

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Representative Carlie Kotyza-Witthuhn, Chair of the Committee on Children and Families Finance and Policy, called the meeting to order at 3:00PM on Tuesday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in Room 123 of the Capitol.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

**Members present:**

KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, DFL Chair  
WEST, Nolan, GOP Chair  
HANSON, Jessica, DFL Vice Chair  
NELSON, Nathan, GOP Vice Chair  
ALTENDORF, Pam  
COULTER, Nathan  
HEMMINGSEN-JAEGER, Amanda  
HICKS, Kim  
MCDONALD, Joe  
NADEAU, Danny  
OLSON, Bjorn  
PÉREZ-VEGA, María Isa  
SENCER-MURA, Samantha  
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

A quorum was present.

Representative Altendorf moved the minutes of March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 1824 (Rehrauer) Commissioner of children, youth, and families funding provided to create and implement technology portals to connect individuals with support systems; and money appropriated.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved that HF 1824 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved the H1824A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Rehrauer presented HF 1824 as amended.

Testifying on HF 1824 as amended:

- Tim Heroff, Area Director, CarePortal

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn renewed the motion that HF 1824 as amended be laid over for possible inclusion in the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill as amended was laid over.

HF 1660 (Frazier) Commissioner of children, youth, and families directed to conduct a statewide needs assessment for out-of-school and youth programming, report required, and money appropriated.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved that HF 1660 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Frazier presented HF 1660.

Testifying on HF 1660:

- Mearra Allen, leader with the Barbershop and Black Congregation Cooperative, ISAIAH
- Alexandra C. Fitzsimmons, Esq., Senior Policy Director, Children's Defense Fund

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn renewed the motion that HF 1660 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF 1926 (Mahamoud) Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches grant funding provided for food shelves, and money appropriated.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved that HF 1926 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Mahamoud presented HF 1926.

Testifying on HF 1926:

- Adrienne Dorn, President and Executive Director, (GMCC)
- Christopher Anderson, Executive Director, WeCAN Community Action Network

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn renewed the motion that HF 1926 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF 1002 (Hicks) Head Start funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Hicks moved that HF 1002 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Hicks presented HF 1002.

Testifying on HF 1002:

- Sandy Simar, Head Start and Early Head Start Director, Families
- Amanda Mata, Parent, Families First
- Kraig Gratke, Executive Director, MN Head Start Association

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn renewed the motion that HF 1002 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF 994 (Kotyza-Witthuhn) ParentChild+ program funding provided, and money appropriated.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved that HF 994 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn presented HF 994.

Testifying on HF 994:

- Amy Weiss, Chief Program Officer, Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis (JFCS)
- Sara Wise, ParentChild+ Partnership & Program Assistant Manager, JFCS
- Jennyffer Barrientos, Director, Healthy Community Initiative Growing Up Healthy

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn renewed the motion that HF 994 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF 1915 (West) Child care centers required to use video security cameras to monitor infants and toddlers, and money appropriated.

Chair West moved that HF 1915 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.

Chair West moved the H1915DE4 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair West presented HF 1915 as amended.

Testifying on HF 1915 as amended:

- Megan West
- Susanne Dickison
- Janice DeGonda

Chair West renewed the motion that HF 1915 as amended be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

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Representative Carlie Kotyza-Witthuhn, Chair

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Faith Privett, Committee Legislative Assistant