



Agenda

All events take place in the **Northern Lights Ballroom** unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday, August 3

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception

Appetizers and Cash Bar

Thursday, August 4

9:00 - 9:15 a.m.

Welcome

Commissioner Scott Schulte, Anoka County, Chair of the Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards

9:15 - 10:00 a.m.

Pockets of Joy: Further, Faster, Together

Roxane Battle, Vice President of Advocacy and Community, AbleTo, Inc.

10:00 - 10:10 a.m.

Break

10:10 - 11:10 a.m.

Federal Legislative Updates

Chris Andresen, Senior Vice President, Dutko Government Relations

11:10 - 11:20 a.m.

Break

11:20 a.m. - 12:20 p.m.

Culturally Relevant Approaches for Meaningful Service Delivery

Moderator: Ling Becker, Director, Ramsey County Workforce Solutions

Panelists:

- **Shirwa Adan**, Executive Director, Central Minnesota Community Empowerment Organization (CMCEO)
- **ChaQuana McEntyre**, Executive Director, Family Rise Together
- **Emily Edison**, Executive Director, SOAR Career Solutions

12:20 - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Best Practices: Outreach & Community Engagement

Walter L. Simmons, President & CEO, Employ Prince George's, Inc.

2:30 - 3:15 p.m.	<p>Credential Engine, the Midwest Credential Transparency Alliance Project, and Connecting Credential Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel Vilsack, Strategic and Policy Engagement Manager, Credential Engine • Mary Rothchild, Senior System Director of Workforce Development at Minnesota State Colleges and Universities • Ben Baglio, Director, Governor’s Workforce Development Board
3:15 - 3:30 p.m.	Break
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	<p>Creating a Roadmap for DEI in Turbulent Times Philomena Morrissey Satre, Director of Diversity and Inclusion, Land O’Lakes</p>
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn for the day
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	<p>Cocktail Hour Boat Club Restaurant, Fitger’s Complex, 600 E. Superior Street, Duluth</p>
6:00 p.m.	<p>Dinner Boat Club Restaurant, Fitger’s Complex, 600 E. Superior Street, Duluth</p>
Friday, August 5	
9:00 - 9:40 a.m.	<p>Official Business Meeting: Elections, Promising Practices Awards & Presentations, Bylaws, and more</p>
9:40 - 10:25 a.m.	<p>Presentation Deputy Commissioner for Workforce Development Marc Majors, DEED</p>
10:25 - 10:40 a.m.	Break
10:40 - 11:25 a.m.	<p>Innovative Strategies for Enhancing Employer-Led DEI Initiatives Moderator: Maureen Ramirez, Director of the Office of Public Engagement, DEED Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Whirlwind Soldier, Workforce Strategy Consultant for Northwest Minnesota, DEED: I-WE Program • Elena Foshay, Director, City of Duluth Workforce Development Board • Ling Becker, Director, Ramsey County Workforce Solutions
11:25 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	<p>Economic and Workforce Impact Factors in Rural Minnesota Marnie Werner, Vice President of Research and Operations, Center for Rural Policy and Development</p>
12:15 p.m.	<p>Thank You & Adjourn Commissioner Scott Schulte, Anoka County, Chair of the Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards</p>

Notes