

Minutes
State Board of Education
February 6, 2025

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Cedar Rapids

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Beth Townsend
Iowa Workforce Development
(non-voting)

McKenzie Snow
Director and
Executive Officer

The State Board of Education meeting was held on February 6, 2025, at the Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa. The meeting was conducted in person, with remote access information provided in the notice of the meeting.

State Board members present: John Robbins, Brian Kane, Mary Meisterling, and Cindy Dietz. Brooke Axiotis, Beth Townsend and Michael McClelland attended virtually.

Iowa Department of Education staff members present: McKenzie Snow, Deborah Elder, Tina Wahlert, Eric St Clair, Heather Doe, Thomas Mayes, Sandra Hurtado-Peters, Cassandra Cline, Heather Meissen, Cale Hutchings, Amy Gieseke, Amy Mayer, Stefanie Wager, Robin Lillienthal, Zach Blacksmith, Liza Garcia and Jeremy Anzevino. Maryam Rod Szabo attended virtually.

State Board Business Meeting

John Robbins called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Motion: Cindy Dietz made a motion and Mary Meisterling seconded to approve the agenda.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

John Robbins announced public comment for 30 minutes.

Mike Huguelet made a public comment.

The following reports were provided:

Director's Report, by Director Snow.

Nonpublic Schools Advisory Committee Update, by Brian Kane.

Consent Agenda

Motion: Cindy Dietz made a motion and Brian Kane seconded to approve the consent agenda.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Rules: Chapter 12 – General Accreditation Program Standards

Motion: Brian Kane made a motion and Cindy Dietz seconded to amend Chapter 12.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Proposed Charter School Contract Updates

Motion: Brian Kane made a motion and Mary Meisterling seconded to approve the proposed charter school contract updates.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Charter School Performance Framework Approval

Motion: Mary Meisterling made a motion and Brian Kane seconded to approve the Charter School Performance Framework.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

John Robbins announced a 10-minute break.

Charter School Contract Approval – Davenport Prep

Motion: Brian Kane made a motion and Cindy Dietz seconded to approve the contract.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Cedar Rapids Prep Transitional Contract Approval

Motion: Brian Kane made a motion and Cindy Dietz seconded to approve the contract.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Des Moines Prep Transitional Contract Approval

Motion: Brian Kane made a motion and Cindy Dietz seconded to approve the contract.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Charter School Contract Approval – Distinctive Innovation Academy

Motion: Cindy Dietz made a motion and Mary Meisterling seconded to approve the contract.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Charter School Contract Approval – Great Oaks High School and Career Center Davenport

Motion: Cindy Dietz made a motion and Brian Kane seconded to approve the contract.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Charter School Contract Approval – Great Oaks High School and Career Center Des Moines

Motion: Brian Kane made a motion and Mary Meisterling seconded to approve the contract.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Great Oaks High School and Career Center Des Moines Transitional Contract Approval

Motion: Brian Kane made a motion and Cindy Dietz seconded to approve the contract.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Charter School Contract Approval – Horizon Science Academy Davenport

Motion: Cindy Dietz made a motion and Brian Kane seconded to approve the contract.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Introduction of the 2025 Iowa Teacher of the Year, Melanie Bloom

The matter was discussed.

John Robbins announced a lunch break until 12:25 p.m.

Charter School Contract Approval – Red Barn Schoolhouse

Motion: Cindy Dietz made a motion and Brian Kane seconded to approve the contract.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Perkins State Plan – Overview of Stakeholder Engagement and Major Planned Changes

The matter was discussed.

Workforce Training and Economic Development Fund Report

Motion: Cindy Dietz made a motion and Mary Meisterling seconded to approve the report and plan.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Handbook for Initial Program Approval – Alternative Teacher Certification

The matter was discussed.

January SBRC Hearing Update

The matter was discussed.

Review of AEA Budget Template


The matter was discussed.

April State Board Meeting Date and Location Approval

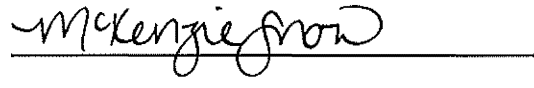
Motion: Mary Meisterling made a motion and Cindy Dietz seconded to approve the dates and location of the April 2025 State Board of Education meeting.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.



John Robbins
President



McKenzie Snow
Director