



Committee Meeting

February 26-27, 2026 | National Harbor, MD

Gaylord National Hotel

201 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, MD 20745

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH, 2026

MEETING ROOM: BALTIMORE 3-4

7:30am-8:30am

HOSTED BREAKFAST

WOODROW WILSON A

8:30am-9:00am

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- **Michelle McNertney**, E&T Committee Chair and Division Administrator, Iowa Workforce Development, Workforce Services Division
- **Kelly Folks**, E&T Committee Vice-Chair and Director, Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Division of Employment and Training

9:00am-9:30am

MARYLAND SHOWCASE PRESENTATION

- **Chris MacLarion**, Director, Maryland Department of Labor, Office of Apprenticeship
- **Mary Keller**, Director, Maryland Department of Labor, Office of Strategic Initiatives
- **Seeyew Mo**, Senior Advisor, Maryland Department of Labor, Cyber Maryland

9:30am-10:00am

NASWA WORKFORCE INNOVATION AWARDS SESSION

- **Winner of the Pinnacle Award for Business Development**
- **Winner of the Pinnacle Award for Workforce Development**

10:00am-10:15am

BREAK

10:15am-11:00am

FEDERAL PARTNER UPDATE

- **Kim Vitelli**, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment & Training Administration, Office of Workforce Investment

11:00am-12:00pm

Workforce Pell Implementation

- **Jennifer Stiddard**, Senior Director, Government Affairs, Jobs for the Future

12:00pm-1:30pm **HOSTED LUNCH** **WOODROW WILSON A**

1:30pm-2:15pm **DISCUSSION ON THE 2026 FEDERAL POLICY LANDSCAPE**

- Open Committee Discussion

2:15pm-2:45pm **DISCUSSION ON RECENT USDOL MONITORING**

- Open Committee Discussion

2:45pm-3:15 pm **BREAK**

3:15pm-4:15pm **MEDICAID WORK REQUIREMENTS**

- **Grant Thomas**, Senior Advisor, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (*invited*)
- **Crystal Armstrong**, Administrator, Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Workforce Services Division

4:15pm-5:00pm **NETWORKING SESSION**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 2026

MEETING ROOM: BALTIMORE 3-4

7:30am-9:00am **HOSTED BREAKFAST** **WOODROW WILSON A**

9:00am-10:00am **WIOA WAIVERS DISCUSSION**

- Open Committee Discussion

10:00am-10:15am **COMMITTEE BUSINESS SESSION**

- Upcoming Committee Meetings
- Committee Projects
- Policy Engagement

10:15am-11:15am **RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES FOR STATE WORKFORCE AGENCIES**

- Multi-State Data Collaborative Industries of Ideas Project
- American Manufacturing Apprenticeship Incentive Fund
- Gitlab Foundation Award

- Direct Care Workforce Strategies Center
- Next Level Now Technical Assistance Opportunities

11:15am-11:30am **BREAK**

11:30am-12:00pm **OPEN DISCUSSION ON PRIORITY TOPICS**

- Open Committee Discussion

12:00pm **WRAP-UP & ADJOURNMENT**