

# IN THE LOOP

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FOR BOARD MEMBERS & COMMISSIONERS

## IN THE LOOP | Issue 14, March 2025

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Hello {{ contact.FIRSTNAME }},

It's been a bustling year and it's only March! I'm continually inspired by this work and by each of you. We have more work to do, and we have the right people to do it. Please read on for information about our upcoming retreat, legislative efforts, and more.

Thank you,



Lisa Romine, CEO

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## Board Member Spotlight



"I work in HR in the Wenatchee valley. SkillSource has some of the best people. Smart, caring, and full of the can-do attitude. They help workers gain the skills and habits needed to achieve career growth, which provides employers with skilled workers. They are the best at figuring out ways to help reach goals and dreams!"

## **Zach Williams**

Stemilt Growers

### **Board Member Spotlight**

Zach Williams got his start in the world of work as a bagger at Buttrey Foods in East Wenatchee. Today he's the Director of Human Resources at Stemilt Growers in Chelan County, and serves as the current Chair on the SkillSource Regional Workforce Board. As a leader in HR, Zach knows firsthand the power of bridging employers to skilled local workers. We are grateful for your dedication and guidance as we work together to strengthen our workforce. Thank you Zach!

## **Upcoming Events & Reminders**

**BOARD RETREAT** - It's here! We are so excited to share quality time with you all at Campbell's Resort in Chelan for our upcoming retreat and board meeting. Overnight accommodations have been secured for all who requested a room. We'll have dinner together at Tsillan Cellars at 6 pm on March 13, then on March 14 we'll have our retreat and board meeting at Campbell's Resort. All meals are provided. See the agenda below.

# SkillSource Regional Workforce Board Retreat & Meeting

Campbell's Resort 104 W Woodin Ave, Chelan, WA 98816

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025

6:00  
PM

**Dinner and Opening Session**  
Tsillan Cellars & Sorrento's Ristorante  
3875 US-97 ALT, Chelan, WA 98816

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025

8:00 -  
9:00

**Breakfast**  
Park Room - Campbell's Resort

9:00 -  
9:30

**Welcome & Setting the Foundation**  
*with SkillSource Executive Team*  
River Room - Campbell's Resort

9:30 -  
12:00

**High Performing Boards: Creating Vision for Success**  
*with Stu Freed*

12:00 -  
1:00

**Lunch**  
Park Room - Campbell's Resort

1:00 -  
3:00

**Skills-Based Hiring**  
*with Dr. Gene Sharrat & Dr. Sue Kane*  
River Room - Campbell's Resort

3:00 -  
4:00

**Board Meeting**  
River Room - Campbell's Resort

## Welcome Commissioners

Welcome Kevin Burgess, Nick Timm, and Brad Hawkins to the Forum of County Commissioners. Lisa Romine is working on setting up orientations with each of you. We look forward to working alongside you to support workforce development initiatives in our communities.



**Kevin Burgess**

Grant County  
Commissioner



**Nick Timm**

Okanogan County  
Commissioner



**Brad Hawkins**

Chelan County  
Commissioner

## Leg Work

Thank you to each of you who helped support advocacy efforts for maintaining funding for Economic Security for All (EcSA). Together we shared letters, impact data, and personal success stories that helped to illustrate the significance of these investments on our communities.

Your efforts matter! Thank you.

SkillSource executive team members traveled to Olympia in early February along with program participant, James Moore, and business customer, Mima Cole of Mima's Famous Salsa to share their stories with legislators in support of maintaining EcSA. [Read the story here.](#)





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