

Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Alaska Workforce Investment Board
New Board Member Biographies
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NEW MEMBERS

Charles Edwardson, of Ketchikan, is the workforce development and vocational director for Southern Southeast Alaska Technical Education Center. Since 2002, he has also worked as an adjunct faculty member for the University of Alaska Ketchikan Construction Academy. Active in the community, Edwardson is a member of the Ketchikan Indian Community Board of Directors, a former president and vice chairman of the Ketchikan Homebuilders Board of Directors, and is the incoming president of the Alaska State Homebuilders Association. Edwardson is appointed to a seat for a member of an organization representing employment and training needs of Alaska Natives.

Dawn Salesky, of Nome, serves as the vice president of the Education, Employment and Training Division at Kawerak, Inc., the Bering Straits Regional non-profit corporation established by the Bering Straits Native Association where she started her career as an intern in 1989. Prior to joining Kawerak, Inc., Salesky worked as an interpreter with the U.S. National Park Service and U.S. Conservation Corps. She earned a bachelor's and master's degree in rural development from the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Salesky previously served as a member of the Denali Commission Training Advisory Council, and as the chair of the Alaska Native Coalition on Employment and Training. She is appointed to a seat reserved for an individual with a background in adult basic education.