



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

Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 3:00 PM

Capitol Room 123

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Minutes:** [Wednesday, April 2, 2025](#)
3. **Walkthrough of DE1 Amendment to [HF2436](#) (West) Children and Families Budget Bill**
 - a. **Documents**
 - i. [HF2436 - DE1 - West - 2025 Children and Families Budget Tracking Spreadsheet - 4/6/2025](#)
 - ii. [HF2436 - DE1 Amendment- West - 2025 Children and Families Budget- 4/6/2025](#)
 - b. **Presenters:**
 - i. Doug Berg, Fiscal Analyst, House Fiscal Analysis Department
 - ii. Annie Mach, Legislative Analyst, House Research Department
 - iii. Sarah Sunderman, Legislative Analyst, House Research Department
 - iv. Danyell Punelli, Legislative Analyst, House Research Department
4. **Remarks from Commissioner Tikki Brown, Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families**
5. **Testimony on DE1 Amendment to [HF2436](#) (West) Children and Families Budget Bill**
 - a. **Documents**
 - i. [Written Testimony - Budget Bill 1 - 4/8/2025](#)
 - ii. [Written Testimony - Budget Bill 2](#)
 - b. **In Person Testifiers:**
 - i. **Alexis Borgesen** (she/her), Foster Youth Outreach and Engagement Specialist, Office of the Foster Youth Ombudsperson
 - ii. **Courtney Griner**, Childcare Provider, Esko, MN
 - iii. **Bekah Kerfeld**
 - iv. **Commissioner Laurie Halverson**, Dakota County, Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC)

- v. **Stacy Hennen**, Executive Director, Western Prairie; Director, Traverse County Social Services, Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators
 - vi. **Lisa Thompson**, Ombudsperson, Office of the Ombuds for Family Child Care Providers
 - vii. **Sydney Spreck**, Political Affairs Coordinator, MN Association of Professional Employees
 - viii. **Peter Woitock** (he/him), Government Relations Manager, The Food Group MN
 - ix. **Ericca Maas**, Think Small
 - x. **Clare Sanford**, Government Relations Chair, Minnesota Child Care Association
 - xi. **Lisa Lane**, Chief External Affairs Officer, Open Arms of MN
- c. Virtual Testifiers:
- i. **Shawntel Gruba**, Director, Owner, IRON RANGE TYKES Learning Center
 - ii. **Karen DeVos** (she/her), Little Learners Early Childhood Centers
 - iii. **Joe Piket**, Former Franchise Owner, Primrose School of Champlin Park
 - iv. **Kathlyn S. McHenry**, Director of State Government Relations for the Early Care & Education Consortium
 - v. **Austin Railey III**, Government Relations Representative – Midwest, KinderCare Learning Companies
 - vi. **Dr. Lisa Hollensteiner**, MD; Board Chair, Safe Passage for Minnesota Children

6. Adjournment

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