



# EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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## POLICY PORTFOLIO

The Education & Workforce Development Council reviews and recommends policy priorities to the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, which advocates to improve the alignment of curricula and skill development between businesses and educational institutions from early childhood through adulthood and continuing education.

California is the innovation state. It is home to emerging industries and entrepreneurs which fuel an economy recognized as the fourth largest in the world. To preserve California's economic competitiveness, the council's policy priorities include aligning education with industry to address gaps in the workforce, bolstering the current education system, increasing equitable access to academic achievement and work readiness, and protecting the region's competitiveness to attract and retain talent. These priorities not only improve academic outcomes — they generate homegrown talent prepared to become leaders in a rapidly changing economy.

## 2024 EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL LEADERSHIP



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## CALENDAR:

The council meets on the 2nd  
Thursday of every other month.

## TIME:

10:00 A.M.-11:30 A.M.

## 2024 DATES:

February 8  
February 29  
May 9

July 11  
September 19  
November 7