, Twin Cities Opportunity Youth Network Director, Youth Prise
- Kirsten Anderson, Executive Director, Aspire Minnesota

Chair Pinto renewed the motion that HF 2320 as amended be re-referred to the Committee on Education Finance. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 A.M.

Representative Dave Pinto, Chair

Zehra Khan, Committee Legislative Assistant