



OPPORTUNITY AHEAD

Workforce Leading the Economic Recovery

DAY ONE: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4th, 2021

- 8:30 – 8:40 AM **Welcome**
Shirley Barnes, Chair | Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards
- 8:40 – 8:55 AM **Remarks**
Commissioner Steve Grove | Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development
- 8:55 – 9:40 AM **Impacts of COVID-19 on Minnesota's Labor Market**
Cameron Macht, Regional Analysis & Outreach Manager, Acting Assistant LMI Director | Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development
- 9:40 – 9:50 AM **Small Group Conversation**
- 9:50 – 10:35 AM **Armchair Conversation: Regional Labor Market Trends and Disrupting Disparities**
Ryan Nunn, Ph.D., Assistant Vice President of Community Development and Engagement | Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
- 10:35 – 10:45 AM **Break**
- 10:45 – 11:30 AM **Innovation and Lessons Learned from the Pandemic**
Attendees Choose One Breakout Session:
- Panel Discussion with Minnesota Employers**
- **Jason Eison, President/CEO** | H&B Elevators
 - **Geoff Smith, President** | IBI Data
 - **Liz Huldin, VP of People & Organization** | Cirrus Aircraft
 - **Panel Moderator: Laura Beeth, Vice President of Talent Acquisition** | Fairview Health Services
- Panel Discussion with Youth Workforce Staff & Participants**
- **Mark Brinda, Ph.D., Manager of Employment and Training** | City of Minneapolis
 - **Jacob Kaduk, GCDF/Career Planner** | Career Solutions
 - **Panel Moderator: Patty Fleege, Director of Adult Education** | Duluth Public Schools



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11:30 – 11:40 AM

Small Group Conversation

11:40 AM – 12:30 PM

Analysis of National Politics and Workforce Advocacy

Chris Andresen, Lobbyist | United States Workforce Association

12:30 PM

Close of Day One

DAY TWO: THURSDAY, AUGUST 5th, 2021

8:30 – 8:55 AM

MAWB Business Meeting & Promising Practices Awards

8:55 – 9:00 AM

Remarks

Laura Beeth, Chair | Governor's Workforce Development Board

9:00 – 9:45 AM

National Association of Workforce Boards 2021 Update

Ron Painter, President & CEO | National Association of Workforce Boards

9:45 – 9:55 AM

Break

9:55 – 10:40 AM

Focus on Racial Equity in Workforce Strategies

Melissa Johnson, Managing Director, State Strategies | National Skills Coalition
Brianna McCain, State Policy Analyst | National Skills Coalition
India Heckstall, Policy Analyst | National Skills Coalition

10:40 – 10:45 AM

Break

10:45 – 11:30 AM

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Paige Shevlin, Director of Policy and National Initiatives | Markle Foundation
William (Bill) Turner, Executive Director, Skillful Indiana | Markle Foundation

11:30 – 11:40 AM

Small Group Conversation

11:40 AM – 12:30 PM

Own Your Leadership: 5 Steps to Impact Change Now

Joni Rae, CEO | The Mindset Group
Debra Alfarone, Network Correspondent | CBS News

12:30 PM

Closing