

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE AND
JUDICIARY FINANCE AND CIVIL LAW COMMITTEE JOINT HEARING MINUTES**

Representative Jamie Becker-Finn, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law, called the joint meeting of the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee and the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee to order at 8:30 AM on February 14, 2023 in Room 120 of the Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

BECKER-FINN, Jamie, Chair
PINTO, Dave, Chair
FRAZIER, Cedrick, Vice Chair
KEELER, Heather, Vice Chair
DANIELS, Brian, Minority Lead
SCOTT, Peggy, Minority Lead
BLISS, Matt
CARROLL, Ned
COULTER, Nathan
CURRAN, Brion
DAVIS, Ben
FEIST, Sandra
FINKE, Leigh
FREDERICK, Luke
GROSSELL, Matt
HANSON, Jessica
HEMMINGSON-JAEGER, Amanda
HICKS, Kim
HUDSON, Walter
JOHNSON, Brian
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie
LEE, Liz
NELSON, Nathan
NISKA, Harry
PÉREZ-VEGA, Maria Isa
WIENS, Mark
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

Members excused:

MOLLER, Kelly

A quorum was present.

HF 1071 (Keeler); Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act changes made.

Representative Keeler, Representative Kozlowski, and Representative Becker-Finn provided an informational presentation on HF 1071.

Testifying on HF 1071:

- Faron Jackson, Chairman, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
- Kevin R. Dupuis Sr., Chairman, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
- Robin Larson, President, Lower Sioux Indian Community
- Shelley Buck, Vice President, Prairie Island Indian Community Tribal Council
- Rebecca McConkey-Greene, Associate Judge, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
- Opichi Petite, youth and member, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

- Patricia Staine, Social Work Professional
- Bobbi Jo Marjorie Potter, Manager, Ramsey County Social Services Department Indian Child Welfare Program
- Gertrude Buckanaga, Executive Director, Upper Midwest American Indian Center
- Larissa Marie Littlewolf, Associate Director of Tribal Training and Certification
- Amelia Carol LeGarde, Social Work Professional
- Jill Esch, Ombudsperson, Office of Ombudsperson for American Indian Families
- Tonya Long, Vice Chair, American Indian Community-Specific Board, Omaha Tribe of Nebraska
- Delores Gabbard, Foster Caregiver
- Curtis Jackson, Alcohol and Drug Counselor, Ahnji-Be-Mah-Diz Recovery Center, and Member, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
- Deanna Drift, Director of Tribal Projects, FamilyWise Service; Member, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa
- Lynn Brave Heart, M.S.W., State Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Division Program Manager, Minnesota Guardian Ad Litem Board
- Emelie Esther Rivera
- Laurie York, Indian Child Welfare Advisory Council, White Earth Nation
- Mika Barrett, M.S.W., Social Work Professional

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 AM.

Representative Jamie Becker-Finn, Chair

Jack Dockendorf, Committee Legislative Assistant