

April 30, 2026, Committee on Childcare in Minot

Committee on Childcare in Minot – April 30, 2026, AT 2:00 P.M.

Members Present:

Stacey Boyko, Scott Burlingame, Rianne Kuhn, Amy Jenkins, Lisa Olson, Becca Oswill, Keli Rosselli-Sullivan, Scott Samuelson

Members Absent:

CJ Becker, Heather Cymbaluk, Terry Schumalz

Also Present:

Doug Diedrichsen, Mikayla McWilliams, Tom Joyce, Hannah Hornberger

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Lisa Olson at 2:00 pm.

CHILDCARE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Rep. Macy Bolinske informed the committee that Department of Health and Human Services have created a task force to streamline the licensing process to make it simpler for providers. HB 1119 will provide a legislative management study regarding child care provider licensing and create a child care servicing licensing advisory committee.

OWNER OCCUPIED HOME BUSINESS POLICY

Doug Diedrichsen explained to the committee they looked at doing an LDO text amendment. After discussions with the Building Safety Department there was concerns brought up that the number of improvements that would be needed to operate a commercial daycare in a residential home weren't fiscally reasonable. Doug had said the way the LDO is being interpreted now would allow someone to own a 2nd home to operate a daycare in without living in the home. As long as all requirements for operating a home-based business and licensing are being met, this would be allowed.

Amy Jenkins asked Doug if someone would need a special use permit for this? Doug informed her that they would not, they would just need the proper licensing with the state and no more than 18 kids.

Rianne Kuhn asked what the timeline was to allow this? Doug informed her than it is effective immediately and was hoping this committee would be able to help spread the word.

Tom Joyce mentioned the concern for traffic issues, and he said that they would fall under current parking laws and typically this wouldn't cause anymore congestion than a typical home-based daycare in the area. The Traffic Engineer could also do a case-by-case basis on lowering speed limits in certain areas.

Amy Jenkins informed the committee there are a lot more potential in-home daycares that would open or add locations with this change and could be a huge increase for providers that like an in-home daycare feel. Amy also mentioned she would check with her superiors to see if she could send out this information to current providers.

SAFETY CONCERNS PROCEDURE

Amy Jenkins stated if families have any questions or concerns, they are always welcome to call the State Licensing Department as soon as possible. There is a hot line number and an e-mail address that can direct you to the right department. The phone number is 1-800-997-8516 and the e-mail address is DHSEC@nd.gov

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one appeared to comment.

NEXT STEPS

Chairwoman Olson asked for feedback from the committee if they should continue this committee. Kelli voiced that this should be continued, they have had a lot of small wins and more could come. Amy mentioned that this committee has helped to point people in the right direction and should continue. Rianne voiced she was curious how the house bills would affect things moving forward and how it would affect the process. Scott B. stated that this committee has started a discussion across the city and felt that they have helped move the ball forward. Stacey echoed she felt it was beneficial to keep this committee going. Lisa informed the committee that she will be creating a white page to present to the mayor with the recommendation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:23 pm.