



# Minnesota House of Representatives

## Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee

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

**Vice-Chairs:** Rep. Jess Hanson & Rep. Nathan Nelson

Capitol Room 123

### AGENDA

Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 3:00 PM

Chair West has the gavel.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Presentation: A Better Future for Minnesota Child Care Licensing and Quality
  - I. Dr. Nicole Smerillo, Think Small Director of Data, Research, and Policy
  - II. Ericca Maas, Think Small [Zoom]
  - III. Amy Warzybok, Dodge Nature Center
  - IV. Candace Yates, Child Care Aware of Minnesota
  - V. Shawna Maryanovich, Minnesota Montessori Network
  - VI. Cyndi Cunningham, Lead & Care [Zoom]
  - VII. Maria Harms, Snug as a Bug Childcare and Preschool [Zoom]
  - VIII. Celeste Finn, Big Wonder Childcare
4. Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) Implementation Updates
  - I. Inspector General Randall Keys
5. Adjournment

*All agenda items are subject to change at the discretion of the Chair.*

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, February 25, 2026; Rep. Kotyza-Witthuhn has the gavel.