

2pm at Texas Children's-West Campus

Attendees on October 3, 2018

Carolyn Dorros
Dick Phillips
Auggie Campbell

Karla DeCuir
Carmen Kumpula
Sara Montenegro

Imani Forrest
Jay Neal
Sarah Martin

Bryant Black

- 1. **Welcome & Introductions.....Carolyn Dorros**
 - a. *The committee discussed changes for the August meeting minutes. Contingent upon the proposed changes the committee approved the August minutes.*

- 2. **Policy & Legislative Issues.....Carolyn Dorros**
 - a. *The committee discussed the following focuses for the 2019 session:*
 - i. *University of Houston Katy will be looking into funds for another building and medical school funding. Neal reported that University of Houston is also working on their GPS program with local community colleges.*
 - ii. *GHP will be focusing on education finance and streamlining the FAFSA process for students. Martin reported that an issue is that smaller districts cannot afford certification. Receiving funds for equipment and certification requirements would be very valuable.*
 - iii. *Texas Children's will be focusing on Medicaid and mental health funding.*
 - b. *Campbell reported that WHA will not be voting on legislative priorities until the December Board meeting. If anyone has issues they would like the WHA Board to include they should email Campbell before the December meeting.*
 - c. *This committee will be hosting a workshop on public private partnerships later this month to see what opportunities are available in this region.*
 - d. *Martin and DeCuir reported that Katy ISD, University of Houston – Victoria and HCC are working together to develop a pathway from 9th grade to a Bachelors degree. This will be one of the first programs like this in the state. The goal is to provide a roadmap for students to clearly and efficiently move forward. The collaboration also hopes to help teachers get their masters online through UHV.*

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3. **WHA Announcements.....Carmen Kumpula**
- a. *The committee discussed having another IT workshop in 2019. The water resources committee has also discussed hosting a forum to discuss the employment needs in the utility and operations industry.*
 - b. *The committee discussed including other local districts to expand the committee focus and hear different perspectives on the educational needs in this region.*
 - c. *Montenegro reported that Texas Children’s West Campus recently opened their Urgent Care which is next door to the ER. Currently, the urgent care sees approximately 50-60 kids each day. Many parents are self selecting the urgent care option.*

4. **Adjourn**

Mission Statement

Advocate policies and partnerships that provide high-quality educational infrastructure and educational opportunities to achieve a prosperous and sustainable business community and workforce in Greater West Houston.

**2018 WHA Education & Workforce Development
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE (PROPOSED)
All Meetings at**

~~WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7~~
~~WEDNESDAY APRIL 4~~
~~WEDNESDAY JUNE 6~~

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 1
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 3
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 5

