

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FINANCE POLICY MEETING MINUTES

Representative West and Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn, Co-Chairs of the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM on March 3, 2026 in Room 123 of the 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 (REMOTE)
SENCER-MURA, Samantha
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

A quorum was present.

Representative Coulter moved the minutes of February 25, 2025. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF3542 (Hudson) Disclosure of certain investigations and withholding of payments.

Representative Hudson moved HF3542 before the committee.

Representative Hudson moved the HF3542 DE1 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED.
THE AMMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying:

Marie Snider, Childcare Provider
Mary Solheim, Childcare Provider
Monique Stuman, Childcare Provider
Ifrah Nur, Childcare Provider
Clare Sanford, Government Relations Chair, MN Childcare Association
Randall Keys, Inspector General, DCYF

Vice Chair Nelson assumed the gavel 3:42 PM.

Co-Chair West assumed the gavel 3:45 PM

Representative West requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

AYES:

WEST, Nolan
NELSON, Nathan
ALTENDORF, Pam
MCDONALD, Joe
NADEAU, Danny
OLSON, Bjorn
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

NAYES:
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie
HANSON, Jessica
COULTER, Nathan
HICKS, Kim
LEE, XP
PEREZ-VEGA, Maria Isa
SENCER-MURA, Samantha

On a vote of 7 Ayes and 7 Nays, THE MOTION DOES NOT PREVAIL. Chair West laid over HF 3542.

Vice Nelson assumed the gavel 4:21.

HF3819 (West) Licensing inspection requirements for childcare providers modified.

Co-Chair West moved HF 3819 be referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Co-Chair West moved the HF3819A1 Amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying:
Courtney Greiner, Childcare Provider
Maria Snider, Childcare Provider
Monique Suman, Childcare Provider
Clare Sanford, MN Childcare Association
Amanda Ashton, Parent

Vice Chair Hanson moved the HF3819 DE1 amendment. THE MOTION FAILED. THE AMMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Vice Chair Nelson moved that HF3819, as amended, be laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 PM.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn, Co-Chair

Representative West, Co-Chair

Caleb Rohrer, Committee Legislative Assistant

Elizabeth Laukka, Committee Legislative Assistant