



# Minnesota House of Representatives

## Children & Families Finance and Policy Committee

Co-Chairs: Rep. Carlie Kotyza-Witthuhn & Rep. Nolan West

Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: Capitol Room 123

### AGENDA

1. **Call to Order:** Rep. Carlie Kotyza-Witthuhn holds the gavel
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026
3. **Presentation: Minnesota Supreme Court, Council on Child Protection and Maltreatment Prevention**
  - a. Presenters:
    - i. Judy Nord, Sr. Staff Attorney, State Court Administrator's Office
    - ii. Erin Johnson, Assistant Washington County Attorney III
4. **HF3877 (Liebling) - Notices to public authorities in dissolution cases clarified, and Supreme Court Council on Child Protection expiration date modified.**
  - a. Testifiers:
    - i. Jeff Shorba, Minnesota State Court Administrator
5. **HF3750 (Torkelson) - Requirements governing licenses and license exemptions for crisis nurseries amended, and report required.**
  - a. Testifiers:
    - i. Amber Collins, founder, director, Ivy House
    - ii. Steve Turvold, volunteer board member, Ivy House
6. **HF3714 (Clardy) - Enrollment and eligibility priority modified for children in foster care for various children, youth, and families education and financial assistance programs; Northstar foster care child care allowance modified; and licensing agencies required to provide license holders with information about child care costs and early childhood education programs.**
  - a. Testifiers:
    - i. Osahon Akpata-Tanius, Executive Director, Foster Advocates
    - ii. Zoua Vue, constituent with lived experience
    - iii. Debra Jackson, foster parent
    - iv. Nicque Mabrey, Program Officer, Pathways Home, Greater Twin Cities United Way
7. **HF3024 (Hanson) - Foster youth bill of rights established.**
  - a. Testifiers:
    - i. Misty Coonce, MSW, LISW, Ombudsperson for Foster Youth, Office of the Foster Youth Ombudsperson

- ii. Dez Newstrom, Business Owner, Mother, Foster
- iii. Vivian Dudley, Social Worker College Student, Foster
- iv. Travis Matthews, Foster Postsecondary Success Coordinator, Youthprise
- v. Osahon Akpata-Tanious, Executive Director, Foster Advocates
- vi. Renee Carlson, General Counsel, True North Legal

8. Adjourn