

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FINANCE AND POLICY

MINUTES

Representative West, Chair of the Children and Families Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. on February 26, 2025, in Room 123 of the State Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

WEST, Nolan, Chair
NELSON, Nathan, Vice-Chair
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, Minority Lead
ALTENDORF, Pam
COULTER, Nathan
HANSON, Jessica
HEMMINGSEN-JAEGER, Amanda
HICKS, Kim
McDONALD, Joe
NADEAU, Danny
OLSON, Bjorn
PÉREZ-VEGA, Maria Isa
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

Non-Voting Member present:

SENCER-MURA, Samantha (Remote)

Representative Hanson moved the minutes of February 18, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF1346 (Nash) Relating to maltreatment, modifying training requirements for mandatory reporters.

Chair West moved HF1346 be re-referred to the Human Services Finance and Policy Committee.

The committee went into recess at 3:06 PM.

The committee reconvened at 3:09 PM.

Testifiers:

Melissa DiBilzen, Executive Director, Safe Passage for Children of Minnesota

Chair West renewed the motion that HF1346 be re-referred to the Human Services Finance and Policy Committee. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF1169 was laid over for possible inclusion in future omnibus bill.

HF1276 (Hicks) Northstar Care for Children benefit modified for children under the age of six and children transferred into NorthStar Care for Children.

Representative Hicks moved HF1276 before the committee.

Testifiers:

Sadie Hart, Policy Advocacy Director, Ain Dah Yung Center
Brittani Lamb, MSW, LISW, Minnesota Social Service Association,
Laura Newton, Family Services Director, Minneapolis American Indian Center
Mikayla Maxwell, Relative Care Provider
Nina Vongpheth, Community Member/Former ICWA Worker
Jennifer Sommerfeld, Government Relations Director, Department of Youth, Children and Families

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 PM.



Representative Nolan West, Chair

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Elizabeth Laukka, Committee Legislative Assistant