



**MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION  
OF WORKFORCE BOARDS**

**MAWB Operations Committee**

Thursday, January 22nd, 2026

9:00 AM-2:00 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 – 10:00 AM**      **Priorities**
- **Legislative updates, questions for discussion, and next steps (Cate)**
  - **Marketing updates, questions for discussion, and next steps (Cate and Committee Members)**
  - **Leadership development/technical assistance updates, questions for discussion, and next steps (Elena/Catrice & Mark)**
- Committee reports**
- **Highlights & Critical Updates**
    - **Action Item: JSS Committee Co-Chair - Carrie**
    - **Action Item: Bylaws Committee Member - Bob**
- Successes/challenges/questions**
- **Action Item: AMC Affiliate Rep - Cate**
  - **Action Item: New NAWB CEO, NAWB Forum - Cate**
  - **State DW Obligations #s – Cate, Heather, Jinny, Erik**
  - **History Question - Elena**
  - **Anoka County Director Update - Nicole**
  - **Cap on DW Requests (mass layoffs) - Tammy**
  - **MN OHE exemption list - Dina and Jinny**
  - **ROI Efforts - Follow up on pro bono request - Jinny**
  - **WIOA Waivers - Jinny**
  - **Economic Dev/Business Attraction Connection with Workforce Dev - Erik**
  - **FutureWorks Update - Cate**
  - **Basecamp Overview - Bob**
- 10:00 – 10:30 AM**      **Katie McClelland, Director – Governor’s Workforce Development Board**
- 10:30 – 10:45 AM**      **Mike Lang, Director of Workforce Strategies & Innovation – Department of Employment & Economic Development**

<b>10:45 – 11:00 AM</b>	<b>Remaining Successes/Challenges/Questions</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:30 AM</b>	<b>Jeanna Fortney, Director of CareerForce MN – Department of Employment &amp; Economic Development</b>
<b>11:30 AM – 12:00 PM</b>	<b>IFA Update - Juanita Borton, CareerForce Systems Operations Coordinator – Department of Employment &amp; Economic Development</b>
<b>12:00 – 12:45 PM</b>	<b>Lunch &amp; Celebration of Nicole Swanson</b>
<b>12:45 – 1:30 PM</b>	<b>Department of Children, Youth, and Families Update - Kari Ouimette, Kristen Shouman, Pam Majkozak, Laura Ellis, Amy Anderson, Ashley Snyder, Ann Meyers, Jeanna Fortney, and Mike Lang</b>
<b>1:30 – 2:00 PM</b>	<b>Department of Human Services Update - Jessica O'Brien, Employment &amp; Workforce Specialist &amp; Parmananda Khatiwoda, Resettlement Network Services Supervisor – Resettlement Programs Office, Minnesota Department of Human Services</b>
<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Conclude</b>

**Next Meeting: Thursday, February 26, at AMC & via Zoom**