



# Education, Training and Apprenticeship Committee

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I have now been serving as the Committee Chair for just over four years and am pleased to have the opportunity to work with this group of labor leaders. The committee and I started at the beginning of a new presidential election and now we are waiting to see what's next. The Education, Training and Apprenticeship Committee focuses on the educational and workforce needs of workers and their families in Washington State. The committee's scope covers PreK-12, workforce training programs, higher education (including community and technical colleges, apprenticeship programs, and colleges and universities) and union-based learning, such as labor history. Though COVID brought some drastic changes to our lives, we did accomplish some goals Pre-COVID.

We wished Caitlyn Jekel farewell as she transitioned to the governor's office and welcomed Emmanuel Flores as our new staff the committee. The committee worked with the LERC at the 2019 convention to host a Labor History Jeopardy. The game was filled with prizes and started great conversations about labor history education and its importance. An outcome of the 2019 convention was the introduction of Resolution 27, which would create a labor history education program with the LERC and PNLHA. The goal of the resolution is to educate working people both within the labor movement and those who are unrepresented, community allies, and students across the state about labor history.

Since the impacts of COVID we have had to be creative in how we conduct business. 2020 has been a difficult year to drive Labor's agenda. Our work still needs to be done and the labor movement still needs to lead the way. The committee has continued its engagement with Workforce Development Councils, Community and Technical College Advisory Committees and Boards of Trustees, and the State Workforce Board, to ensure labor's voice is well represented in education policy and oversight.