



AGENDA

May 8, 2026

9:00 am–9:50 am

If attending in-person, attendance at CMJTS' Monticello office in conference room 150.

Please go to the board meeting page for all meeting materials and links to join meetings virtually:

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

MEMBERS:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Zwart, Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Dan Whitcomb, Vice-Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Craig Johnson | <input type="checkbox"/> Denise Stewart |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Brent Thompson | <input type="checkbox"/> Tim Truebenbach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioner Duane Anderson | <input type="checkbox"/> |

STAFF:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Michelle Johnson (CMJTS) | <input type="checkbox"/> Dina Wuornos (CMJTS - rotation) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lori Kampa (CMJTS) | |

GUEST:

- Bob Dockendorf

1. Call to order

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

- a. Board recruitment
 - i. Renville County – manufacturing representation – Doug Krueger
 - ii. Chisago County – Toni from Family Pathways – Wuornos
 - iii. Mille Lacs County

4. New Business

- a. Continue 2026 Goals
- b. Advocacy Training - Wuornos

Note: If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Lori Kampa at lkampa@cmjts.org or 763-496-5436

Upon request, this material can be made available in alternate formats.

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- 5. Future Agenda Items
- 6. Adjournment

***Attachments**

Previous meeting minutes

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE

June 12, 2026

8:00 am – 8:50 pm	CMJTS Operations Committee
9:00 am – 9:50 am	Community & Government Relations Committee
9:00 am – 9:50 am	Workforce Development Committee
10:00 am - 10:50 am	Workforce Development Board
11:00 am – 11:45 am	LMI Presentation
11:50 am – 12:30 pm	Presentation/Guest Speaker
12:40 pm – 1:30 am	Joint Powers Board Meeting

NO MEETING IN JULY

ONLY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE IN AUGUST

All Meeting information and attachment information can be found:

CMJTS Joint Powers Bord, Workforce Development Board, and
Committee Meetings Page:

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**COMMUNITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS (CGR) COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

April 10, 2026
Hybrid Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lisa Zwart (chair), Commissioner Duane Anderson, Commissioner Dan Whitcomb (vice-chair), Brent Thompson, Denise Stewart. Virtual: Tim Truebenbach.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. Craig Johnson

STAFF PRESENT: Dina Wuornos, Michelle Johnson, Lori Kampa

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 am.

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Whitcomb moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by: Anderson. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Recruitment

- Voting on two new board members today:
 - Deb Meyer, Monticello Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Wright County
 - Representing business
 - Lezlie Sauter, economic development coordinator in Pine County
 - Bob Dockendorf (retiring at end of 2025-2026 school year but staying on special assignment through November 2026) will be replacing Tim Truebenbach beginning with May 2026 meeting
- Mille Lacs County
 - Wuornos met with Nicole Rhoda from Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures. She has respectfully declined due to a busy schedule.
- Renville County
 - Still need business representation. Doug Krueger is working on representation from manufacturing, but Wuornos has not heard back from him yet.
- Chisago County
 - Wuornos will connect with Toni at Family Pathways.
 - Two virtual mental health events
- Trauma-Informed Care 2.0, April 2, 9:00-10:30 am
 - Kampa reported that 42 people attended and it went very well
- Clear is Kind 2.0, April 9, 9:00-11:00 am
 - Kampa reported 66 people attended and it went very well

NEW BUSINESS

Focus for 2026

2026 Committee Goals

- CGR Committee requested direction from WDB. Wuornos shared some thoughts/ideas.
- Workforce Development Board: Designed to advocate for and represent our local workforce development area, which is the 11 counties that this central Minnesota board serves. The purpose of the board is to represent careerforce services across all partners that are required to be a part of the board, which includes TANF programming, MFIP programming, Vocational

Rehab services (board member Joy Beise), Adult Basic Education (board member Sherry Smith), Title I with WIOA youth, adult, and dislocated worker programming. There are 13 required partners that make up the Workforce Development Board.

- Workforce Development Fund
 - Established approximately 30 years ago
 - Every Minnesota employer pays small fee of 0.01% of their income to the state to the Workforce Development Fund
 - Last year the Workforce Development Fund had \$144,000,000.00 in reserve. Everything else had already been distributed.
 - Historically the Workforce Development Fund gets split approximately in half. The first half involves direct appropriations that legislators choose (such as boys and girls club, special grants to urban youth, etc.) The second half goes to workforce development. From that half, money is given to Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board (board designed through Minnesota statute to support large businesses, big initiatives, large incumbent worker training grants)
 - The remaining portion is then distributed via a formula to the 16 local workforce development boards. Once the LWDA 5 WDB receives State DW funds it's approximately 11% of the portion that was originally distributed to locals.
 - Last year 56% of our state dislocated worker budget was cut.
 - Cate Duin, our lobbyist, worked with MAWB and DEED to tap into the reserves and get an additional 44% and hold harmless from that cut. We don't know if that is going to happen SFY27PY26.
 - There are usually 30-40 appropriations that get money. Last year there were closer to 70.
- Legislative Task Force on Workforce Development System Reform Committee Co-Chairs: Representative Dave Baker and Misun Bormann – Governor's Workforce Development Board Appointee. Committee Members: Commissioner Matt Varilek, Representative Dave Pinto, Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Senator Carla Nelson, Carol Anderson – Governor's Workforce Development Board Appointee, Michael Berndt – Governor's Workforce Development Board Appointee, Nicole Mattson - Governor's Workforce Development Board Appointee.
 - Before next legislative session, the task force needs to come up with a process and implement policies to divide the money.
 - MAWB created a platform for state dislocated worker program
 - We need to find a way to talk to Representative Baker and explain what CMJTS does
 - ♦ State level dislocated worker program funds help job seekers and also about \$300,000 goes into our 11 counties to support business
 - ♦ Request is to give dislocated worker program a percentage off the top and then appropriate the rest.
- WDB Required Partners (13 total)
 - WIOA – CMJTS Adult, Dislocated Worker, and Youth programs
 - Wagner Peyser – Job Service
 - DEED (Melissa Ball Warriner)
 - VRS (Joy Beise)
 - ABE (Sherry Smith)
 - Economic Development
 - Perkins secondary education in workforce (Tim Truebenbach)
 - Tribal representation
 - Justice involved

- Central Minnesota Workforce Development Board funding
 - Only funded by CMJTS – WIOA
 - Blend of funding from federal, state, and competitive grants
- Stewart suggested having partner representation give a report at each WDB meeting to draw awareness to the required partnerships on the WDB. Reports could be attached to the consent agenda.
- Wuornos requested each committee member review the 10-Point Priority List for Ranking (handout) and narrow it down to top 2-3 before May 8 meeting.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

- Continue Board recruitment
- Continue 2026 Committee Goals
- Checklist

ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS: JUNE AGENDA ITEMS

- Possibly Kate Duin will attend to assist with platform for CGR

ADJOURN

Motion: Zwart adjourned the meeting at 10:50 am.



Attention Chairperson: Please be aware of our current administrative process for roll call voting.

- CMJTS administrative staff will prepare the roll call voting sheets and provide a printed copy prior to the meeting.
- The agenda items requiring a vote are included on the sheet and blank roll call sheets are behind them.
- Please assign an officer or another voting member to this task prior to the meeting.
- You do NOT need to write the full motion on the roll call sheet. The administrative support to the committee meeting will capture the motion.
- For each agenda item that requires a vote, after the motion is made, board members should be called out in alphabetical order and log each individual vote. Be sure to include if the member is absent.
- Immediately following the meeting, the roll call voting sheets should be given to the administrative staff, or if unavailable, another CMJTS staff member.

Roll Call Record

Date: _____

Motion: Consent Agenda: _____ moved to approve the consent agenda. **Seconded**
by _____

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason for abstention
Anderson, Duane				
Johnson, Craig				
Stewart, Denise				
Thompson, Brent				
Truebenbach, Tim				
Whitcomb, Dan				
Zwart, Lisa				

Roll Call Record

Date: _____

Motion: Adjourn: _____ moved to adjourn. Seconded by _____

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