INDIANAPOLIS — The new Governor's Workforce Cabinet soon will begin its task of assessing and aligning Indiana's education and workforce development programs.

On Wednesday, Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb appointed the 13 business, labor and community representatives that will serve on the panel alongside eight state officials.

Two of the cabinet members hail from Northwest Indiana: Jená Bellezza, of Crown Point, Indiana Parenting Institute vice president of strategic partnerships and branding; and former LaPorte Mayor Blair Milo, who now serves as Indiana's secretary of career connections and talent.

The cabinet is scheduled to convene every other month, though its first meeting has not been scheduled.
In addition to aligning state education and workforce development efforts, the cabinet is required by Senate Enrolled Act 50 to develop a comprehensive career navigation and coaching system for Hoosier high school students and to assess the outcomes of career and technical education programs.

"We have one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country and tens of thousands of unfilled jobs across the state," Holcomb said.

"Now is the time to move beyond planning and strategy and take urgent action to help more Hoosiers learn the skills they need to secure great jobs. This cabinet brings together the right people with the right mission to accomplish our goals."
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