

2024 Annual Joint Meeting

Governor's Workforce Development Board (GWDB) & Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards (MAWB)

Thursday, December 12th

Edinburgh USA

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Action item for the voting membership of the corresponding organization (GWDB or MAWB).*

10:00 a.m. Call to Order & Opening Remarks	Surya Iyer, GWDB Chair and Commissioner Scott Schulte, MAWB Chair
10:10 a.m. GWDB Business Meeting GWDB Chair, Vice Chair and Staff Introductions GWDB Meeting Goals September Minutes* Chair's Report* GWDB 2025-2026 Meeting Schedule*	Surya Iyer, GWDB Chair DeLinda Washington, GWDB Vice Chair
10:20 a.m. MAWB Business Meeting 2025 Legislative State Platform and Federal Priorities*	Commissioner Scott Schulte, MAWB Chair
Goal 1: Interagency and Local Coordination	
10:35 a.m. Interagency Workforce Alignment Report	Commissioner Matt Varilek
11:00 a.m. Strengthening GWDB & MAWB Partnership	GWDB and MAWB Leadership
12:00 p.m. Lunch	
Goal 2: Sector Partnerships	
12:45 p.m. State Sector Partnership Strategy Discussion	Katie McClelland, GWDB Director
1:05 p.m. Drive for 5 Grants Panel: Sharing Best Practices and Lessons Learned	Moderator: Nicole Swanson, Anoka County Job Training Center Manufacturing: Steve Kalina, MPMA Tech: Jo Foust, Scott County CDA Trades: Arlyce Cucich, MN Rural CEP Caring Professions: Jennifer Eccles, Minnesota State HealthForce Center of Excellence, University of Minnesota Education: Elena Foshay, City of Duluth Workforce Development

Goal 3: Innovative Service Delivery	
2:00 p.m. State of Childcare & Best Practices	Jessica Beyer, Associate Director, First Children's Finance – Minnesota Suzanne Pearl, Director, First Children's Finance – Minnesota
2:30 p.m. Addressing the Aging Population in Greater MN	Cathy McLeer, State Director, AARP Minnesota Elena Foshay, City of Duluth Workforce Development
3:00 p.m. Closing Remarks & Adjourn	Surya Iyer, GWDB Chair and Commissioner Scott Schulte, MAWB Chair