



MAWB Operations Committee

Thursday, October 23rd, 2025

9:00 AM-3:00 PM

AMC Boardroom (125 Charles Ave, St. Paul, MN) or Virtual

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 – 9:05 AM** **Call to order, approval of minutes and agenda**
- 9:05 – 9:30 AM** **Mike Lang, Director of Workforce Strategies & Innovation – DEED**
- 9:30 – 10:00 AM** **Jeanna Fortney, Director of CareerForce MN & Laura Oliven, Senior Advisor – DEED**
- 10:00 – 10:30 AM** **Katie McClelland, Director – Governor’s Workforce Development Board**
- 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM** **DEED Legislative Listening Session: Looking Ahead to the 2026 Legislative Session – DEED Government Relations Team**
- 12:00 – 12:30 PM** **Lunch**
- 12:30 – 1:00 PM** **Priorities & Committee Reports**
- **Legislative Updates (Cate)**
 - **Marketing Updates(Cate)**
 - **Leadership development/TA Updates (Catrice & Mark)**
- Committee reports**
- **Highlights & Critical Updates**
- 1:00 – 1:30 PM** **Rapid Response Overview & Update: Jason Wadell, Supervisor, State Rapid Response Team – DEED**
- 1:30 – 3:00 PM** **Successes/challenges/questions**
- **Issue Tracker - Jinny/Heather/Cate**
 - **WDF Reserves - Cate/Erik**
 - **VRS reception/career lab hourly rate and agreement status - Elena**
 - **CWI SCSEP status update and what next - Elena**
 - **Priority of Service Conversation? - Metro Directors**
 - **Federal Government Shutdown - All**
 - **SNAP and MFIP work requirements - Catrice**
- 3:00 PM** **Conclude**

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 22nd, 2026, at AMC & via Zoom