Meeting Objectives

The purpose of the meeting is to hear CAC members’ perspectives on the future of a range of industries of interest within the region and identify opportunities and initiatives that Hostos Community College might explore to meet the needs of the communities it serves.

1. Introductions (10 minutes)
The meeting will begin with an opportunity for participants to introduce themselves and get to know their colleagues.

2. New York Metropolitan Area Industry Review (10 minutes)
To spark a discussion, the planning team will present a brief overview of data from the U.S. Census and the New York State Department of Labor that highlights issues relevant to industries in the region.

3. Industry Topics (15 minutes)
Participants will be invited to share their perspectives on current and anticipated workforce trends in the Bronx, northern Manhattan and across the region.
   - What are the key trends and regional issues?
   - Which emerging industries do committee members anticipate being most important over the coming decade?

4. Known Challenges (15 minutes)
   - What obstacles do students seeking careers in the fields that have been identified currently face?
   - What are some of the systemic challenges for traditional and non-traditional students in these fields?

5. Hostos Strengths (15 minutes)
   - What existing Hostos programming might serve as a base on which to build future success?
   - Are there Hostos-specific characteristics or relationships that uniquely position the College to be a leader in some of these emerging fields or to face the challenges identified above?

6. Regional Opportunities (15 minutes)
   - What are the local bright spots with which the College should connect to leverage future opportunities?
     - community leaders driving change in these industries
     - institutions that are innovating to shape the future

7. Closing and Summary (5 minutes)