

MINNESOTA STATE SENATE
JOINT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND EDUCATION FINANCE MEETING

Joint Meeting of the Health and Human Services & Education Finance Committees
Thursday, February 2nd, 2023
8:30am Livestream YouTube

Minutes

Present: Senator Melissa H. Wiklund- Chair, Senator Alice Mann – Vice Chair, Senator Paul Utke – Minority Lead, Senator Jim Abeler, Senator Liz Boldon, Senator Rob Kupec, Senator Bill Lieske, Senator Kelly Morrison

Absent: Senator John Hoffman

Chair Wiklund called the meeting to order at 8:35am on Thursday, February 2nd, 2023, in Room 1100 of the Minnesota Senate Building. A quorum was present.

Chair Wiklund provided an overview about the joint committee meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #1: Presentation on Brain Architecture, Toxic Stress, and Human Development

The first item up on the agenda was a presentation on Brain Architecture, Toxic Stress, and Human Development:

The following individuals gave a presentation on Brain Architecture, Toxic Stress, and Human Development:

- Megan Gunnar, PhD, Regents Professor Institute for Child Development, University of Minnesota.

Member questions and discussion followed.

AGENDA ITEM #2: Presentation: We Ask the Most of Parents When They Have the Least

The second item up on the agenda was a presentation by economist Aaron Sojourner.

The following individuals gave a presentation on balancing parenting and income earnings.

Aaron Sojourner, Economist, W. E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research

Member questions and discussion followed.

AGENDA ITEM #3: Presentation: Child Care, an Industry in Crisis

The third item up on the agenda was a presentation focusing on the childcare industry crisis.

The following individuals gave a presentation on the childcare industry crisis:

- Ann McCully, Co-facilitators of Transforming Minnesota’s Early Childhood Workforce team
- Nancy Jost, Co-facilitators of Transforming Minnesota’s Early Childhood Workforce team
- Jamie Bonczyk, Program Officer, 80x3: Resilient From The Start, Great Twin Cities United Way

Member questions and discussion followed.

AGENDA ITEM #4: Overview of Recommendations from the Great Start for All MN Children Task Force Report

The fourth item up on the agenda was an Overview of Recommendations from the Great Start for All MN Children Task Force Report

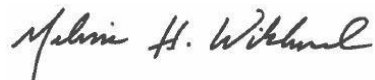
The following individuals gave an Overview of Recommendations from the Great Start for All MN Children Task Force Report:

- Jenny Moses, Program Manager, Children’s Cabinet; Task Force Co-chair
- Shakira Bradshaw, Great Start Task Force Co-chair
- Sandy Simar, Great Start Task Force Co-chair

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Member questions and discussion followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35am



Senator Melissa H. Wiklund



Hailey Ryan, Legislative Assistant