

June 2nd, 2022
Policy Workgroup

Board Members Present (virtual): John Bowers, Berit Eriksson, Katie Garrow (Chair), Jiquanda Nelson

Staff Present: Ericka Cox

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I. REVIEW 2022/2023 PRIORITIES & LEGISLATIVE TIMELINE

Ms. Ericka Cox reviewed the January 2021 Policy Workgroup Charter and Framework Exercise from the February 7th, 2022, Policy Workgroup meeting. Next, Ms. Cox shared the proposed Policy Workgroup Action Plan 2022-2023 created in partnership with Chair Garrow. The Action Plan included guiding principles from the Workgroup Charter and discussions from the Board Retreat in March 2022. The action plan highlighted the passing of Digital Equity (HB 1723) and State Registered Apprenticeship Programs (SB 56001) during the 2022 State Legislative session. The Action Plan further displayed the process and potential framework to identify Board and staff member outreach, joint advocacy, and collaboration with legislation and sectoral partners, track progress toward the legislative 2023 session and center the principles and priorities of the Workgroup. Finally, the Action Plan provided a proposed cadence for the Policy Workgroup to prepare by January 2023 for the 2023 State legislative session that begins in March 2023.

The Policy Workgroup engaged in a discussion which resulted in the following items:

- a) Provide talking points and scripts to support Board and staff members' outreach, advocacy, and collaboration
- b) Seek and allocate funding for administrative outreach, including implementing industry tables to advance sector strategies and the Regional Strategic Plan
- c) Ensure the Policy Workgroup advances policies within regional municipalities and federal advocacy, not only state legislation
- d) Intersect Board member sector priorities and relationships with WDC policy priorities
- e) Agreement on advancing the four core priorities and providing a proactive policy agenda to the full Board, including sub-priorities

I. SET POLICY PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADVANCE TO FULL BOARD

The Workgroup determined they would need another meeting to refine priorities and sub-priorities before presenting the agenda to the full Board.

II. SET NEXT STEPS & CADENCE FOR WORKGROUP

The group determined next steps will involve each Workgroup member to identify their top three high-level priorities and crosswalk each against the Regional Strategic Plan. Additionally, Ms. Cox will rework the timeline and action plan to capture the state legislative session and the city and county budget dates.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Garrow adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.