



# AGENDA

## Workforce Solutions Capital Area Board of Directors Annual Meeting and Retreat

ACC Highland MAKE IT CENTER

6101 Highland Campus Dr

Austin Texas 78752

Bldg 2000 Room 2.2429

**(see maps attached to calendar)**

August 27, 2026 10:00am – 3:30pm

**9:30AM ARRIVAL FOR COFFEE**

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| 9:30-10:00  | Breakfast and coffee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                    |
|             | Board of Directors' Governance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                    |
| 10:00-10:40 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcome               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Purpose and objectives for day</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Call to Order &amp; Quorum Determination</li> <li>3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest</li> <li>4. Public comment and New Member Introductions</li> <li>5. Approval of Consent Agenda <b>(Action Item)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of June 2026 Minutes</li> </ul> </li> <li>6. Discussion and Appropriate action regarding Board Financials and other relevant topics</li> <li>7. Discussion and Appropriate action regarding the Fiscal Year 2027 Board Staff Operating Budget <b>(Action Item)</b></li> <li>8. Discussion and Appropriate action regarding: <b>(Action Items)</b></li> </ol> <p>-Award of Contract to C2 GPS for operation of the career center services, including youth services <b>(Action Item)</b></p> | <p>Dave Parks</p> <p>Giovanna Escalante-Vela</p> <p>Giovanna Escalante-Vela</p> <p>Yael Lawson</p> |

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|             | -Renewal of Contract for Baker Ripley for childcare services <b>(Action Item)</b><br>9. Sunset Overview and Implications                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Chaundra Brown  |
|             | <b>Retreat</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                 |
|             | <p><b>Purpose:</b> To reflect on the past year, understand emerging statewide and regional workforce trends, and strengthen the Board's role in guiding, advocating for, and expanding workforce opportunities across the Capital Area.</p> <p><b>Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review organizational accomplishments and required Board business</li> <li>• Understand statewide and Central Texas economic and workforce trends</li> <li>• Connect external perspectives with Workforce Solutions Capital Area strategic direction</li> <li>• Leverage Board member experience to identify challenges, opportunities, and partnerships</li> <li>• Clarify how the Board can strengthen oversight, insight, advocacy, and regional impact</li> </ul> |                 |
| 10:40-10:55 | CEO Reflection-Looking back                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Yael Lawson     |
| 10:55-11:00 | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                 |
| 11:00-11:30 | Texas Economic Development Corporation<br>Texas Economic Landscape<br>Q and A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Dale Robertson  |
| 11:30-12:00 | Opportunity Austin<br>Regional Economic Landscape<br>Q and A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Susan Davenport |
| 12:00-12:30 | Tour Make it Center                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Dr. Lowery-Hart |
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| 12:30-1:15 | Lunch<br>30 Year System Impact Celebration |                                                            |
| 1:15 -1:35 | Connecting the Dots                        | Yael Lawson                                                |
| 1:35-2:10  | View From Around the Table                 | Group Discussion<br>led by Sr. Directors                   |
| 2:10-3:00  | From Governance to Impact                  | Interactive table<br>discussions led by<br>Leadership team |
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| 3:00-3:20  | Looking Ahead                              |                                                            |
| 3:20-3:30  | Reflection and Closing<br>Adjourn          |                                                            |

## PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES for Workforce Solutions Public Meetings

### INVITATION TO COMMENT

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