



Hennepin-Carver Workforce Development Board

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Strategic Planning

We will be reconvening the work groups in April with the intention to establish action and implementation plans for each work group based on the Mission and Vision of the Board.

2. Carver County Joint Powers Agreement (JPA)

Hennepin County staff and Carver County staff are in ongoing discussions regarding the JPA with Carver County.

3. Board Website

The board website is completed and live! You can find it at [Hennepin-Carver Workforce – Hennepin-Carver Workforce \(hennepincarverworkforce.org\)](http://hennepin-carverworkforce.org).

4. Infrastructure Funding Agreement (IFA)

The first meeting of all the mandated partners for the IFA was held last month. We plan to meet again before the next board meeting.

5. Brooklyn Center Lease

Discussions are ongoing with Hennepin County Facilities Management and DEED regarding the lease for the proposed new CareerForce site in Brooklyn Center.

6. Legislative Update

The Governor's [budget recommendations](#) for DEED was released in January. It includes \$70M in General Funds and \$30M in Workforce Development Funds for Workforce Development programs. Included in the Governor's budget is an increase of \$4.427 million per year for the Minnesota Youth program.

The Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards (MAWB) introduced a bill to increase funding for the Minnesota Youth Program. [HF2127](#) (Sencer-Mura)/[SF2473](#) (Mohamed) increases funding to the Minnesota Youth Program by \$14.05M for the next biennium. The bill also increases the age of program eligibility from 21 to 24.