



# CENTRAL MINNESOTA Workforce Development Board

## Workforce Development Committee

**Mission:** To provide leadership in connecting local/regional business, education, and economic development initiatives, as well as ensuring quality services in the CareerForce System or one-stop centers.

## AGENDA

December 12, 2025

9:00 am–9:50 am

**In-person attendance at CMJTS' Monticello office in conference room 127.**

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<https://www.cmjts.org/cmjts-joint-powers-board-workforce-development-board-and-committee-meetings>

### MEMBERS:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Netzing, Chair        | <input type="checkbox"/> Merle Bobbitt               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Nelson, Vice Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Jeanne Holland |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rob Stark                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lori Vrolson                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Melissa Ball-Warriner      | <input type="checkbox"/> Trevor Turek                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ian Weiss                  |  |

### STAFF:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Leslie Wojtowicz (CMJTS) | <input type="checkbox"/> Business Services Staff (rotation) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joe Sharpe (CMJTS)       | <input type="checkbox"/> Diane Johnson (CMJTS)              |

### GUESTS:

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### PY2025-2026 Committee Goals and Action Plans

- Review industry clusters by region to determine if they are still viable. Look at: DEED to be proactive to enhance business expansion and create job growth.
  - 7E: Continue focusing on manufacturing, healthcare, and leisure and hospitality.
  - 6E: Continue focusing on manufacturing, agriculture, and healthcare.
  - 7W: Continue focusing on manufacturing, healthcare, ground transportation, energy, and construction.
- Support initiatives that focus on bringing broadband infrastructure to rural areas in LWDA 5 that are necessary for jobseekers and businesses to participate in everyday activities such as job search, education and training, accessible or remote work, health care, and staying connected.
- Outreach to businesses to inform them of what is available in the region by utilizing business service coordinators.
- Continue to gather data and bring in guest speakers for committee growth and development. Track the changes that are occurring that may affect economic workforce development.
- Investigate possible ways this committee could assist small businesses and the trades.

Five Industry Sectors: Manufacturing, Healthcare, Construction (transportation), Natural Resources and Energy (Agriculture), Professional and Business Services (Information Technology)

### 1. Call to order

Note: If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Diane Johnson at [djohnson@cmjts.org](mailto:djohnson@cmjts.org) or 763-340-0743

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**2. Approval of the Consent Agenda**

*(A single motion and vote are taken on all items listed under the consent agenda. Items may be added or deleted at the request of committee chairs, staff, or partners.)*

- a. Meeting Agenda\*
- b. Previous Committee Meeting Minutes\*

**3. Old Business**

**4. New Business**

- a. Wage Growth by Sector – Luke Greiner
- b. Healthcare Component Establishment Changes (time permitting) – Luke Greiner

**5. Business Member Recruitment Update**

**6. Business Services Update** – Business Service Coordinator

**6. Pulse of Private Industry Board Members** (time permitting)

**7. Future Meeting Agenda Items**

**8. Adjournment**

**\*Attachment**

## NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE

### January 9, 2026

8:00 am – 8:50 am	Operations Committee
9:00 am – 9:30 am	LMI Presentation
9:40 am –10:50 am	Community & Government Relations Committee
9:40 am –10:50 am	Workforce Development Committee
11:00 am –12:15 pm	Workforce Development Board (WDB)

## NO MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY

All Meeting information and attachment information can be found:

**CMJTS Joint Powers Bord, Workforce Development Board, and Committee Meetings Page:**  
<https://www.cmjts.org/cmjts-joint-powers-board-workforce-development-board-and-committee-meetings/>

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

October 10, 2025

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Mark Netzinger (chair), Rob Stark, Lori Vrolson, Commissioner  
Jeanne Holland, Melissa Ball-Warriner, Trevor Turek

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rebecca Nelson, Ian Weiss, Merle Bobbitt

**STAFF PRESENT:** Leslie, Wojtowicz, Joe Sharpe, Rebecca Perrotti, Diane Johnson,  
Diana Ristamaki

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Luke Greiner

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 am.

**INTRODUCTIONS/WELCOME**

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion: Holland moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by: Stark. Roll Call taken - Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

***Open Meeting Law***

- Netzinger stated that during the executive committee meeting it was clarified that we need to implement the roll call vote for all official business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

***None.***

***Business Member Recruitment Update***

- Virtual attendance is an option for the purpose of this committee.
- Ongoing recruitment is in process, but no new members have been identified.

**BUSINESS SERVICE UPDATE – REBECCA PERROTTI**

- October is manufacturing month.
- Provided an update on recent and upcoming events, including manufacturing month activities, career fairs, and employer summits.
- Businesses have some anxiety over paid leave.
- Businesses are not necessarily hiring, and workers are not necessarily leaving.

**ADDITIONAL MEETING NOTES**

- Luke shared what he is seeing in the labor market – it is correcting right now, and people are uneasy. He will be presenting the summary of the job counselor survey results in December, and he will also have a companion survey of business service staff. He cautioned members to be careful of AI as it is not replacing most jobs, according to studies across the nation.
- Vrolson shared that it will be interesting to see how Medicaid will impact work requirements.

**FUTURE MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Holland moved to adjourn. Seconded by: Turek. Roll Call taken - Motion carried.