

**WORKFORCE, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AND POLICY
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Representative Pinto, Chair of the Workforce, Labor and Economic Development Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM on Tuesday, April 1st, 2025, in the G3 Room of the Capitol.

Chair Baker moved that the minutes of Thursday March 27th, 2025, to be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

A quorum was present.

Members Present:

BAKER, Dave Co-Chair
PINTO, Dave Co-Chair
MEKELAND, Shane Vice Chair
GREENMAN, Emma Vice Chair
BAKEBERG, Ben
BERG, Kaela
FRAZIER, Cedrick
HUSSEIN, Samakab
JOHNSON, Pete
JOHNSON, Wayne
KOZLOWSKI, Liish
MUELLER, Patricia
SCHULTZ, Isaac
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

Presentation on Child Care and Workforce in Minnesota.

- Ericca Maas, Minnesota Business for Early Learning
- Scott Marquardt, President, Southwest Initiative Foundation
- Darielle Dannen, Economic Development Association of Minnesota

HF 2582 (Lee, K) Child care improvement grants funding provided.

Vice Chair Greenman moved that HF 2582 be brought before the committee.

Vice Chair Greenman moved the H2582A1 amendment to HF 2582. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Lee presented HF 2582 as amended.

Testifying on the bill:

- Suzanne Pearl, Minnesota Director, First Children's Finance
- Darielle Dannen, Economic Development Association of Minnesota

Chair Pinto laid HF 2582 as amended over for future consideration.

HF 2518 (Kotyza-Witthuhn) WomenVenture grant funding provided, report required, and money appropriated.

Vice Chair Greenman moved that HF 2518 be brought before the committee.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn presented HF 2582.

Testifying on the bill:

- LeeAnn Rasachak, CEO, WomenVenture

Chair Pinto laid HF 2518 as amended over for future consideration.

Informational Hearing on bill Language for HF XXXX (Revisor Code: AS068) (Kotzya-Witthuhn) relating to workforce development; requiring a report; appropriating money for a grant to the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office for a child care pilot program to assist with retention of law enforcement and first responders.

Representative Kotzya-Witthuhn presented HF XXXX (Revisor Code: AS068).

Testifying on the bill language:

- Dawanna S. Witt, Sheriff, Hennepin County

HF 2266 (Sencer-Mura) YWCA Minneapolis grant funding provided.

Vice Chair Greenman moved that HF 2266 be brought before the committee.

Representative Sencer-Mura presented HF 2266.

Testifying on the bill:

- Stephanie Thomas, Vice President of Early Childhood Education, YWCA Minneapolis
- Lauryn Spencer, Assistant Director of South Early Childhood Education, YWCA Minneapolis

Vice Chair Greenman moved the H2266A1 amendment to HF 2266. **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Representative Sencer-Mura presented HF 2266 as amended.

Testifying on the bill:

- Debra Messenger, Kids Count on Us
- Tiffany Behrends, Kids Count on Us

Chair Pinto laid HF 2266 as amended over for future consideration.

HF 2039 (Sencer-Mura) Minnesota youth program funding provided.

Vice Chair Greenman moved that HF 2039 be brought before the committee.

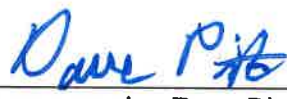
Vice Chair Greenman moved the H2039A1 amendment to HF 2039. **THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

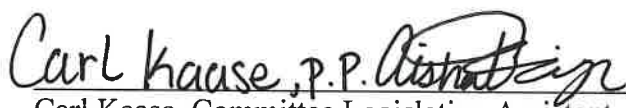
Testifying on the bill:

- Nicole Swanson, Director, Anoka County Job Training Center
- Aiden John Grabau, Participant, Minnesota Youth Program

Chair Pinto laid HF 2266 as amended over for future consideration.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00AM.


Representative Dave Pinto, Chair

 9/15/2026
Carl Kaase, Committee Legislative Assistant