

Commission on the Future of the Workforce

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1-3 PM

Corporate and Higher Education Institutional Policies and State Policies to Increase the Supply of Qualified Employees to Meet Workforce Demand

1:00-1:15 *Welcome and Introductions*

Guest Discussants:

Joel Simon, Vice President, Workforce and Economic Development,
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James Reddish, Associate Director, Workforce and Economic
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Mary Kay Devine, Director of Community Initiatives, Women Employed

1:15-2:00 *State Level Policy Agenda*

Adopting a career pathways framework that serves ALL Illinois adults

Ensuring existing data systems focus on the career pathways for ALL students

Targeting adults to return to school to complete certificates and degrees

Identifying proven educational programs and adequate investment to successfully access the workforce, including students from adult education to college level completions.

Examining and updating financial aid models

2:00- 2:45 *Regional Level Policy Agenda for Businesses and Higher Education Institutions*

Forming broader community partnerships

Increasing employer engagement and understanding of regional workforce development and education assets

Aligning workforce supply with industry demand and through ongoing regional labor market analysis

Aligning education plans that tie to career pathways

Strengthening inter-institutional collaboration

Marketing educational opportunities and support

2:45- 3:00 Wrap-Up