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The National Women's Business Council Announces Its First Public Meeting

WASHINGTON, D.C. – (June 2, 2020) – The National Women's Business Council ([NWBC](#)) announces a public meeting on June 9, 2020 at 12:00 PM EST. The 1988 *Women's Business Ownership Act* established NWBC to serve as an independent source of advice and policy recommendations to the President, Congress, and the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) on issues of importance to women entrepreneurs.

[This meeting](#) will allow the Council to provide an update on its latest initiatives and policy development. Each of the Council's four subcommittees (Rural Women's Entrepreneurship, Women in S.T.E.M., Access to Capital & Opportunity, and Communications) will present their current priorities and projects before the full body and the public.

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June 9, 2020 | 12:00 PM EST | Online Event

Access to Capital



With COVID-19 abruptly and drastically changing the landscape of our economy and disrupting local ecosystems, small businesses are looking for resources and advice to help them navigate these uncertain times and persevere.

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Women in STEM



NWBC has entered the data analysis stage of its joint study with the SBA Office of Investment and Innovation on women's participation in the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) & Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs.

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Rural Women's Entrepreneurship



The Rural Women's Entrepreneurship Subcommittee held a discussion with small business owners, organizational representatives, and government officials on childcare availability and affordability in rural communities and the impact for women's business enterprise. Stay tuned for a meeting recap.

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NWBC in the News



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"Historically, we've heard recessions referred to as 'mancessions' because they generally involved higher losses in manufacturing and construction, which still employ more men," said Susan Duffy, executive director of the Center for Women's Entrepreneurial Leadership at Babson College, who sits on the bipartisan National Women's Business Council. "It's very different this time around."



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[May 26, 2020 - Middle East Women Entrepreneurs Will Get Their Dues](#)

On the global stage, the number of women-owned firms in the US increased by 114 per cent in the last 20 years, according to a 2017 report by National Women's Business Council.

Events & Engagement

[May 29, 2020 — The National Women's Business Council Executive Director Nina Roque Joins the Commercial Law Development Program's Webinar](#)

It was an honor for [#NWBC](#) Executive Director Nina Roque to share U.S. 'Best Practices' with women entrepreneurs in The Dominican Republic [#womeninbiz](#)

[May 22, 2020 - NWBC & U.S. Small Business Administrator Jovita Carranza Release Joint Statement](#)

"Saving small businesses and the jobs they support is my top priority as [SBA Administrator](#). In the seven weeks after launching the PPP, we've rolled out over half a trillion in forgivable loans to more than 4.4 million small businesses and nonprofits," said Administrator Jovita Carranza. "I remain committed to helping every small business owner – especially our minority-owned, women-owned, veteran-owned and other entrepreneurs serving disadvantaged communities – not just survive this difficult time, but make it out the other side stronger and ready to expand."

"Women-owned businesses are truly the engine driving our national economy and small banks and community lenders are the lifelines they need to stay afloat during this pandemic," said [NWBC Chair Liz Sara](#). "We are encouraged that the SBA has prioritized smaller lenders in its implementation of the second round of CARES Act funding and look forward to working with them to continue to

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

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Amid the coronavirus pandemic, the National Women's Business Council ([NWBC](#)) remains focused on carrying out its critical mission of advocating for the nation's 13 million women-owned businesses. The Council recognizes the ongoing commitment of the U.S. Small Business Administration ([SBA](#)) in ensuring women business owners have access to opportunities to start and grow their business, and in times of crisis, to keep their business afloat. Smaller, community lenders have undoubtedly been at the forefront of providing business owners with the capital they need to keep their employees on payroll and sustain overhead costs.

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[May 18, 2020 – Advocating For Women in Business During a Pandemic](#)

In the midst of uncertainty, the National Women's Business Council, a federal advisory committee comprised of small business owners and representatives of national women's business organizations, acknowledges the detrimental effects coronavirus has had on small businesses.



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[May 5, 2020 – NWBC Chair Liz Sara on WJLA](#)

Advice for women owned businesses to survive & thrive after the pandemic from NWBC Chair Liz Sara. [WATCH NOW!](#)

broaden the pool of capital access options for women.”

[May 20, 2020 - NWBC Hosts a Webinar: Community Lending Key to Main Street Recovery with Jill Castilla](#)

NWBC hosts [#WebinarWednesday](#). This webinar will discuss the key role that community lenders play in providing capital to [#WomeninBusiness](#) within the framework of a 'lesson learned' discussion following CARES Act funding.

[Watch Webinar HERE](#)

[May 19, 2020 - NWBC Shares Recent Data on Women Owned Businesses](#)

The [U.S. Census Bureau](#) today released new statistics from the [2018 Annual Business Survey \(ABS\)](#). Since its founding in 1988, the NWBC has depended on data collection from the U.S. Census Bureau to fulfill its statutory obligation and mission. The Council must, in relevant part, promote and assist in the development of a women's business census and other surveys of women-owned businesses. We are thrilled to share the most recent findings relating to women-owned employer firms. [Read Full Press Release.](#)

[May 12, 2020 - NWBC Council Member Monica Stynchula Joins AARP Roundtable](#)

Monica will discuss the work that NWBC is doing amid the pandemic. AARP wants to hear updates on what organizations have been doing and learn more about current initiatives & tools developed in result of COVID-19.

[May 8, 2020 - NWBC Chair Liz Sara Joins the Southern Crescent Women in Business Virtual Series](#)

NWBC Chair [Liz Sara](#) will be joining the [Southern Crescent Women in Business](#) COVID Virtual Series to discuss the state of women-owned businesses.

[May 4, 2020 - NWBC Council Member Barb Kniff-McCulla Joins Partners for Rural America Virtual Meeting](#)

Today, NWBC Council Member [Barb Kniff-McCulla](#) joined the Partners for Rural America virtual meeting to discuss the Council's mission and share the work of the NWBC Rural Women's Entrepreneurship subcommittee, specifically on broadband and childcare. [#WomeninBusiness](#) [#NWBC](#)

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