



## 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

**Location:** Capitol Room 123

**Date:** Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 3:00 PM

### AGENDA

1. **Call to Order:** Rep. Carlie Kotyza-Witthuhn has the gavel
2. **Approval of Minutes: Wednesday, March 19, 2025**
3. **HF1660 (Frazier)** Commissioner of children, youth, and families directed to conduct a statewide needs assessment for out-of-school and youth programming, report required, and money appropriated.
  - Testifiers:
    - Mearra Wright, leader with the Barbershop and Black Congregation Cooperative, ISAIAH
    - Alexandra C. Fitzsimmons, Esq., Senior Policy Director, Children's Defense Fund
4. **HF1824 (Rehrauer)** Commissioner of children, youth, and families funding provided to create and implement technology portals to connect individuals with support systems; and money appropriated.
  - Testifiers:
    - Tim Heroff, Area Director, CarePortal
5. **HF1926 (Mahamoud)** Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC) grant funding provided for food shelves, and money appropriated.
  - Testifiers:
    - Adrienne Dorn, President and Executive Director, (GMCC)
    - Christopher Anderson, Executive Director, WeCAN Community Action Network
6. **HF1002 (Hicks)** Head Start funding provided, and money appropriated.
  - Testifiers:
    - Sandy Simar, Head Start and Early Head Start Director, Families
    - Amanda Mata, Parent, Families First (REMOTE)

7. **HF994 (Kotzya-Witthuhn)** ParentChild+ program funding provided, and money appropriated.
  - Testifiers:
    - Amy Weiss, Chief Program Officer, Jewish Family and Children’s Service of Minneapolis (JFCS)
    - Sara Wise, ParentChild+ Partnership & Program Assistant Manager, JFCS
    - Jennyffer Barrientos, Director, Healthy Community Initiative Growing Up Healthy
8. **HF1915 (West)** Child care centers required to use video security cameras to monitor infants and toddlers, and money appropriated.
  - Testifiers:
    - Susanne Dickison
    - Janice DeGonda
9. Adjournment

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

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, March 26, 2025; Rep. Nolan West has the gavel