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Legislative Advisory Committee Meeting
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Speaker Bios

Dr. Ross Gittell is well-known in economic and policy circles as an authority for economic analysis and forecasting. Prior to his appointment as Chancellor at CCSNH, he was the James R. Carter Professor at the Whittemore School of Business and Economics at the University of New Hampshire. Dr. Gittell is active on numerous Boards and commissions – including NEBHE’s Board. He has received several awards, including the Champion of Educational Opportunity Award from the NH Educational Opportunity Association and the Award for Excellence in Service from the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development.



Alyssa Alvarado is the Program Director at Real Jobs Rhode Island, Governor Raimondo’s signature workforce development program. In this capacity, Alyssa is responsible for implementing demand-driven, sector strategy workforce initiatives and developing and advising partnerships in diverse industries including Biotechnology and Defense Manufacturing. Since its launch in 2016, Real Jobs RI has successfully helped nearly 10,000 Rhode Islanders learn a new trade or enhance their skills, which has also helped over 1,300 local businesses compete and grow.



Theresa Rowland is the Interim President & CEO of Commonwealth Corporation, Massachusetts’ quasi-public Workforce Development entity. Theresa also serves as Vice President of Sector Strategies, overseeing investments and strategies made to support business driven and sector based workforce development needs. Prior to this, Theresa served as the Director of Sector Strategies at Commonwealth Corporation, leading training and employment grant programs that serve unemployed individuals, including the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund, and overseeing a variety of incumbent worker training programs, including the Workforce Training Fund Express Program and Small Business Direct Access Program.

