

Community and Government Relations: The Committee works to create a robust network of support that facilitates workforce development and addresses the evolving challenges within our community by cultivating and enhancing relationships with community organizations and government entities. By doing so, the committee aims to advocate for and promote the interests and policies of the Council. This involves ongoing engagement, collaboration on initiatives, and open communication to ensure objectives align with the needs of the community and the priorities set by governing bodies. The Chair of the Community and Government Relations Committee shall be a Council member and a business representative.

Individual Ranking:

- Rank their Top 5 priorities
- Assign:
 - 5 points = highest priority
 - 1 point = lowest of their top 5

10-Point Priority List for Ranking

Funding & Resources

1. Restore and stabilize funding for the Dislocated Worker Program
2. Advocate for increased federal WIOA Title I funding
3. Strengthen local impact storytelling to justify funding requests
4. Align workforce funding with emerging disruptions (e.g., layoffs, AI, industry shifts)

Policy & System Design

5. Protect local workforce board flexibility in program delivery
6. Oppose increased state-level set-asides that reduce local funding control
7. Ensure training requirements allow supportive and career services flexibility
8. Reduce administrative burdens (e.g., IFA negotiations, duplicative roles)

Relationships & Advocacy

9. Increase direct engagement with legislators and policymakers
10. Build stronger partnerships with community organizations and employers