

EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, November 19, 2025 | 9:00AM – 10:00AM

VIRTUAL - Zoom

Lisa Martinez

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MEETING AGENDA

9:00 – 9:10 AM	Welcome/Introductions
9:10 – 9:35 AM	Updates on Committee Goals Industry Roundtables - Call for volunteer taskforce
9:35– 9:40 AM	Committee in Action Internship Employer Guide published - sponsored by CareerSource South Florida
9:40 – 9:50 AM	Internship Webinar: Connecting Employers & Academic Institutions – Dec. 4th
9:50 – 10:00 AM	Next Committee Meeting & Closing Remarks February 18, 2026

Education & Workforce Development Committee Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom

November 19, 2025

Lisa Martinez provided an overview of the agenda

The participants discussed their roles and interests in education, workforce development, and community partnerships. Jackie and Tania from the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce outlined the committee's goals and agenda, emphasizing the importance of bridging gaps between industry and education.

The committee discussed their goals for the year, focusing on industry roundtables, internship webinars, and an internship resource guide.

Lisa Martinez provided context on the committee's work over the past year and a half, including a workforce survey and previous efforts to engage employers.

The group aims to convene two targeted industry roundtables, host internship webinars on December 4th and in the spring.

The webinar scheduled for December 4th, will delve into internship programs offered by various organizations and educational institutions.

The event's structure, will have education providers share their internship offerings in brief presentations followed by breakout sessions for further discussions.

Rene Mantilla highlighted the importance of reaching out to mid-sized and smaller companies, and detailed Miami-Dade County Public Schools' involvement in sharing their internship programs.

The group discussed strategies for connecting academic institutions with businesses through roundtables and internships, with Dr. Maya suggesting the inclusion of business representatives on stage to enhance interaction and inclusivity.

Lisa Martinez confirmed where academic institutions are on stage, and businesses attend to learn about connections.

Jackie reported that an Internship Employer Guide, sponsored by CareerSource South Florida, has been published on the Chamber website.

The group also discussed organizing industry roundtables.

The committee reviewed upcoming Chamber events including Lab Miami, Women Leaders events, and a mayoral forum at Jungle Island, with their next quarterly meeting scheduled for February 2026.