

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 April 1, 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

Representative Coulter moved the minutes of March 26, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF2436 (West) Department of Children, Youth, and Families governor's budget bill; department administration, child safety permanency, and early childhood provisions modified; and money appropriated.

Chair West moved HF2436 before the Committee.

Testifiers:

Ashley Reisenhauer, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Youth, Children and Families
Diane Haulcey, Assistant Commissioner, Early Childhood, Department of Youth, Children and Families

Chair West laid over HF2436.

HF2456 (Scott) Cost-of-living adjustments in maintenance or child support orders repealed, and conforming changes made.

Representative Scott moved HF2456 be re-referred to the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee.

Chair West moved to adopt the H2456DE1 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Testifiers:

Trish Skophammer, Director of Child Support Services Division, Ramsey County Attorney's Office

Chair West renewed the motion that HF2456, as amended, be re-referred to the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF102 (Curran) Circumstances under which the public authority must direct support to an obligee modified.

Chair West moved HF102 before the Committee.

Testifiers:

Trish Skophammer, Director of Child Support Services Division, Ramsey County Attorney's Office

Chair West laid over HF102.

Vice Chair Nelson assumed the gavel at 3:51 PM.

HF470 (West) Early learning scholarships funding provided, and money appropriated.

Chair West moved HF470 before the Committee.

Testifiers:

Corinne Martin, Mother, Early Learning Scholarship Recipient

Athena Mihas, Chief Financial Officer, Greater Twin Cities United Way

Allison Gettings, Chief Executive Officer, Red Wing Shoe Company

Viridiana Anguiano, Program Director, Listos Pre-School

Ericca Maas, Policy and Advocacy, Think Small

Shana Morse, Legislative and External Affairs Director, Department of Children, Youth, and Families

HF470 was laid over.

HF2643 (West) Indication of self-report on childcare licensing notifications required.

Chair West moved HF2643 before the Committee.

HF2643 was laid over.

Chair West assumed the gavel at 4:36 PM.

HF1367 (Pinto) Judicial review of child maltreatment occurring outside of Minnesota allowed, and local welfare agency responsibility for assessing or investigating alleged maltreatment occurring outside of state provided.

Chair West moved HF1367 before the committee.

Testifiers:

Janet Reiter, Chisago County Attorney

Chair West laid over HF1367.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 PM.

Representative Nolan West, Chair

Elizabeth Laukka, Committee Legislative Assistant