

**HENNEPIN COUNTY PUBLIC
COMMENT SOLICITED and
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners is soliciting public comment on the updated Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) Regional Plan for Metropolitan Regional Workforce Development Area #4 which will be incorporated into the Minnesota Combined State Plan and submitted to the U.S. Departments of Education and Labor. The Hennepin-Carver Workforce Development Board is a member of the Metropolitan Regional Workforce Development Area #4, along with the Workforce Development Boards of Ramsey County, City of Minneapolis, Dakota-Scott Counties, Washington County, and Anoka County.

Purpose: Under the provisions of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), the Governor of each State or Territory must submit a Unified or Combined State Plan to the U.S. Department of Labor that outlines a four-year strategy for the State's workforce development system. This publicly funded system operates through a national network of Federal, State, regional, and local entities that deliver employment, education, training, and related services to help job seekers secure quality jobs and provide businesses with the skilled workforce needed to remain competitive in the global economy.

At the regional level, Local Workforce Development Boards within a designated planning region must develop and submit a WIOA Regional Plan that meets the requirements outlined in WIOA. The Hennepin-Carver Workforce Development Board is a member of the Metropolitan Regional Workforce Development Area #4, along with the Workforce Development Boards of Ramsey County, City of Minneapolis, Dakota-Scott Counties, Washington County, and Anoka County. A comprehensive and unified Regional Plan ensures coordination across Local Workforce Areas, alignment of strategies, and a shared vision for meeting the workforce needs of the region's employers and job seekers.

Written Comment: Written comments will be accepted beginning September 14th, 2026, and ending October 14th, 2026. Written comments **must** be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on October 14th, 2026, and addressed to Erik Aamoth, Director, Hennepin-Carver Workforce Development Board, 300 South 6th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55487 or at Erik.Aamoth@hennepin.us. Written comments will be included in the final report.

The draft WIOA Regional Plan for Metropolitan Regional Workforce Development Area #4 will be available September 14th, 2026, on the Hennepin-Carver Workforce Development Board website at <https://hennepincarverworkforce.org/wioa-plans/>. If you would like a copy of either draft plan or have questions, please contact the Hennepin County Department of Workforce Development at (651) 396-2041.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), this material is also available in alternative forms by calling (855) 340-8151 (voice). Translated materials will also be made available upon request.

Public Hearing: A Public Hearing on the WIOA Regional Plan for Metropolitan Regional Workforce Development Area #4 will be held on Tuesday, October 6th, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as practicable, at the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee meeting of the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners. Interested persons may attend the public hearing by telephone conference by using the following instructions and all such persons shall be given an opportunity to express their views with respect to the WIOA Regional Plan for Metropolitan Regional Workforce Development Area #4. To attend the public hearing via telephone, call the toll-free dial-in telephone conference number (855) 340-8151.

For further information, please contact Erik Aamoth, Director of the Hennepin-Carver Workforce Development Board at Erik.Aamoth@hennepin.us.