

Education & Industry Consortium Meeting Agenda

Friday, April 4, 2025
1:00 – 2:30 pm

1:00-1:05	Welcome – Ms. Nicole Gislason, Dr. Marcus McBride
1:05 – 1:20	Review & Approval of Past Meeting Minutes – Consortium
1:20 – 2:00	Review & Discussion: Occupational Data for Manufacturing & IT/Cybersecurity Sectors – Ms. Carolyn Fries (~20 minutes each, see attached)
<i>This discussion will guide the format and topics to be explored in these Industry Sector focused Workshops to be held prior to the next EIC Meeting:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4/9 – Manufacturing • 6/11 – IT & Cybersecurity 	
2:00-2:25	Consortium Updates (~2 minutes each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare & Social Services, Mr. Scott Berube • Accommodation & Food Services, Mr. Rusty Branch • Finance & Insurance, Ms. Jordan Conti • Manufacturing, Ms. Kristie Kelley • Construction, Mr. Kelvin Enfinger • IT & Cybersecurity, Mr. Jim Rhodes • Santa Rosa County School District, Dr. Karen Barber • Escambia County School District, Mr. Keith Leonard • Pensacola State College, Dr. Ed Meadows • University of West Florida, Ms. Nicole Gislason
2:25 – 2:30	Closing Remarks/Adjourn – Nicole Gislason, Dr Marcus McBride

About the Education & Industry Consortium

2023's Senate Bill 240 established regional education and industry consortia and requires meetings and reports to the local workforce development board. The bill created in s. 445.007, F.S., the requirement for each local workforce development board to create an education and industry consortium composed of representatives of educational entities and businesses in the designated service delivery area. Each consortium is required to provide quarterly reports to the applicable local board that provide community-based information related to educational programs and industry needs to assist the local board in making decisions on programs, services, and partnerships in the service delivery area. The bill requires the local board to consider the information obtained from the consortium to determine the most effective ways to grow, retain, and attract talent to the service delivery area.