



AGENDA

September 11, 2026

9:40 am–10:50 am

In-person attendance expected; contact CMJTS administrative staff to request accommodation.

If attending in-person, please contact Diana Ristamaki for meeting location

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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| ☐ Janelle Sowers, Chair | ☐ Eriann Faris |
| ☐ Sherry Smith, Co Vice-Chair | ☐ Emily Galzki |
| ☐ Amy Lord, Co Vice-Chair | ☐ Jessica Johnson |
| ☐ Mohammed Alghamd | ☐ Christa Martin |
| ☐ Joy Beise | ☐ Rob Stark (rotation) |

STAFF:

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| ☐ Diana Ristamaki (CMJTS) | ☐ CMJTS Business Services (rotation) |
| ☐ CMJTS Youth Career Navigator | ☐ Dina Wuornos (CMJTS - rotation) |

GUEST:

- ☐ Andrew Torke

1. Call to order

2. Welcome/Introductions

3. 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, or pulled for separate discussion, at the request of committee chairs, staff, or partners.)

- Meeting Agenda
- Previous Committee Meeting Minutes*

4. Old Business

- Youth Committee Recruiting Update
- Update from camps

5. New Business

- New committee member for approval
- Future Speaker Idea Requests

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

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities by contacting 763.271.3700 or info@cmjts.org

6. Go-Arounds
7. Discussion
8. Future Agenda Items
9. Adjournment

***Attachments**

Previous meeting minutes
Agenda

TODAY'S MEETING SCHEDULE

September 11, 2026

8:00 am	–	8:50 am	Operations Committee
9:00 am	–	9:30 am	LMI
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

NEXT YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

December 11 **In-person attendance expected.** Contact CMJTS administrative staff to request an accommodation if unable to be in person.

8:00 am–8:50 am	Operations Committee
9:00 am–9:50 am	Workforce Development Committee
9:00 am–9:50 am	Community & Gov't Relations Committee
9:00 am–9:50 am	Youth Committee
10:00 am–10:50 am	Workforce Development Board Meeting
11:00 am–11:30 am	LMI Presentation
11:40 am–12:30 pm	Audit Presentation
12:40 pm–1:30 pm	Joint Powers Board Meeting

2027 Youth Committee Schedule

TBD

All Meeting information and attachment information can be found:

CMJTS Joint Powers Board, Workforce Development Board, and Committee Meetings Page:
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YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 2026
9:00 am – 9:50 am
In-person meeting

Members Present: Jessica Johnson, Joy Beise, Emily Galzki, Christa Martin, Sherry Smith (co-vice chair)

Members Absent: Janelle Sowers (chair), Amy Lord (co-vice chair), Mohammed Alghamdi, Eriann Faris

Staff Present: Diana Ristamaki, Stephanie Jensen

Guests: none

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

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion: Lord made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by: Beise. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Youth Committee Recruiting

- Ristamaki did not have an update but will reconnect with Katie Raverty from Open Doors in Isle to see if she is still interested.
- Other ideas for committee members: someone from probation, county mental health, an ALC educator, TRIO

NEW BUSINESS

Youth Camps

- North: Healthcare camp is almost full. Trades camp has a little room. It is at Pine Tech this year with the industrial tech team teacher involved. We're also working with the 49ers and the Laborers Union.
- Central: Healthcare camp is a struggle. Christa Martin is helping to get time with CentraCare, Allina is an option. Healthcare enrollment is full. Trades camp is almost full. We may need to add another day for business tours. Great River Energy is doing a day, Center of Excellence is doing a day, appliance repair is added this year.
- South: Healthcare camp is getting full with employers and working with SCRUBS. Trades camp is working a lot with Ridgewater, NDT, machining, welding.

Future Speaker Idea Requests

- PACER, ADA Coordinators, Ask JAN

GO-AROUNDS

Jessica Johnson:

- Work-experience is going well. Collaborating with VRS, CMJTS, Goodwill. The co-op offers WBL licenses for teachers.

Amy Lord:

- Bite of Reality event coming up May 20 at Oak River High School. Wings Financial will be putting together a financial literacy component. Three CMJTS staff will be volunteering. It will be expanding to Zimmerman next year.
- Apprenticeship program grant available – they've been to the tile/concrete place in St. Michael. Ristamaki suggested the 49ers place and a sheet metal place. Ristamaki will check with the north team for the name.
- Plan to have a career navigator from CMJTS housed in Ivan Sands starting this fall to plan events and send save-the-dates.

Christa Martin

- Planning lots of summer camps. 4 departments are joining Willmar SCRUBS camp and CMJTS Healthcare camp. Can possibly get youth on-site in Monticello.
- Running two different job shadow experiences in Willmar – working with Career One in St. Cloud and in Sauk Centre.
- Working on a training grant – funding from the state to upscale employees with a goal to train 30 employees.

Emily Galzki

- Working with high school seniors to see if they are going the college or employment route.

Sherry Smith:

- ABE focus, meeting with parents and youth who are trying to decide the best choice for them. She explained what the conversation looks like with a youth or parent when deciding whether to work on GED.

Diana Ristamaki

- Received CCIP grant that will start May 1
- Maurice Johnson has left and his position will be replaced soon. Please send us any qualified candidates. We're also hiring in the south as well.

NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

No new items

NEXT MEETING DATE

September 11, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Galzki made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 am. Seconded by: Johnson. Motion carried.

2026 Meeting Dates

- March 13, May 8, September 11, December 11, 2026



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
Alghamd, Mohammed				
Beise, Joy				
Faris, Eriann				
Galzki, Emily				
Johnson, Jessica				
Lord, Amy				
Martin, Christa				
Smith, Sherry				
Sowers, Janelle				

Roll Call Record

Date:_____

Motion: _____ *moved to recommend to the Workforce Development Board to approve Andrew Torke’s application to the Youth Committee.*

Seconded by _____

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason for abstention
Alghamd, Mohammed				
Beise, Joy				
Faris, Eriann				
Galzki, Emily				
Johnson, Jessica				
Lord, Amy				
Martin, Christa				
Smith, Sherry				
Sowers, Janelle				

Roll Call Record

Date:_____

Motion: Adjourn: _____ **moved to adjourn.**

Seconded by _____

Name	Yes	No	Abstain	Reason for abstention
Alghamd, Mohammed				
Beise, Joy				
Faris, Eriann				
Galzki, Emily				
Johnson, Jessica				
Lord, Amy				
Martin, Christa				
Smith, Sherry				
Sowers, Janelle				