



AGENDA

June 12, 2026

9:00 am–9:50 am

Please note the June meeting is intended to be an in-person meeting. It will be held in conference room 150. If you need any accommodations to participate, contact Lori Kampa before the meeting at lkampa@cmjts.org or 763-496-5436.

Please go to the board meeting page for all meeting materials:

<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"/> Commissioner Duane Anderson | <input type="checkbox"/> Denise Stewart |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Brent Thompson | <input type="checkbox"/> Deb Meyer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <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) | |

GUESTS:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gary Foster | <input type="checkbox"/> Bob Dockendorf |
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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
 - ii. Mille Lacs County – Wuornos
 - iii. Kandiyohi County – Rebecca Wierschke, Clean Chickens and Co., LLC, interested
 - iv. McLeod County – Stephanie Hanson, application in June board packet

4. New Business

- a. CGR officer elections
- b. Continue 2026 Goals, create game plan
- c. Spokesperson training worksheet* – Zwart/Wuornos

5. Future Agenda Items

- a. Cate Duin – MAWB platform
- b. WIOA Title I funding

6. Adjournment

***Attachments**

Previous meeting minutes
 Roll Call Record Sheet
 Spokesperson worksheet

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULE

September 11, 2026

8:00 am – 8:50 pm	CMJTS 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
9:40 am – 10:50 am	Youth Committee
11:00 am – 12:15 pm	Workforce Development Board

NO MEETING IN JULY

ONLY OPERATIONS COMMITTEE IN AUGUST

All Meeting information and attachment information can be found at:

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

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

May 8, 2026
Hybrid Meeting

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Dan Whitcomb (vice-chair)

GUESTS PRESENT: Bob, Dockendorf, Commissioner Brad Schumacher, Deb Meyer

STAFF PRESENT: Dina Wuornos, Michelle Johnson, Lori Kampa

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

WELCOME/INTRODUCTION

CONSENT AGENDA

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

OLD BUSINESS

Board Recruitment

- Two new board members starting today:
 - Deb Meyer, joining CGR
 - ♦ Monticello Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Wright County, representing business
 - Lezlie Sauter, joining WD Committee
 - ♦ economic development coordinator in Pine County
- Two new board member replacements starting June 2026:
 - Bob Dockendorf, joining CGR
 - ♦ is replacing Tim Truebenbach
 - Gary Foster, joining CGR
 - ♦ replacing Dr. Craig Johnson
- Mille Lacs County
 - Wuornos has been trying to connect with Tony from Family Pathways in North Branch
- Renville County
 - Still need business representation.
- Chisago County
- Kandiyohi County
 - Rebecca Wierschke, Clean Chickens and Co., LLC, potential board member
- McLeod County, Stephanie Hanson
 - Completed application for board approval in June
 - Doug Krueger is working on representation from manufacturing, but Wuornos has not heard back from him yet – no longer needed.

NEW BUSINESS

2026 Committee Goals

- Wuornos requested that each committee member review the 10-point Priority List for Ranking (handout) and narrow down their top 2-3 for discussion.

- 1. Restore and stabilize funding for the Dislocated Worker Program
 - Wuornos said Cate Duin will be talking about this when she meets with the committee in September.
- 2. Advocate for increased federal WIOA Title I funding.
 - Wuornos said this will be on the legislative agenda in January.
- 3. Build stronger partnerships with community organizations and employers
 - Wuornos explained the One Stop Operator RFP process and how it is not working the way it may have been designed to work. The directors would like it to go away. The committee talked about who the authors of the bill are to see if they could have any conversations with them.

NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

- Continue Board recruitment
- Continue 2026 Committee Goals – Game Plan
- Advocacy Training

ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS:

SEPTEMBER AGENDA ITEMS

- Cate Duin will attend to assist with platform for CGR

ITEMS FOR JANUARY MEETING AGENDA:

- WIOA Title I funding

ADJOURN

Motion: Thompson adjourned the meeting at 9:50 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				
Meyer, Deb				
Stewart, Denise				
Thompson, Brent				
Whitcomb, Dan				
Zwart, Lisa				

Roll Call Record

Date: _____

Motion: Officer elections: _____ moved to nominate _____ as committee chair. **Seconded by** _____

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason for abstention
Anderson, Duane				
Meyer, Deb				
Stewart, Denise				
Thompson, Brent				
Whitcomb, Dan				
Zwart, Lisa				

Roll Call Record

Date: _____

Motion: Officer elections: _____ moved to nominate _____ as committee vice-chair. **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:

Motion made by: _____ **Seconded by** _____

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason for abstention
Anderson, Duane				
Meyer, Deb				
Stewart, Denise				
Thompson, Brent				
Whitcomb, Dan				
Zwart, Lisa				

Roll Call Record

Date: _____

Motion: _____

Motion made by: _____ **Seconded by** _____

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason for abstention
Anderson, Duane				
Meyer, Deb				
Stewart, Denise				
Thompson, Brent				
Whitcomb, Dan				
Zwart, Lisa				

SPOKESPERSON WORKSHEET

Use this worksheet to unlock elements of your personal or organizational story.

FIND YOUR WHY

Think about your work and how it contributes to your organization's mission. Why does your role exist? Why does your organization exist? Who do you serve? What impacts can be felt throughout the community thanks to your contributions? Write your why statement. Bonus points if you can avoid repeating your organization's mission statement.

BITE – SNACK – MEAL

Messages should be tailored to the audience and channel. Some audiences have the time to engage with all of the details, while others can only manage the highlights. Think of an initiative or program at your organization and draft key messages that fit the following criteria.



BITE

Say it in 10 words or less. Leave your audience hungry for more.



SNACK

Use two sentences to give audiences a quick taste.



MEAL

Satisfy your audience with all of the key details in one paragraph.