

## Minutes State Board of Education June 19, 2025

John Robbins  
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*Cedar Rapids*

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*Carlisle*

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Mary Meisterling  
*Cedar Rapids*

Grace Bechtel  
Student Member (non-voting)  
*Lake Mills*

Beth Townsend  
Iowa Workforce Development  
(non-voting)

McKenzie Snow  
Director and  
Executive Officer

The State Board of Education meeting was held on June 19, 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, Cindy Dietz, Cassandra Halls, Beth Townsend and Grace Bechtel attended virtually.

Iowa Department of Education staff members present: McKenzie Snow, Tina Wahlert, Eric St Clair, Heather Doe, Thomas Mayes, Sandra Hurtado-Peters, Amy Gieseke, Kassandra Cline, Robin Lillienthal, Maryam Rod Szabo, Heather Meissen, Cale Hutchings, Zach Blacksmith and Jeremy Anzevino.

### State Board Business Meeting

John Robbins called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Motion:** Cassandra Halls made a motion and Cindy Dietz seconded to approve the agenda.

**Vote:** The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

John Robbins announced public comment for 30 minutes.

Kyle Collins made a public comment.

Anne Howsare Boyens 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

**May 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

**Rules: Chapters 19 and 46**

**Appeal – Education Savings Account**

**Horizon Science Academy Davenport Amendment Request**

**Motion:** Brian Kane made a motion and Cindy Dietz seconded to approve the Consent Agenda.

**Vote:** The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

### **Simpson College Educator Preparation Program Approval**

**Motion:** Cassandra Halls made a motion and Brian Kane seconded to award full approval to Simpson College Teacher Preparation Programs through the next review scheduled for the 2031-2032 academic year.

**Vote:** The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

### **Perkins State Plan**

**Motion:** Brian Kane made a motion and Cassandra Halls seconded to approve Iowa's next Perkins V State Plan, July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2029, and will conduct a review of the funding allocation between community colleges and school districts.

**Vote:** There were four ayes and one nay (Halls). The motion carried.

### **Eastern Iowa Community Colleges Interim Accreditation Report**

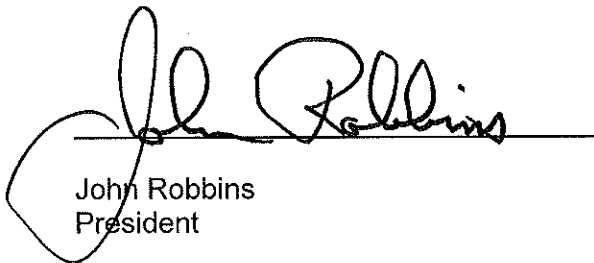
**Motion:** Cassandra Halls made a motion and Cindy Dietz seconded to grant continued accreditation for Eastern Iowa Community Colleges.

**Vote:** The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

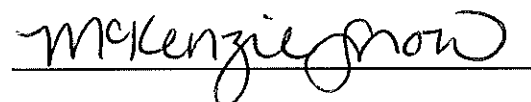
### **Perkins State Plan**

Cassandra Halls raised the possibility of reconsidering the prior vote. After discussion, no member who voted for the plan moved for reconsideration. Reconsideration died for lack of a motion.

Meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.



John Robbins  
President



McKenzie Snow  
Director