

# Minnesota Workforce Council Association

The Minnesota Workforce Council Association was incorporated in 1994 and represents the interests of workforce councils and local elected officials in Minnesota. The Association provides a central forum for the partners to discuss common interests, develop policy consensus, share successful job training strategies and maintain lines of communication with state and federal governments. MWCA’s primary mission is to provide training and technical assistance to the Association membership and line staff providing the direct services to program participants.

**Membership:**

Each Workforce Development Area has three voting members:

* Chief Local Elected Official
* Workforce Development Board Chair
* WDA Director

All MWCA sponsored events are open to voting members, Board members, and local staff.

**Functions:**

* Represent the interests of local employment and training partners throughout the state
* Provide a forum to discuss common interests
* Develop policy consensus and share information with elected officials
* Share and communicate successful strategies among partners
* Provide training on emerging issues within the workforce system
* Encourage the development of members
* Serve as a liaison to state and federal entities

*It is the mission of the Minnesota Workforce Council Association*

*to provide Minnesota with a skilled and competitive workforce through engaged and proactive local elected officials, workforce boards, and staff.*

**Standing Committees:**

* Executive Committee
* Legislative Committee
* Operations Committee

**Ad Hoc Committees and Work Groups (examples):**

* Gang of Eight/WIOA Implementation
* Marketing and Branding
* Business Services
* Workforce Board Development
* Equity/Disparities
* Jobseeker Services

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