



Business Services/Economic Development Committee

September 18, 2025, 9:30–11:00am

The committee was called to order at 9:30 am.

Featured Topic: Career Edge and Program Updates

- Discussion on Career Edge platform, access issues, and communication between partners.
- Shared strategies for troubleshooting technical barriers and ensuring information reaches staff.
- Emphasis on coordination of updates and clarity around forwarded communications.

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

- Minnesota Department of Corrections shared updates on employer engagement efforts.
- Training and resource-sharing opportunities were highlighted, particularly around workforce readiness.
- Continued focus on employer collaboration to expand available programs and align services.

Local Area Highlights

- Rural Minnesota CEP – Reported multiple job fairs underway across the region, helping connect employers with jobseekers.
- Southeast Minnesota (WDI) – Working on an apprenticeship application for workforce boards, with plans to serve as a hub and sponsor. Also developing a career counselor apprenticeship model.
- Stearns-Benton (Career Solutions) – Held its first reverse job fair where jobseekers interviewed businesses, which was well received by local employers.
- Washington County – Provided updates on local employment initiatives and community workforce partnerships.
- Northwest PIC – Highlighted employer outreach and ongoing placement activities.
- Winona County – Shared recent programming efforts to expand jobseeker services and support employer engagement.

The committee concluded at 11:00 am.