

Committee Summary

Origin

The U.S. Department of Labor requires that each Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Board (WIOA) Workforce Service Area appoint a local Workforce Investment Board or Council that is representative of the geographic area to be served.

Composition

19 members:

- Ten (10) representing Private Sector Business
- Two representing Organized Labor
- One representing Community-based organization (Carver County)
- One representing Community-based organization (Hennepin County)
- One representing Wagner-Peyser Services
- One representing Rehabilitation Services
- One representing Adult Basic Education
- One representing Post-Secondary Education
- One representing Economic and Community Development Agencies

Duties/Responsibilities

- Propose, develop, and study innovative programs to provide employment opportunities for unemployed persons in suburban Hennepin County and Carver County by increasing the involvement of the business community in employment and training activities.
- Continually analyze needs for employment, training, and related services within the Workforce Service Area.
- Submit recommendations to the Hennepin County Board and the State of Minnesota regarding program plans and basic goals, policies, and procedures.
- Monitor and objectively evaluate employment and training programs conducted within the Workforce Service Area.
- Recommend strategies to increase private-sector employment opportunities for economically disadvantaged persons.
- Report all findings and recommendations to the County Board.

Term

3 years

Meetings

The board meets monthly generally on the second Monday of each month from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. at various locations to be determined by the WIOA.

Eligibility Requirements

- The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Board Chair must be a business representative.

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Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Board

- Private sector representatives shall be business owners, chief executives or chief operating officers of non-governmental employers, or other private sector executives who have substantial management or policy responsibility. They must be nominated by a local business organization and/or business trade association.
- Labor representatives must be recommended by a recognized state and local labor organization or appropriate building trades council.
- The Community Based Organization position will represent a private nonprofit organization (which may include a faith-based organization), that is representative of a community or significant segment of a community and that has demonstrated expertise and effectiveness in the field of workforce development addressing the employment needs of individuals with barriers to employment, including organizations that serve veterans or that provide or support competitive integrated employment for individuals with disabilities., All members must reside or work in suburban Hennepin County or Carver County, unless otherwise noted. New applicants are required to submit a written nomination or recommendation from an organization related to the applicant's area of representation
- Education representatives must be nominated by a local educational agency, vocational education institution, institution of higher education, or general organization of such agencies or institutions, and/or by a private and proprietary school or general organization of such schools within the Workforce Service Area.
- Economic and/or Community Development representation shall consist of persons employed with organizations that specialize in policy for communities to promote and improve the standard of living and economic health of a specific geographic area
- Representatives of the remaining categories shall be recommended by interested organizations.

Compensation

Lunch provided at meeting

Reimbursement

None

Other Information

Visit the Department of Labor's Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act website: <http://www.doleta.gov/wioa>.

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