

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FINANCE POLICY MEETING MINUTES

Representative West, Co-Chair of the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM on April 14, 2026, in Room 123 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

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

A quorum was present.

Vice-Chair Nelson moved that the minutes of April 8, 2026, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair West moved **HF4407 (Gillman)** before the committee.

Testifying:

- Jenny Mongeau – Clay County
- Steve Schmitt – Meeker County
- Joa McCarthy, Citizen
- Rebecca St. George, DCYF, Assistant Commissioner

Chair West moved HF4407 A1 before the committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED. HF4407 A1 WAS ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Vice-Chair Hanson moved HF4407 DE1 before the committee.

Vice-Chair Hanson requested a roll call on HF4407 DE1.

The clerk took the roll call on HF4407 DE1:

NAYS:

WEST, Nolan
NELSON, Nathan
ALTENDORF, Pam
MCDONALD, Joe
NADEAU, Danny
OLSON, Bjorn
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

AYES:

KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie
HANSON, Jessica
COULTER, Nathan
HICKS, Kim
LEE, Xp
PÉREZ-VEGA, Maria Isa
SENCER-MURA, Samantha

With seven ayes and seven nays, the MOTION DOES NOT PREVAIL. HF4407 DE1 IS NOT ADOPTED.

Chair West moved HF4407 as amended be re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

Chair West requested a roll call on HF4407 as amended be re-referred to the Ways and Means committee.

The clerk took the roll call on HF4077 as amended:

AYES:

WEST, Nolan
NELSON, Nathan
ALTENDORF, Pam
MCDONALD, Joe
NADEAU, Danny
OLSON, Bjorn
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

NAYS:

KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie
HANSON, Jessica
COULTER, Nathan
HICKS, Kim
LEE, Xp
PÉREZ-VEGA, Maria Isa
SENCER-MURA, Samantha

With seven ayes and seven nays, the MOTION DOES NOT PREVAIL. HF4077 AS AMENDED IS NOT ADOPTED. HF4077 as amended is laid over.

Chair West moved **HF4382 (Coulter)** before the committee.

Testifying:

- Hollee Saville – President, Minnesota Association of Child Care Professionals
- Cyndi Cunningham – Lead and Care MN
- Amber Sydloski – Childcare Provider, Creative Kids Academy
- Kylie Cooper – Childcare Provider
- Amy Jo Van Culin – Business Insurance Strategist, Marsh McLennan
- Brandy Sroga-Coons – Creative Kids Academy
- Dawn Uribe – Mis Amigos Spanish Immersion Preschool
- Martha Njolomole – Economist, Center of the American Experiment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 PM.



Representative Nolan West, Co-Chair



Elizabeth Laukka, Committee Legislative Assistant