



MAWB Business Services/Economic Development Committee Agenda

January 15, 2026, 9:30-11:00am

Mission: To have a broad-based committee membership which will share employer-related resources, information and workable solutions and align efforts wherever possible all with the goal of benefitting employers.

The group discusses common interests, shares successful strategies and main lines of communications but with entities beyond government agencies.

The Plan of work is:

- a. Share ideas and best practices*
- b. Help align “boots” on the ground efforts contacting and working with employers.*
- c. Partner, support and promote workforce-related statewide events.*
- d. Develop and/or share employment related resource guide for employers*

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. RETAIN Program Overview – John Connell & Margaret Odanga | MN RETAIN, DEED

3. 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
 - DoLI
 - VRS
- Local Areas
 - Rural Minnesota CEP
 - City of Duluth
 - City of Lakeville
 - Central Minnesota (CMJTS)
 - Southwest Minnesota
 - Southeast Minnesota (WDI)
 - Hennepin-Carver
 - City of Minneapolis
 - Anoka County
 - Ramsey County
 - Dakota-Scott

- Stearns-Benton (Career Solutions)
- Washington County
- Northwest PIC

Next Meeting: March 12th, 2026, 9:30 – 11:00 AM