

2pm at Texas Childrens Hospital – West Campus

Attendees on February 5, 2019

Sara Montenegro
Zach Hodges
Dick Phillips

Carmen Kumpula
Imani Forrest
Jay Neal

Sara Martin
Jon Polley

1. Welcome & Introductions (2:05 pm).....Sara Montenegro

- a. *The committee discussed the value of 9-16 pathways for students. Hodges discussed the Engineering Academy where HCC will teach the academic courses and U of H will teach the engineering courses. The credits will transfer to U of H.*
- b. *Montenegro reported that education will be competing for funds in the legislation. This group will need to stay updated on education funding during the session and understand how everything fits together.*

2. Technical Forum (2:10 pm).....Carmen Kumpula

- a. **Topic from Water Resources: Where Is The West Houston’s Workforce?**
 - i. *Kumpula reported that the Water Resources Committee is hoping to partner with this committee to host a technical forum highlighting workforce needs. The Water Resources Committee is hoping to focus on the needs of operators and plumbers. There will be a working group meeting on February 27th to discuss specifics of the event. The event will be held on July 16th from 7:30am – 9:00am at Embassy Suites- Energy Corridor.*
 - ii. *The group discussed providing data to show the needs based off of the number of people retiring and newly graduating. – Hodges reported that HCC used to have a program for operators but had to drop it due to a lack of interest. The group also discussed taking more advantage of the funding for apprenticeship programs.*
 - iii. *The committee discussed not going too broad with the forum topic and focusing on operators and plumbers. Engineering is also a need but it would be more beneficial to host a separate event to focus on that field.*

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3. **Policy & Legislative Issues (2:30 pm).....Sara Montenegro**
- a. **WHA Legislative Priorities; Member Priorities**
 - i. *The committee discussed the following industries that would be beneficial to have at the table:*
 - 1. *Oil & Gas*
 - 2. *Data Analysis & Technology*
 - 3. *Manufacturing*
 - 4. *Construction Trades*
 - a. *Carpenters*
 - b. *Plumbers*
 - c. *Electricians*
 - 5. *Heathcare*
 - 6. *Acadian Ambulance*
 - ii. *The group discussed the importance of broadening the membership but also want to make sure to be strategic and pro-growth.*
 - iii. *Martin reported that Katy ISD, UHV and HCC will be having a meeting on February 11th to discuss stackable credentials. This meeting will be to discuss allowing high school students who complete certifications in technology during high school to have them apply as college credits into a Bachelors of Applied Arts and Science.*
4. **Action Items:**
- a. **Legislative/Policy Follow-Up Items**
 - i. *Neal provided U of H's legislative agendas outlining each school system. The University of Houston System will be asking for \$75,000,000 for a UHS Katy Expansion.*
 - ii. *The group discussed looking at Katy EDC's legislative agenda and seeing if the there are any areas WHA is aligned and could write a resolution of support.*
 - iii. *Montenegro reported that WHA's Board is interested in understanding the medical education funding. Texas Children's will be having a representative at the March Executive Committee meeting to provide an update.*
5. **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.

**2019 WHA Education & Workforce Development
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE (PROPOSED)
All Meetings at Texas Childrens Hospital – West Campus**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5
TUESDAY, APRIL 2
TUESDAY, JUNE 4

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3