

# Virginia Board of Workforce Development

## Advanced Technology Committee

**The Advanced Technology Committee has a focus on high technology workforce training needs and skills attainment solutions through sector strategies, career readiness, and career pathways.**

The Advanced Technology Committee will, in consultation with other committees and the board, recommend policy, budget, and administrative action to the Governor to better align the needs of current and emerging industry sectors with the education and training programs and support services afforded to the emerging, transitional, and incumbent workforce.

This committee will focus on education and business partnerships at all levels to ensure that workforce and education credential attainment is commensurate to the demand for those credentials.

This is the committee that will look at long-term as well as short-term development of Virginia's workforce: from K-12 to adult and higher education. To expand successful models of business-education partnerships that expand workforce pipelines in critical industry sectors, this committee will strategize increasing business engagement, incentivizing public-private partnerships, and developing or expanding programming to meet evolving industry needs. This committee will identify strategies for filling critical skills shortages in high priority occupations in sectors identified as Virginia's economic development targets.

In addition to a focus on occupationally specific training, this committee will drive recommendations and policy for enhancing career readiness in participants at all levels of education and training, including creating strategies for improving and expanding Virginia's Career Readiness Certificate program.

Specific tasks, required by statute for discussion and relevant to this committee, include; identifying current and emerging statewide workforce needs of the business community; forecasting and identifying training requirements for the new workforce; recommending strategies that will match trained workers with available jobs to include strategies for increasing business engagement in education and workforce development; providing recommendations on the development of the Commonwealth's Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education plan and other key education and workforce plans so as to better align the objectives and outcomes of all such plans to the Governor's Workforce Agenda.

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