



Business Services/Economic Development Committee

May 8, 2025, 9:30-11:00am

The committee was called to order at 9:02 am.

Featured Topic: MN Chamber Summit Takeaways – Whitney Harvey, MN Chamber

- AI & New Americans were hot topics at the summit.
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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
 - A few events & funding opportunities to share – please see links below:
 - Dual training grant announcements at the end of May/early June.
 - Youth skills training grant is being reviewed and should be announced soon.
 - DLI is hosting a [speaker series](#) event on May 20th with a speaker discussing how to use AI, with some particular tips and tricks for using AI in training workers
 - Apprenticeship funding opportunities: [Apprenticeship funding opportunities | Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry](#)
 - In-person All-Industry Forum: June 5, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 1p.m., St. Cloud. [Register to attend](#). View the [event flyer](#).
 - RETAIN
- Local Areas
 - Rural Minnesota CEP
 - Many job fairs going on.
 - City of Duluth
 - City of Lakeville
 - Central Minnesota (CMJTS)
 - Southeast Minnesota (WDI)
 - Working on application for apprenticeship for workforce boards - being a hub & sponsor, working on a career counselor apprenticeship.
 - Hennepin-Carver
 - City of Minneapolis

- Please contact Bob if you would like to be apart of the state-wide Apprenticeship Community of Practice.
- Anoka County
- Ramsey County
- Dakota-Scott
- Stearns-Benton (Career Solutions)
 - Held first reverse job fair yesterday where jobseekers interviewed businesses.
- Washington County
- Northwest PIC
- Winona County

The committee concluded at 10:20 am.