

February 7th, 2022
Policy Workgroup

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

Guests (virtual): Livia Lam, Rich Stolz

Staff Present: Ericka Cox, Leigha Paul

Materials Distributed:

- [Agenda-Policy Workgroup WDC-SKC 02072022](#)
- [2022/2023 Priorities Memo](#)

I. REVIEW PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE

Chair Katie Garrow welcomed Board members, staff and guests. All attendees provided a brief introduction to the group.

Ms. Ericka Cox opened the meeting by reviewing the purpose and intent of the workgroup, along with the primary meeting objectives.

Purpose: to provide leadership and oversight for the WDC's advocacy efforts, including recommending approval of a policy agenda to the WDC board for 2022/2023 that includes local, state and federal policy.

Primary Meeting Objectives: Engage in collective tactical planning to produce a focused list of legislative priorities to pursue in 2022/2023. Identify specific policy issues/shifts for each workgroup rep based on sectoral intersections within workforce.

- Inform policy development and advocacy strategies aligned with the WDC's Regional Strategic Plan (RSP)
- Serve as a coordinating table for WDC stakeholders on workforce-related policy initiatives driven by WDC organizations and associations represented on the WDC Board
- Bring recommendations to the full WDC Board for policy recommendations and proposals that have been discussed and vetted by key WDC stakeholders
- Serve as a core team of advocates prepared to advance WDC Policy Priorities, with support from WDC staff and consultants, through legislative and administrative advocacy on WDC policy priorities

II. QUESTIONS TO EXPLORE WITH EACH REPRESENTATIVE

Ms. Ericka Cox and the Policy Workgroup discussed partnerships, issues, opportunities, and policy solutions in an effort to answer the question, "what are the current and near-term policy priorities in members' sectors?" and refine the 2022/2023 Priorities Memo. Chair Garrow requested the exercise work to inform the 2022/2023 Priorities Memo to update the Policy Workgroup Charter. Ms. Ericka Cox explained how the exercise will inform the WDC policy priorities in milestones with action items.

III. IDENTIFY INTERSECTIONS & NEXT STEPS

The group determined next steps will involve identifying sectoral intersections with workforce from each member of the workgroup to inform and refine the 2022/2023 Priorities Memo and Policy Workgroup Charter.

IV. SET WORKGROUP MEETING SCHEDULE

Chair Garrow requested that the group meet next month, with a regular bi-monthly cadence starting in May. The primary meeting objective for the March 7th, 2022 agenda will include the 2022/2023 Priorities Memo and Policy Workgroup Charter refinement and preparation for a report out to the full Board at the June 23, 2022 meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Garrow adjourned the meeting at 12:07 pm.