



Minnesota House of Representatives

Children & Families Finance and Policy Committee

Co-Chairs: Rep. Carlie Kotyza-Witthuhn & Rep. Nolan West

Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: Capitol Room 123

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order:** Rep. Carlie Kotyza-Witthuhn holds the gavel
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Tuesday, March 17, 2026
3. **HF3665 (Pinto) - Out-of-home placement plan requirements modified to include early childhood education and child care programs, and agencies and guardians ad litem required to provide information on early childhood education and child care programs for children in foster care.**
 - a. Testifiers:
 - i. **Danielle Thomas**, MPA Student, Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs
4. **HF3002 (Hicks) - Eligibility requirements for foster care benefits after age 18 modified to include children for whom permanent legal and physical custody is transferred to a relative after age ten.**
 - a. Testifiers
 - i. **Qua'Maine Verser**
 - ii. **MeMe Chapman**
5. **HF4125 (Agbaje) - Minnesota African American Family Preservation and Child Welfare Disproportionality Act modified, and money appropriated.**
 - a. Testifiers
 - i. **Commissioner Rena Moran**, Ramsey County Board of Commissioners and Vice Chair of the Legislative Committee of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners
 - ii. **Kelis Houston**, Founder, Village Arms (virtual)
 - iii. **Joanna Woolman**, Executive Director, Keeping Families Connected Minnesota
 - iv. **Commissioner Irene Fernando**, Hennepin County District 2
 - v. **Tina Schenk**, Health and Human Services Director, Meeker County
 - vi. **Kirsten Langerman**, Human Services Manager, Meeker County
 - vii. **Rhia Bornmann Spears**, Family Law Attorney (Virtual)
 - viii. **Chad and Katia Thompson** (Virtual)
6. Adjourn