



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Standing Committees

(As of September 22, 2023)

1. Executive Committee

Composed of the Chair, Vice Chair, Standing Committee Chairs and Standing Committee Vice Chairs, the Executive Committee reviews and makes recommendations on all personnel matters, Council governance and compliance matters, standing committee matters and other matters as directed by the Council.

WDC Chair: Ken Loui, Pacific Marine

WDC Vice Chair: Cary Miyashiro, Quad D Solutions

WDC Assistant Vice Chair: TBD

2. Employer Engagement Committee

The Committee seeks to engage employers as partners, and for this partnership to flourish, the needs of the employers should also be met. It advocates for organizational quality standards to build and sustain employer engagement.

Chair: Manu Bermudes, Hawaiian Dredging

Vice Chair: Derek Kanehira, Alexander and Baldwin

3. Sector Partnerships Committee

The Goal of the Committee is to identify opportunities to grow sectors that cannot be adequately addressed by individual businesses. The Committee also seeks to align with partners (education, workforce programs, intermediaries) to leverage resources for the sectors identified as priority.

Chair: Cary Miyashiro, Quad D Solutions

Vice Chair: Tui Scanlan, International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees Local 665

4. Youth Services Committee

The Committee is primarily focused on helping young people achieve a secondary school diploma (or equivalent), entry into post-secondary education, and career readiness.

Chair: Mike Anderson, Inland Boatmen's Union of the Pacific

Vice-Chair: Carla Kurokawa, Alu Like Big Island

5. Military and Veteran Affairs Committee

With defense work as one of the State's economic drivers, this Committee is tasked to forge alliances and advocate on behalf of the various branches of the military and their workforce. It also seeks to collaborate with other stakeholders to assist veteran and their employment concerns.

Chair: Trang Malone, CVS Health

Vice Chair: Cheryl Cross, C.A. Cross and Associates

6. Technology and Performance Management Committee

The role of the Committee is to identify the role of technology in improving and enhancing workforce performance as well as

reviewing the necessary data and tools in effecting positive changes within the Council's purview.

Chair: Kelly Ueoka, PACXA

Vice Chair: Sean Knox, Hawaii Employment Services Inc.

7. Special Projects Committee

From time to time, there are current and pertinent issues that arise which may not necessarily fall within the jurisdiction of any of the standing committees. The Special Projects Committee develops the tool kit to ensure that the Council can achieve the role it has set to do. For the next two years, the Special Projects Committee will be focused on three priority areas: a) Maui Recovery; b) Utilization of the American Jobs Centers; c) Legislative and Policy Development

Chair: Keith DeMello

Vice Chair: Dion Dizon, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Local 1186