

IOWA COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2024

Call to Order

The Iowa College Student Aid Commission met March 22, 2024 at the Iowa Department of Education offices in the Grimes Building. Commission Chair Stork called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. with roll call. A quorum was not present. It was decided the meeting would continue without voting items.

Director's Updates

Director Snow provided an update about a presentation that the Department of Education provided at a recent Iowa House Education Appropriations Subcommittee meeting alongside Bureau Chief Ford and Section Chief Brown. A number of core bodies of work were presented.

Senator Quirnbach mentioned the National Guard Scholarship to consider mentioning living expenses to those who are on those appropriations.

Bureau Chief's Report

David Ford provided the Bureau Chief's Report and discussed how he met with each of the ICA staff members along with Section Chiefs about how to be forward thinking with the bureau's post alignment; He met with each staff member regarding needs, feedback, structure and going forward post alignment how we are best able to do that efficiently and effectively.

The Bureau has two sections – The first section is Financial Aid which Section Chief Todd Brown oversees and includes Postsecondary Registration and Scholarships and Grant programs. Section Chief Christina Sibaouih oversees Community Engagement.

There is a third group, Program Evaluation and Reporting, also overseen by Bureau Chief David Ford.

The Bureaus of Accounting, IT and Communications shares our processes across the board within the Department of Education.

David Ford pauses for Roll call to include Jeremy Swink.

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Ty Patton conducted the roll call. 7 voting members were present

Members Present

Emily Stork

Jeremy Swink

Doug Shull

Tim Fitzgibbon

Katie Mulholland

Mark Putnam

McKenzie Snow

Herman Quirnbach

Members Absent

Sherry Bates

Rylie Maliszewski

Terry Murrell

Barbara Sloniker

Molly Buck

Taylor Collins

Jeff Taylor

AG's Office

Andrew Ewing

Staff Present

David Ford

Julie Ntem

Todd Brown

Keyli Kieffer

Lisa Pundt

Christina Sibaouih

Ty Patton

Victoria Archer

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Emily Stork presented the minutes from the March 1, 2024 board meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Shull moved to approve the meeting minutes as written.

Motion: Commissioner Mulholland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Administrative Rules

Section Chief Todd Brown presented the recommended action

- Move to rescind Section 8 Iowa Opportunity Scholarship and adopt a new chapter 8 Iowa Opportunity Scholarship in lieu thereof;
- Move to rescind chapter 11 Iowa Tuition Grant Program for profit institutions and adopt new chapter 11 Iowa Tuition Grant for profit institutions in lieu thereof;
- Move to rescind chapter 13 Iowa Vocational Technical Grant and adopt new chapter 13 Iowa Vocational Technical Grant in lieu thereof;
- Move to rescind chapter 23 Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant and adopt new chapter 23 Skilled Workforce Shortage Tuition Grant in lieu thereof.

The Bureau is rescinding and re-promulgating these rules in line with executive order 10. The intent of executive order 10 is to eliminate outdated and obsolete rules, streamline rules, and reduce word counts.

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These four packages are part of Phase 2 of in our work toad meeting executive order 10 in which we are rescinding and re-promulgating any administrative rules that contain referenced to the expected family contributions as that terminology will be obsolete during the 2024-2025 academic year.

Phase I implemented a consistent set of definitions as seen in these rule chapters where we are leveraging all those consistent definitions within all four of these rule chapters and the word counts across all these chapters have been reduced in some cases drastically, moving to a consistent format.

Regulatory analysis for these rules was published on January 10th, 2024 which contains a public comment period; in addition, a public hearing was held on January 31, 2024. There were no public comments received during either opportunity.

The rules were reviewed by the legislative committee meeting in the January and February meeting and approval was received from the Governor's office on March 1, 2024.

Emily Stork inquired about a motion to rescind.

Motion: Commissioner Shull moved to rescind.

Motion: Commissioner Mulhollan seconded the motion, the rules were unanimously rescinded and adopted.

Emily Stork continues back to the Bureau Chief's report.

Bureau Chief David Ford presented the remainder of his report

Commissioner Fitzgibbons, Bureau Chief Ford, Commissioner Putnam and Senator Quirnbach discussed the impact of the FAFSA delays on students and families.

Director Show shared information from the State Board of Education and stakeholders regarding joint enrollment with a focus on equitable enrollment and completion across student groups, the Board's interest in the Gear Up and Iowa College Aid and future presentations profiling the college access work.

Staff Reports

Lisa Pundt shared the Postsecondary Authorization report of schools that were approved, are under review or pending review. The 3rd and final US Dept of Education negotiated rulemaking ended March 7, 2024. There were 6 issues presented; the postsecondary authorization team was most interested in the program integrity and institutional quality committee session which affects state authorization and federal programs.

Section Chief Todd Brown shared research conducted about why the Iowa Work Study Program was defunded. Intel included history of the Iowa Work Study Program and details on the current state of student employment in colleges and universities. Senator Quirnbach shared the importance of the Work Study Program.

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Bureau Chief David Ford discussed the change from using Board Effects to a Google doc process for Bureau of Iowa College Aid Board meetings and materials.

Section Chief Todd Brown shared that the US Department of Education last week sent out processed FAFSAs (aka ISIRS) to both institutions and states. The Bureau has received about 20,000 Iowa resident FAFSA results. Last year at this time 80,000 were received.

Section Chief Christna Sibaouih reported technical issues related to FAFSA completion.

Annual Report

An overview of the Annual Report was provided by Bureau Chief David Ford, Section Chief Christina Sibaouih and Section Chief Todd Brown.

Senator Quirnbach and Bureau Chief Snow discussed if data was available yet regarding student retention from those who left college in 2021 that may have returned in 2023.

Bureau Chief Julie Ntem shared the financial report: Federal support remains the same. Total revenues are at 44.88% and total expenditures at 42.6%, interest is coming in at \$80,000 a month.

Committee Reports

Commissioner Fitzgibbon reports there is no Audit & Finance Committee Report as the last meeting was 3 weeks prior.

Commissioner Mulholland Legislative Committee Report is a reminder that the second funnel date was last Friday. The last day of the legislative session is just over 3 weeks away.

Commissioner Comments and Adjournment

Emily Stork shared that the next board meeting will be May 17, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Iowa Department of Education, 400 E. 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa; Room B100 (a basement conference room).


The next Postsecondary Attainment Institute Board Meeting will follow that meeting from 12:00 noon to 12:30pm in the same location.

Emily Stork moved to adjourn.

Motion: Commissioner Shull seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 10:38am



Emily Stork, Chair



Doug Shull, Vice Chair