

# Early Childhood Finance and Policy Committee

Chair: Rep. Dave Pinto

## Meeting:

Tuesday, March 1st, 2022

8:30 AM to 10:00 AM

Remote Hearing via Zoom

Held Pursuant to Rule 10.01

## Agenda:

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

II. Approval of the Minutes from February 24th, 2022

III. HF3544 (Kotyza-Witthuhn); Reach Out and Read Minnesota program grant funding provided, and money appropriated.

- Kris Hoplin, Executive Director, Reach Out and Read Minnesota
- Dr. Gigi Chawla, Chief of General Pediatrics at Children's Minnesota, Reach Out and Read Minnesota Medical Director

## Public Testimony:

- Shana Morse, Assistant Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Department of Education
- Khulia Pringle, Member, National Parents Union

IV. Presentation on Family, Friend, and Neighbor Caregivers Grant Program

- Cindi Yang, Director, Child Care Services, Minnesota Department of Human Services

V. HF3591 (Howard); Family, friend, and neighbor caregivers grant program funding provided, and money appropriated.

- Ruth Evangelista, Director, La Red Latina de Education Temprana (Richfield)
- Faviola Martinez de Estrada, Director, La Red Latina de Education Temprana (Richfield)
- Beth Ann Dodds, Project Coordinator, Indigenous Visioning
- Jennyffer Barrientos, Director, Growing Up Healthy, Healthy Community Initiative (Rice County)

## Public Testimony:

- Khulia Pringle, Member, National Parents Union
- Martha Higuera, Birth-3 Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, St Paul Public Schools

VI. HF3484 (Pryor); Making permanent the temporary priorities for basic sliding fee child care.

- Yekaterina (Kate) Probert Fagundes, Carver County Resident, Representing Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators (MACSSA)
- Clare Sanford, Vice President of Government and Community Relations, Government Relations Chair, Minnesota Child Care Association (MCCA)

Public Testimony:

- Khulia Pringle, Member, National Parents Union

VII. Adjournment

Additional items may be added to the agenda.

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