

AGENDA



Future Talent & Strategy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 20th, 2026

2:30 PM- 3:30 PM

VIRTUAL or IN PERSON at the NWWIB Office- 301 Ellis, Suite 3, Ashland (new location- next door to old location!)

[Link to meeting](#)

Attendees:

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| ☐ Ed Gruhl | ☐ Olivia Dachel |
| ☐ Jessica Wagner-Schultz | ☐ Scott Schultz |
| ☐ Mary McPhetridge | ☐ Skyler Dural-Eder |
| ☐ Nancy Larson | ☐ Thomas Michels |

Guests:

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| ☐ Bella Potack-Rettler | ☐ Melissa Rabska | ☐ Mari Kay-Nabozny |
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2:30 pm

1. **Welcome and Opening Meeting Business**
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. Roll Call
 - c. Public Meeting Notice
 - d. Welcome and Introduction of Guests

2:33 pm

2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. No Approval of Minutes

2:35 pm

3. **NWWIB Update** | *Mari Kay-Nabozny*
 - a. Review of FTS Committee charge
 - b. Youth RFP Update

2:45 pm

4. **Regional Report** | *Mari Kay-Nabozny/ Thomas Michels*

2:55 pm

5. **Programming** | *Committee Members*
 - a. DREs at Schools: FORWD
 - b. Enhanced Digital Navigation
 - c. Fast Forward

3:05 pm

6. **Strategy, Alignment, and Future Trends**
 - A. Reviewing High-Demand, High-Wage Occupations for 2026–2028
 - a. Updated industry openings and hot jobs analyses
 - b. Implications for youth training pathways and employer engagement
 - B. Regional Talent Supply Pipeline Discussion
 - a. Youth apprenticeship
 - b. Out-of-school youth re-engagement strategies

3:22 pm

7. Partner Updates on Workforce Related Items

3:30 pm

8. Adjourn

- a. Next Meeting: **Tuesday, May 19th, 2026, at 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM**