

IN THE LOOP

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FOR BOARD MEMBERS & COMMISSIONERS

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Hello {{ contact.FIRSTNAME }},

It's back to school time. But to be fair, we are always in school in a way, even if it's not a classroom. We're always learning, being curious, and listening to each other. It's one reason why I respect this group. Your leadership doesn't rely on your prior experience alone, it also depends on your commitment to lifelong learning. I am truly grateful to be "in school" with all of you. What is something you're wanting to learn?

Looking forward to gathering next week!



Lisa Romine, CEO

Upcoming Meetings

Our next board and committee meetings:

September 14, 12 PM - Okanogan

September 15, 12 PM - Grant/Adams

September 16, 12 PM - Chelan/Douglas

September 29, 4 PM - 5:30 PM - Board Meeting, Zoom



Save the date!

Board Retreat

March 11 - 12

Our bi-annual board retreat will be in Leavenworth at the Sleeping Lady Resort. We'll have a reception and dinner together on Thursday, March 11, and we'll wrap up by 3 pm on Friday, March 12.

More details to come!

Thank You One Stop Certification Teams!



Wenatchee



Moses Lake



Omak

All three One Stop Centers in Omak, Moses Lake, and Wenatchee will be recommended for certification. We'll discuss in more detail at our committee meetings next week. Thank you to everyone who could join for the certification site tours. [\[See story here.\]](#)

And a very warm thank you to Irasema Ortiz-Elizalde, who has been a SkillSource board member since 2013! We are so grateful for her dedication and service. We wish her all the best on her retirement.



COMMONTHREAD

Stories and perspectives that connect our regional workforce system.



Ryan Beebout
Sabey Data Centers



Anthony Popelier
Oroville Reman/Reload

Friday Sept. 18, 2026

11 - 11:45 AM

September 18, 2026

Common Thread

With Ryan and Anthony

Board members have been sent a calendar invite to join our 4th Common Thread conversation, live with Ryan Beebout and Anthony Popelier on September 18, 11 - 11:45 AM over Zoom. What questions would you like to ask?

[See Past Conversations](#)

Board Member Spotlight



"As a Human Resources Business Partner, I understand what employers are looking for, where skill gaps exist, and how workforce programs can align with real hiring needs. Being part of SkillSource is a chance to strengthen our region's talent pipeline and support people at every stage of their career journey."

Maritza Enriquez

Joyson Safety Systems

Board Member Spotlight

Maritza Enriquez has a passion for helping people. She got her start in the world of work as a server at El Caporal restaurant in Othello, and today serves as the Human Resources Business Partner for Joyson Safety Systems in Moses Lake.

"I bring a practical, people-centered perspective to the board. I understand what employers are looking for, where skill gaps exist, and how workforce programs can better align with real hiring needs. I can contribute by sharing insights on talent development, helping shape programs that prepare job seekers for today's workplace, and building stronger connections between employers, educators, and community partners. Most importantly, I bring a genuine commitment to helping people succeed — and I'm excited to support SkillSource's mission through collaboration, advocacy, and hands-on involvement."

We are so grateful to have Maritza on the SkillSource Regional Workforce Board!

[See post on LinkedIn](#)

Thank you for engaging with this month's issue of In The Loop! Want to peek at past issues? You can find them and more on the [Board page of the website](#). If there is anything you need please reply to this email, or [reach out to Kelli](#) or Lisa at any time.

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