

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 3:01 PM on March 18, 2025, in Room 123 of the State Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

WEST, Nolan, GOP Chair  
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, DFL Chair  
NELSON, Nathan, GOP Vice-Chair  
HANSON, Jessica, DFL Vice-Chair  
ALTENDORF, Pam  
COULTER, Nathan  
HEMMINGSSEN-JAEGER, Amanda  
HICKS, Kim  
McDONALD, Joe  
NADEAU, Danny  
OLSON, Bjorn  
PÉREZ-VEGA, Maria Isa  
SENCER-MURA, Samantha  
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved the minutes of March 12, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF2135 (Pinto) Fiscal analysis of child welfare system required; comprehensive child welfare program, practice, and service evaluation required; reports required; and money appropriated.**

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved HF2135 before the Committee.

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved to adopt the HF2135 DE3 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Testifier:

Doctor Traci Laliberte, Executive Director Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare, University of Minnesota

Chair West laid over HF2135, as amended.

**HF776 (Hanson J.) Family assets for independence program funding provided, and money appropriated.**

Vice Chair Hanson moved HF776 before the Committee.

Testifiers:

Dave Murphy, FAIM Program Director  
Mayra Espitia, FAIM Program Participant

Chair West laid over HF776.

Vice-Chair Nelson assumed the gavel at 3:56 PM.

**HF2226 (West) Background study requirements for childcare providers modified.**

Chair West moved that HF2226 be re-referred to the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee.

Testifiers:

Adrian Lundeen-Hornung, People Serving People  
Hoang Murphy, CEO, People Serving People

Chair West renewed the motion that HF2226 be re-referred to the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Chair West assumed the gavel at 4:40 PM.

**HF1581 (Hicks) Diaper distribution grant program funding provided, and money appropriated.**

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved HF1581 before the Committee.

Chair West laid over HF1581.

**HF1158 (Hicks) Diaper distribution program modified.**

Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved HF1158 before the Committee.

Testifiers:

Amy Smith, Advocacy Chair, Diaper Bank of Minnesota  
Gina San Buenaventura, Board Member and Volunteer, Way of the Lord Church

Chair West laid over HF1158.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 PM.

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Representative Nolan West, Chair

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Elizabeth Laukka, Committee Legislative Assistant