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## Youth Advisory Committee

**The Workforce Connection, Inc.**

Local Workforce Innovation Board

Serving Boone, Stephenson, and Winnebago Counties

Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2026  
Time: 8:00 AM  
Location: Zoom-see link above  
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The Youth Advisory Committee develops and oversees strategies to connect education and career opportunities for youth and young adults. This Committee will also provide oversight for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and other funded programming, which includes the selection and evaluation of youth service providers and the coordination of youth services. This Committee will develop strategies and implementation plans to address community education and youth issues. The Chair of the Youth Advisory Committee shall be selected from the voting membership of the Board. Members of the Youth Advisory Committee shall include members of the Board, school district representatives, career and technical education program representatives, and community stakeholders with expertise and experience related to youth services.

## AGENDA

1. Call to Order Scott Bloomquist, Committee Chair
2. Review of November 19, 2025 Meeting Notes Scott Bloomquist
3. ROE Updates Scott Bloomquist
4. Internship Project Presentation Dr. Deepshikha Shukla, Associate Vice President,  
Business Innovation at Rockford University
5. Education for Employment Introduction and Updates Brian Greene and Tabatha Dougherty
6. Other Business
7. Public Comment
8. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 27, 2026
9. Adjournment

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