



MAWB Operations Committee

Wednesday, May 23, 2024

9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Virtual Only

Mission: It is the mission of the Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards to provide Minnesota with a skilled and competitive workforce through engaged and proactive local elected officials, workforce development boards, and staff.

Agenda

- 9:00 AM Welcome and Introductions**
- Approve Meeting Minutes and Agenda
- 9:05 AM CareerForce MN Director Updates: Jeanna Fortney, Director of CareerForce MN – Department of Employment & Economic Development**
- 9:25 AM Employment & Training Programs Update: Ama Akakpo, Division Director of Employment & Training Programs – Department of Employment & Economic Development**
- 10:05 AM E & T Services Available to Individuals without Work Authorization Presentation: Rita Apaloo, Grants Specialist Coordinator; Lynn Douma, Youth Program Coordinator; and Vanessa Roman, Adult Career Pathways Program Coordinator - Department of Employment & Economic Development**
- 10:35 AM Job Quality Sharing and Brainstorming Session: Liz Jennings, Employer Engagement Specialist – Department of Employment & Economic Development**
- 11:15 AM GWDB Updates: Sonji Davis, Workforce Policy Coordinator – Governor’s Workforce Development Board**
- 12:00 PM Lunch Break**
- 12:30 PM Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs Update: Abdiwahab Mohamed, Assistant Commissioner for Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, Department of Employment & Economic Development**
- 1:00 PM Hot Topics**
- Legislative Advocacy - Elena/Jinny/Deb
 - Cate Onboarding Plan – Elena
 - National work conversation (GLETA, USCOM, Midwest Urban Strategies, National League of Cities, etc.) - Elena/Ling
 - What national groups are MAWB members involved in? Which participation is MAWB funds supporting (and why?)?
 - Shared strategy around national engagement
 - How do we ensure DEED understands the ways we are engaging at the national level, and direct access to DOL that results?
 - DEED Granting Process & Re-work of the WDF - Jinny

- Salary Survey Results - Jinny/Bob
- Joint Powers Board/Workforce Development Board Meetings – Dina
- WIOA Common Exit Project workshop (Elena)
- [Career pathway training study](#) (Elena)

2:00 PM

Conclude

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 27th from 9am – 2pm, Hybrid at AMC