Tuesday, February 11, 2025

4 p.m., Central Time

Microsoft Teams Virtual Call

**Call to Order:** 4 p.m. – Sen. Michelle Axtman

**Roll Call:** 12 – Present, 3 – Absent; quorum met.

Members in Attendance:

Senator Michelle Axtman

Lt. Gov. Michelle Strinden

Rep. Brandy Pyle

Justice Lisa McEvers

Senator Kathy Hogan

Veronica Zietz

Maria Neset

Russell Riehl

Shawn Huss  
Janell Regimbal

Daniell Breland

Jessica Thomasson

Members Absent:

Kimberly Jacobson

Superintendent Kirsten Baesler

Rep. Jayme Davis

Other Attendees:

Meghan McCann

Kayla Statsny

Lisa Jahner  
 Melissa Markegaard

Tim Gienger Cathy Ferderer

Kelli Ulberg Katie Houle

Sara Kapp Cory Pedersen

Missy Baranko Shae Stober

Lisa Bjergaard

Staff:

Scooter Pursley

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion: Sen. Hogan moved to approve the February 11, 2025, agenda.

Second: Vernoica Zietz

Motion approved.

**Approval of November Minutes**

Veronica Zietz asked November minutes be amended to change “November” to “October” in approval of previous meeting minutes.

Motion: Janell Regimbal moved to approve minutes as amended.

Second: Russell Riehl

Motion approved.

**Presentation 1: Transition**

**Presenter:** Sen. Michelle Axtman

Sen. Axtman explained that the transition will be dependent upon the decision of the legislature to SB 2176 housing the Children’s Cabinet within the governor’s office. SB 2176 has passed the Senate and is in the House.

**Presentation 2: Discussion SB 2176**

**Presenter:** Sen. Michelle Axtman

Sen. Axtman thanked Sen. Hogan for carrying the bill. Sen. Axtman explained amendments to the original bill, which had required equal representation from even- and odd-numbered district to simply requiring two legislative members from each body. The cabinet would add a member due to a change in the governor’s five appointments to include a local school representative, a local special education representative, a human service zone director, a representative from a private agency providing direct service to vulnerable children and a parent.

Working groups were discussed and the importance of showing accomplishments of strategic goals over the next year. Hogan shared a story about the importance of working groups with members familiar with each other. Maria Neset said there will be great opportunities for the cabinet to partner with the governor and partners.

**Next meeting:** Due to the uncertainties of the legislative session, no meetings will be held in March or April. The next virtual meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 13 with an in-person meeting anticipated for June.

**Meeting adjourned:** 4:32 p.m.