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Joint Network & Connections and Economic Development Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, October 15, 2026

Time: 12:00 pm MST

Place: Workforce Solutions Borderplex, Inc.
304 Texas Avenue, First Floor Conference Room, El Paso, Texas 79901

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND NOTE OF ATTENDANCE
Randall Kinzie, Economic Development Committee Chair

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A: Discussion and update on statewide childcare legislative policy discussions. *(Odette Flores-Rivera, Child Care Parent Services Director)*

B: Discussion and update on new workforce ecosystem & infrastructure. *(Nick Muniz, Operations Director)*

C: Discussion and update on Strategic Industry Partnerships. *(Nick Muniz, Operations Director and Alma Aranda, Innovation & Development Director)*

D: Discussion and update on Solutions Guides *(Alondra McDuffie, Communications Manager)*

E: Discussion and update on the rural workforce development program. *(Alexis Rivera, Rural Project Manager)*

- Rural CMA Cohorts in Coordination with Odessa College, Sul Ross State University, and Presidio ISD.
- Rural CDL Training Cohorts in coordination with ATDS Trucking School

F: Discussion and update on Workforce Innovation Network and preparation for State legislative session. *(Leila Melendez, CEO)*

3. ADJOURN

A: Discussion on items of interest for next agenda

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