



NSC E-News

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This month we celebrate 5 years of National Skills Coalition's Skills State Policy and Advocacy Network (SkillSPAN)!



Leaders from 20 states have spent the past 5 years convening, connecting, and translating state policy for training providers, policy researchers, workforce advocates, community colleges, community-based organizations, businesses, unions, workers, students, and state agencies, all so that they can expand access to education and training for quality jobs on the state level so that people can thrive, not just survive.

State coalition leads convened in Denver, Colorado earlier this month to share policy wins, express obstacles they face, and strategize their priorities for 2025.



View the full gallery [here](#).

New appointments to NSC's Board of Directors

"We are thrilled to welcome Bishara Addison, Mauricio Garcia, and Chandler C. Morse to the National Skills Coalition's Board of Directors," **said Robert Espinoza, CEO of National Skills Coalition.** "Their diverse backgrounds and deep commitment to workforce equity and opportunity will be invaluable as we continue to advocate for inclusive policies and practices that empower workers and strengthen our economy."

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[Chandler C. Morse](#) (Washington, D.C.) is the Vice President of Corporate Affairs for Workday, where he plays a pivotal role in shaping the company's engagement on workforce development, privacy, sustainability, and inclusion policies. Since establishing Workday's Washington, D.C. office in 2018, Morse has led efforts to modernize federal labor market data and has been instrumental in advocating for smart regulatory frameworks around artificial intelligence.



[Bishara Addison](#) (Cleveland, OH) serves as the Director of Workforce Innovation at the Fund for Our Economic Future, where she spearheads initiatives aimed at equitable economic growth through talent development.



[Mauricio Garcia](#) (New York, NY) is the Senior Vice President for Programs at UnidosUS, the nation's largest Latino civil rights and advocacy organization. With nearly 20 years of experience, Garcia oversees the organization's programmatic efforts in education, health, housing and financial empowerment, and workforce development, collaborating with over 300 affiliates nationwide.



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Welcome Seanniece Bamiro to NSC!

We are thrilled to welcome Seanniece Bamiro to the NSC staff. In her role, Seanniece manages a network of state coalitions working to advance workforce policies that support an inclusive economy. She will work across teams to provide state networks with technical assistance around policy development, advocacy, and communications.

[Meet Seanniece!](#)



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