

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FINANCE POLICY MEETING MINUTES**

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn, Co-Chair of the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:03 PM on March 25, 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.

Representative Coulter moved that the minutes of March 18, 2025 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative West moved that the minutes of March 24, 2025 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF2136 (Johnson) Grant funding provided for forensic interview training scholarships, and money appropriated.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved to re-refer HF2136 to the committee on Ways and Means.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved the HF2136A3 amendment.

Nonpartisan staff walked through the A3 amendment.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved to amend the HF2136A3 amendment as follows:  
“Page 1, line 3, before “provide” insert “nongovernmental organizations to”, THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved the HF2136A3 amendment as amended, THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Johnson presented HF2136 as amended.

Testifying:

- Marcia Milliken, Executive Director, Minnesota Children’s Alliance

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn renewed the motion to re-refer HF2136 as amended to the committee on Ways and Means, THE MOTION PREVAILED

HF4195 (Kotyza-Witthuhn) Youth intervention program grants modified.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved to re-refer HF4195 to the committee on Ways and Means.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved the HF4195A1 amendment, THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn presented HF4195 as amended.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn renewed the motion to re-refer HF4195 as amended to the committee on Ways and Means, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4548 (Kotyza-Witthuhn) Department of Human Services and Department of Children, Youth, and Families forecasted program adjustments made.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved to re-refer HF4548 to the committee on Ways and Means.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn presented HF4548.

Testifying:

- Doug Berg, Fiscal Analyst, House Fiscal Analysis Department

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn renewed the motion to re-refer HF4548 to the committee on Ways and Means, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4432 (Pérez-Vega) Child care assistance program absent days limit exemption established, and technical changes made.

Representative Pérez-Vega moved that HF4432 be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Pérez-Vega moved the HF4432A1 amendment, THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Pérez-Vega presented HF4432 as amended.

Testifying:

- Kylie Cooper, Executive Director, Rise Early Learning Center
- John Fanning, Director, Education Partnerships Coalition
- Clare Sanford, Minnesota Child Care Association
- Shana Morse, Legislative Directory, Early Childhood, Department of Children Youth and Families

Chair West moved the HF4432A2 amendment, THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn laid over HF4432 as amended.

HF3024 (Hanson) Foster Youth Bill of Rights.

Representative Hanson moved that HF3024 be re-referred to the General Register.

Representative Hanson moved the HF3024DE3 amendment, THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Hanson renewed the motion to re-refer HF3024 as amended to the General Register, THE MOTION PREVAILED

HF4432 (Pérez-Vega) Child care assistance program absent days limit exemption established, and technical changes made.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn picked up HF4432 as amended.

Representative Nadeau moved the HF4432A3 amendment.

Chair West moved to amend the HF4432A3 amendment as follows:

“Page 1, delete lines 2-5”, THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Nadeau renewed his motion to adopt the HF4432A3 amendment as amended, THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn laid over HF4432 as amended.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn recessed the committee at 4:28pm.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn called the committee to order at 4:31pm

HF4174 (Hanson) Parent support outreach program funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Hanson moved HF4174 before the committee.

Representative Hanson presented HF4174.

Testifying:

- Suzanne Arnston, Director, Scott County’s Deputy Health and Human Services.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn laid over HF4174.

HF4389 (Lee, X) Nonprofit limited liability companies allowed to apply for a license to be a child-placing agency; child care background study timing modified; and foster care, child placement, and child maltreatment provisions modified.

Representative Lee, X moved that HF4389 be re-referred to the General Register.

Representative Lee, X moved the HF4389A1 amendment, THE MOTION PREVAILED, THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Lee, X presented HF4389 as amended.

Testifying:

- Shana Morse, Legislative Director, Early Childhood, Department of Children, Youth, and Families
- Ami Wazlawik, Director of Legislation and External Affairs, Child Safety and Permanency and Youth Services, Department of Children, Youth, and Families

Representative Lee, X renewed the motion to re-refer HF4389 as amended to the General Register, THE MOTION PREVAILED

HF3773 (Lee, X) Minnesota supplemental nutrition assistance program established, and money appropriated.

Representative Lee, X moved that HF3773 be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Representative Coulter requested a roll call.

AYES

KOTYZA-WITTHUHN

HANSON

COULTER

HICKS

LEE

NAYES

WEST

NELSON  
ALTENDORF  
MCDONALD  
NADEAU  
OLSON  
ZELEZNIKAR

EXCUSED  
PÉREZ-VEGA  
SENCER-MURA

There being 5 AYES and 7 NAYES and 2 EXCUSED ABSENCES, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn adjourned at 5:00PM

  
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Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn, Co-Chair

  
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Caleb Rohrer, Committee Legislative Assistant