Corporate and Higher Education Institutional Policies and State Policies to Increase the Supply of Qualified Employees to Meet Workforce Demand

1:00-1:15 Welcome and Introductions
Guest Discussants:
Joel Simon, Vice President, Workforce and Economic Development, CAEL
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Mary Kay Devine, Director of Community Initiatives, Women Employed

1:15-2:00 State Level Policy Agenda
Adopting a career pathways framework that serves ALL Illinois adults
Ensuring existing data systems focus on the career pathways for ALL students
Targeting adults to return to school to complete certificates and degrees
Identifying proven educational programs and adequate investment to successfully access the workforce, including students from adult education to college level completions.
Examining and updating financial aid models

2:00-2:45 Regional Level Policy Agenda for Businesses and Higher Education Institutions
Forming broader community partnerships
Increasing employer engagement and understanding of regional workforce development and education assets
Aligning workforce supply with industry demand and through ongoing regional labor market analysis
Aligning education plans that tie to career pathways
Strengthening inter-institutional collaboration
Marketing educational opportunities and support

2:45-3:00 Wrap-Up