



**Minnesota House of Representatives
Early Childhood Finance and Policy Committee**

Thursday, February 25th, 2021

8:30am

Remote Hearing

Held Pursuant to Rule 10.01

Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Approval of the Minutes from February 23rd, 2021
- III. HF 413 (Olson, L.): Minnesota Initiative Foundation funding provided, and money appropriated.
 - Tony Sertich, President, Northland Foundation
 - Nancy Jost, Director of Early Childhood, West Central Initiative Foundation
- IV. HF 411 (Olson, L.): Greater Minnesota child care facility program funding provided, and money appropriated.
 - Pat Baustian, Mayor, City of Luverne
 - Shannon Mortenson, City Administrator, City of Warren
- V. HF 412 (Olson, L.): Child care provider grant to increase numbers funding provide, reports required, and money appropriated.
 - Cisa Keller, Senior Vice President of Early Childhood Quality Development, Think Small
 - Jenny Holweger, CEO, Kandiyohi County Area YMCA
- VI. HF 260 (Wazlawik): Retaining early educators through attaining incentives now grant program established, reports required, and money appropriated.

- Ann McCully, Child Care Aware of Minnesota Executive Director
- Kath Church, Creative Children Childcare/Casa di Creativa Bambini
- Emily Hernandez, Child Care Center Teacher at New Horizons in St. Paul
- Sharyl Kala, Little Beginnings Child Care

VII. HF 1125 (Pryor): Refundable tax credit established for qualified child care professionals.

- Suzanne Pearl, Minnesota Director, First Children's Finance
- Iesha Jackson, Happy Hearts Early Learning Childcare

VIII. HF 711 (Sandell): Teacher licensure requirement for early education programs established.

- Nicole Liffrig, Preschool Teacher, Newport Elementary, South Washington County Schools

IX. Adjournment