



"I enjoy working with the talented and impressive LMI directors and thought leaders who make up the WLMI Committee. Collaborating with such a dedicated and insightful group has been both inspiring and rewarding. WLMI has played a valuable role in helping New Jersey uncover new research, adopt best practices, and promote data-informed decision-making."



**Nicol Nicola**  
*Director, Division of Economic & Demographic Research*

New Jersey  
Department of Labor  
and Workforce  
Development

Committee Chair

## COMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

### **Nicol Nicola**, *Chair*

Director, Division of Economic & Demographic Research, New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development

### **Mariana Vega**, *Vice-Chair*

Director, Labor Market and Career Information, Texas Workforce Commission

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## WORKFORCE & LABOR MARKET INFORMATION COMMITTEE

The NASWA Workforce and Labor Market Information (WLMI) Committee serves as a forum for state labor market information directors and other workforce agency staff to build supportive cross-state relationships, educate national policymakers, and improve state practices in developing and applying labor market statistics and workforce program administrative data for a broad range of customers. The Committee hosts action-oriented policy and practice discussions on workforce and labor market information.

## COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES

**Develop and Inform Policy Proposals.** Provide insights and recommendations on national policy proposals.

**Advise and Communicate with NASWA Board of Directors.** Alert the NASWA Board of Directors of changes in policy or operations that impact the states.

**Share Promising Practices.** Through meetings and calls, participate in structured discussions and work collectively to improve the use of WLMI as an asset for workforce development and demonstrate the value of the WLMI Committee within NASWA.

**Strengthen Relationships with Federal and State Partners.** Continue to strengthen the relationships and leverage assets among NASWA and key partners, such as the LMI Institute and federal agencies, to enhance the WLMI ecosystem. Provide advice to, receive updates from, and inform the priorities and strategies of federal policymakers, researchers and partners.

**Collaborate with NASWA Committees.** Promote awareness of WLMI products, services and needs and support program leaders' information requirements.

## ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The NASWA WLMI Committee generally holds two in-person meetings each Association Year and holds events and calls between meetings. In addition, WLMI Committee members may contribute to Committee subcommittees and workgroups, including the Policy Subcommittee, Innovation and Awards Subcommittee, Performance Measurement Workgroup (with E&T Committee), the WLMI Partners Group (with other national partner entities) and the Data Analytics Using R and Python User Group.

## MEMBER RESOURCES

Resources available to committee members include the [WLMI Committee pages](#) on the [NASWA website](#). The website pages include presentations from prior meetings on state practices, a member contact list, information from quarterly calls, and more. You can access these resources with a member account login.

## JOIN THE COMMITTEE

NASWA Administrators are required to submit an email request to appoint staff to NASWA Committees. Appointments to the NASWA WLMI Committee can be emailed to [naswa@naswa.org](mailto:naswa@naswa.org). Please include the appointed staff contact information and specify the NASWA WLMI Committee.