



## Business Services/Economic Development Committee

February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 9:30-11:30am

The committee was called to order at 9:33 am.

**Featured Topic:** The committee discussed the mission and plan of work for the committee and heard a presentation on the “Best Places to Work” program out of Workforce Development Inc. Please find the full presentation [here](#).

- <https://www.personneldynamics.net/>
- <https://wff2025.eventbrite.com>
- <https://mawb-mn.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/WDI-Sample-Report.pdf>

### Employer-Related Updates: Items Pertinent to Employers or Employer Services

- M State
- Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
- Economic Development Association of Minnesota (EDAM)
- Minnesota Association of Professional County Economic Developers (MAPCED)
- State Agencies
  - DEED
  - VRS
  - DLI
    - MN Dual Training Pipeline is finalizing 10 new occupations to the program.
    - [Pipeline 101 next Tuesday](#).
    - Youth skills training program application just closed. Award notices coming in the next month.
    - Continuing to track impacts on federal funding questions.
    - <https://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=2196>
    - Dual Training grant legal cannabis info and timeline: [Dual Training Grant: Legal Cannabis Industry](#)
  - RETAIN
    - RETAIN is implementing the disability innovation grant. More updates to come.
- Local Areas
  - Rural Minnesota CEP
  - City of Duluth
  - City of Lakeville
  - Central Minnesota (CMJTS)
    - Community of Practice for Registered Apprenticeship up and going.
    - Large hiring event 3/26 in Monticello.
    - Ongoing incumbent worker applications coming in.
  - Southwest Minnesota
  - Southeast Minnesota (WDI)
    - Outreach plan updates continue and work with consultant getting started

- Incumbent worker training is growing.
  - Workplace learning is growing.
- Hennepin-Carver
  - Workforce Leadership Council that gathers advice from businesses in the area has been meeting.
- City of Minneapolis
  - Developing OJT policies given growing interest.
  - Launching community of practice for registered apprenticeship. First meeting on 2/19.
- Anoka County
- Ramsey County
  - Made it through 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Inclusive Summit – over 100 workplaces involved. Doing a survey from the summit, can share at a future meeting.
  - Affordable Housing partnership event is being hosted by a Ramsey Commissioner.
- Dakota-Scott
- Stearns-Benton (Career Solutions)
- Washington County
  - Spending more time with career tech folks in schools.
  - Gold line coming in to Washington County education for businesses to benefit from the line.
- Northwest PIC
- Winona County
  - Developing partnerships with businesses that have laid off or closed.
  - Job fair next Wednesday, 65 businesses/colleges signed up.

The committee concluded at 10:08 am.