

Education and Workforce Development Committee Meeting Recap

The Education and Workforce Development Committee serves as the SFWIB Education and Industry Consortium.

Attendees: Lisa Martinez (LM Genuine Solutions), Victor Cabalero (ELC MD), Daniel Armstrong (Melman Center UM & ELC vice chair), Adam Brinson (JA), Lisa Thurber (MDCPS), Ferran Calatayud (Broward International University), Anthony Benamy (OIED), Tiffani Malvin (Barry University), Beatriz Gonzalez (MDC), Diana Valdivia (CSSF), Danielle Barreras (Children's Trust), Angela Filippopoulou (Claro Enterprise Solutions), Rene Mantilla (MDCPS), Ken Finneran (eMed), Andy Palacios (Atlantis University), Alicia Thompson (GMCC)

Lisa Martinez

Founder and CEO, LM Genuine Solutions

Chair, Education & Workforce Development Committee

Ken Finneran

Vice President Human Resources, eMed

Vice Chair, Education & Workforce Development Committee

AGENDA

I. WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

Lisa introduced herself, then had everyone introduce themselves

II. MEETING SCHEDULE

It was decided to hold committee meetings quarterly via zoom

III. INDUSTRY ROUNDTABLES

Lisa discussed the industry roundtables as a response to the workplace survey as a means to “bridge the gap” between employers and academia. The idea is to have a facilitated discussion between select employers and education institutions in the areas of Construction, Trade and Logistics, and Nonprofits.

Diana would like to assist with the Construction roundtable

Beatriz Gonzalez suggested that the Idea Center and Goldman Sachs could help to target the roundtables to small businesses. Suggested the use of AI and the ability to extend resources for non-profits.

Lisa feels that Tech should be included in all forums and roundtables

IV. INTERNSHIP/APPRENTICESHIP WORKSHOPS

How to develop and implement apprenticeships and internships. Need to have a “toolkit” to implement.

Lisa: Internship workshop will be in Feb/Mar.

Diana: CSSF will be happy to lead.

V. FORUMS

Ken will be leading the forums. Ed Committee will be collaborating with other committees.

I. Climate Tech Forum with the Resiliency Committee and the Tech Committee.

2. *Skills of the Future with the HR Committee*
3. *Chamber Symposium as a follow-up to the AI forum (Alfred's suggestion?) to be held at the AI Center. How to implement AI readiness across organizations.*
4. *Healthcare Forum led by Zuanel Diaz*

VI. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Daniel Armstrong brought up the “benefits cliff” that is facing many people – legislative issue. Qualifying levels to receive childcare do not match for Miami Dade and Monroe Counties due to higher cost of living.
Early Learning Coalition is having difficulty filling childcare staff positions.

VII. UPCOMING EVENTS

Trustee Luncheon and NOVO Awards, Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at Jungle Island
11:30AM – 1:30PM

VIII. CLOSING REMARKS