

EARLY CHILDHOOD FINANCE AND POLICY DIVISION  
MINUTES

Representative Pinto, Chair of the Committee, called the remote Early Childhood Finance and Policy Division meeting to order at 2:31 pm on Thursday, April 16, 2020 pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting is being broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

Members present:

PINTO, Dave, Chair  
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, Vice-chair  
FRANSON, Mary  
BAHNER, Kristin  
DEMUTH, Lisa  
HEINTZEMAN, Josh  
MORRISON, Kelly  
PRYOR, Laurie  
WAZLAWIK, Ami  
WEST, Nolan

A quorum was present.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn moved that the minutes from March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020, be approved.  
THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Suzanne Pearl, Minnesota Director of First Children's Finance, testified on the business of child care during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sergeant Kate Peterson, Pequot Lakes Police Department, testified on the importance of child care for essential workers.

Kate DeVos, Owner/Director of Little Learners Early Childhood Education Center, testified about the difficulties child care centers are facing during the pandemic.

Ann McCully, Executive Director of Child Care Aware of MN, testified on child care emergency grants.

Tony Sertich, President of the Northland Foundation, testified on child care in Northern Minnesota and the importance of child care to the broader economy.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 pm

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Representative Dave Pinto, Chair

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Polly Cerkvenik, Committee Legislative  
Assistant