

Iowa College Student Aid Commission Meeting

July 25, 2025

Iowa Department of Education State Board Room
400 E. 14th Street, 2nd Floor
Des Moines, IA 50319

Meeting Book - Iowa College Student Aid Commission Meeting

July 25, 2025 Agenda

Agenda Item	Action	Lead
1. Director's Update	NO	Director Snow
2. Bureau Chief's Report	NO	Bureau Chief Ford
3. Meeting Minutes (June)	YES	Commissioner Stork
4. Administrative Rules a. Notice: Ch. 22, 33	YES	Section Chief Brown
5. Commissioner Updates a. Election of Officers	YES	Commissioner Stork
b. Committee Assignments	YES	Commissioner Stork
6. Staff Reports a. Scholarships & Grants Postsecondary Authorization	NO	Section Chief Brown
b. Community Engagement	NO	Section Chief Sibaouih
c. Financial Report	NO	Bureau Chief Ford
7. Commissioner Comments	NO	Commissioner Stork
8. Adjournment	NO	Commissioner Stork

Next Meeting: September 5, 2025

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Director's Update

Iowa Department of Education Director, Commissioner Snow, will provide department updates.

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Executive Director and Bureau Chief's Update

Scholarships and grants

- July 1 was the FAFSA deadline for the majority of the state financial aid program. With that milestone passed for the 2025-26 academic year, staff is evaluating awards and appeals.
- The four previously existing health care loan repayment and income incentive programs recently disbursed funds to recipients. Approximately \$1.5 million was issued to 98 recipients.
- Staff recently received notification of the allocations for the Education and Training Voucher and is in the process of notifying recipients.
- Staff deployed multi-factor authentication to the Iowa College Aid Processing System to add an additional safeguard to the personal information contained within the system. This impacts primarily institutional financial aid officers that utilize the system and does not affect the general public.

Local College and Career Access Networks

- We recently awarded \$258,000 to five communities in Iowa to fund Local College and Career Access Networks. This round of funding added two new LCANs in Columbus Junction and First to Finish in Des Moines to the statewide network of LCANs. Anne Thomas will be sharing more information later today about the LCAN program.
- Staff helped facilitate the IHEMTAC Summer Conference alongside our Math Pathways LCAN that focuses helping students transition from high school to postsecondary math courses.

GEAR UP Iowa

- GEAR UP Iowa has added two new facilitators to its staff in Isaac Newsome and Amy Smith.
- The entire GEAR UP Iowa team attended the national NCCEP GEAR UP conference in San Francisco.
- Staff is preparing for its annual GEAR UP Iowa kickoff event August 4 with our GEAR UP Iowa partners.

Course to College/FAFSA

- Summer FAFSA reports are being issued to 63 high schools this summer.
- As of July 9, 51 percent of the class of 2024-25 in Iowa has completed the FAFSA. This is a two percentage point increase from this time last year.

AmeriCorps

- We will soon be announcing a nearly \$500,000 AmeriCorps grant that will fund our Course to College Corps of student leaders, college coaches and summer transition associates. This grant will fund more than 80 positions across the state to help Iowans pursue postsecondary education.
- Our 10 summer transition associates began their work in early June and continue to work in their communities to ensure that students who intend to enroll in postsecondary opportunities do so.

Postsecondary Authorization

- Staff attended the Midwest SARA conference to meet with state authorization officials from the region and discuss future goals for M-SARA.
- Annual invoices were issued to 43 registered schools and 38 SARA members that operate in Iowa. Those invoices total \$234,000.

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Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Approve the meeting minutes from the June 13, 2025 Commission Meeting.

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June 13, 2025

Call to Order

The Iowa College Aid Commission met June 13, 2025, at the Iowa Department of Education offices in the Grimes State Office Building. Chair Emily Stork called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. with introductions and roll call. There was a quorum with 6 voting members present.

Members Present

Emily Stork	Tim Fitzgibbon	McKenzie Snow
Doug Shull	Barbara Sloniker	Austin Harris
Katie Mulholland	Mark Putnam	Jesse Green
Herman Quirnbach	David Barker	Anne Howsare Boyens

Members Absent

Staff Present

David Ford	Todd Brown	Christina Sibaouih
Lisa Pundt	Liz Yaddof	Karey Hawkins
Danielle Sampson	Ty Patton	Keyli Kiefer
Tristan Lynn	Amber Miller	Kayli Sampson
Christine Nguyen	Isaac Newsome	Nathan Svare

Chair Emily Stork presented the minutes from the March 7, 2025 board meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Shull moved to approve the meeting minutes.

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

Director's Updates

Director McKenzie Snow provided the Director's Updates.

Executive Director and Bureau Chief's Report

Executive Director and Bureau Chief David Ford provided the Bureau Chief's Report.

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Administrative Rules for Notice

Section Chief Todd Brown shared administrative rules for notice. The recommended action include:

- rescind chapters 20 and 29 and adopt the new chapter 20 in lieu thereof.
- rescind chapter 30 and adopt the new chapter 30 in lieu thereof.
- rescind chapter 15 and adopt the new chapter 15 in lieu thereof.
- rescind chapter 18 and adopt the new chapter 18 in lieu thereof.
- rescind chapter 28 and adopt the new chapter 28 in lieu thereof.
- rescind chapter 37 and adopt the new chapter 37 in lieu thereof.

Motion: Commissioner Sloniker moved to approve the recommended action.

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

FY 2026 Board Meeting Dates

Chair Emily Stork proposed the following FY2026 Board meeting dates:

- July 25, 2025
- September 5, 2025
- October 31, 2025
- January 9, 2026
- March 6, 2026
- May 8, 2026

Motion: Commissioner Fitzgibbon moved to approve the proposed FY 2026 meeting dates.

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

Midwestern Higher Education Compact Appointment

Chair Emily Stork proposed that David Ford be reappointed to MHEC.

Motion: Commissioner Fitzgibbon moved to approve the proposed appointment.

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

Staff Reports

Section Chief Todd Brown provided an update related to the following:

- Scholarships & Grants
- Postsecondary Authorization

Section Chief Christina Sibaouih provided updates related to Community Engagement.

Executive Director and Bureau Chief David Ford presented the Financial Report.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee: Chair Stork proposed the drafted bylaws be adopted.

Motion: Commissioner Shull moved to adopt the drafted bylaws.

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

Audit and Finance Committee: Commissioner Fitzgibbon provided updates related to the Audit and Finance Committee.

Legislative Committee: Commissioner Mulholland provided updates related to the Legislative Committee.

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Commissioner Comments and Adjournment

Commissioners shared and discussed comments.

Chair Emily Stork shared that the next board meeting will be July 25, 2025 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Iowa Department of Education, 400 E. 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Chair Emily Stork adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

Emily Stork, Chair

Doug Shull, Vice Chair

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Administrative Rules for Notice

Recommended Action:

- Rescind Chapter 22, "Iowa Minority Grants for Economic Success (IMAGES)"
- Rescind Chapter 33, "Chiropractic Loan Forgiveness Program"

COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rulemaking related to Iowa minority grants for economic success program and providing an opportunity for public comment

The College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 22, “Iowa Minority Grants for Economic Success (IMAGES),” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 256.178 and 256.216.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code sections 256.213 through 256.217.

Purpose and Summary

The Commission plans to rescind Chapter 22 pursuant to Executive Order 10. The program has not received an appropriation in over two decades and is not operational. There is no further benefit of the chapter.

The Administrative Rules Coordinator provided preclearance for the publication of this Notice of Intended Action on June 12, 2025.

Regulatory Analysis

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on May 14 2025. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- June 3, 2025

No public comments on the Regulatory Analysis were received at the public hearing or in writing.

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Commission for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 283—Chapter 7.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Commission no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 9, 2025. Comments should be directed to:

David Ford

Department of Education, Bureau of Iowa College Aid

400 East 14th Street

Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Phone: 515.901.9924

Fax: 515.242.5988

Email: david.ford@iowa.gov or administrative rules website at rules.iowa.gov

Public Hearing

Public hearings at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

September 9, 2025	Room B50
4 to 4:30 p.m.	Grimes State Office Building
	Des Moines, Iowa

September 10, 2025	Room B50
9 to 9:30 a.m.	Grimes State Office Building
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Persons who wish to make oral comments at a public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rulemaking.

Any persons who intend to attend a public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Commission and advise of specific needs.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **283—Chapter 22**.

COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rulemaking related to chiropractic loan forgiveness program and providing an opportunity for public comment

The College Student Aid Commission hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 33, “Chiropractic Loan Forgiveness Program,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code sections 256.178 and 256.205.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code section 256.205.

Purpose and Summary

The Commission plans to rescind Chapter 33 pursuant to Executive Order 10. The program has not received an appropriation since FY 2010 and is not operational. There is no further benefit of the chapter.

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Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Stork will provide recommendations for officers and committee assignments.

Recommended Action: Approve Executive Committee for FY26

- Emily Stork (Chair)
- Doug Shull (Vice Chair)
- Chair: Program Oversight Committee
- Chair: Administrative Rules and Legislative Action Committee

Recommended Action: Approve Program Oversight Committee for FY26

- VACANT (Chair); fiscal/fiduciary Commissioner
 - Interim: Doug Shull
- David Barker
- Anne Howsare Boyens
- Mark Putnam
- Doug Shull
- Emily Stork
- David Ford (staff)

Recommended Action: Approve Administrative Rules and Legislative Action Committee for FY26

- Barbara Sloniker (Chair)
- Jesse Green
- Austin Harris
- Herman Quirmbach
- VACANT - House Minority
- Emily Stork
- Todd Brown (staff)

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Staff Reports

The following staff will provide reports to the Commission:

Section Chief Brown

- Scholarships & Grants
- Postsecondary Authorization

Section Chief Sibauih

- Iowa College and Career Readiness Academy
- Local College Access Networks
- Course to College
- Course to College Corps
- GEAR UP Iowa

Bureau Chief Ford

- Financial Report

Bureau of Iowa College Aid Board of Commissioners
Postsecondary Authorization
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The Postsecondary Authorization Staff have the following noncontroversial authorization application updates since the last written report to Commissioners for the meeting on June 13, 2025.

Applications from Postsecondary Registered Schools (Iowa Code 261B)

Postsecondary Registration Approvals

- Body Wisdom (in-state mandatory renewal application)
- Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (in-state mandatory renewal application)
- Viterbo University (in-state mandatory renewal application)
- Waldorf University (in-state voluntary renewal application)

Postsecondary Registration Applications under Review

- California State University Northridge (out-of-state mandatory renewal application)
- Concordia University (out-of-state mandatory renewal application)
- South University (out-of-state mandatory renewal application)
- Ultimate Medical Academy (out-of-state mandatory renewal application)
- University of Massachusetts Global (out-of-state mandatory renewal application)
- University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences (out-of-state mandatory renewal application)
- Walden University (out-of-state mandatory renewal application)

Postsecondary Registration Applications Received and Pending Review

NA

Postsecondary registration evaluation reports for approved schools are available upon request.

Applications from Postsecondary Schools Participating in SARA (Iowa Code 261G)

Iowa SARA New Application Approvals

NA

Iowa SARA Renewal Approvals

Buena Vista University
Clarke University
Des Moines Area Community College
Eastern Iowa Community College District
Grand View University
Hawkeye Community College
Kirkwood Community College
North Iowa Area Community College
Northeast Iowa Community College
Iowa Central Community College
Iowa Lakes Community College
Iowa Western Community College
Southwestern Community College
Southeastern Community College
University of Dubuque
Waldorf University

Iowa SARA Renewal Applications under Review

Coe College (renewal application)
Indian Hills Community College (renewal application)
Iowa State University (renewal application)
Iowa Valley Community College District (renewal application)
Mount Mercy University (renewal application)
Western Iowa Tech Community College (renewal application)

Iowa SARA Applications Received and Pending Review

none

Applications from Postsecondary Schools Exempt from Registration (Iowa Code 261B.11)

Iowa Exempt School Approvals

Grand View University (renewal application)
Iowa State University (renewal application)
Mount Mercy University (NEW application under registration exemption)

Iowa Exempt School Applications under Review

Southwest Iowa Free Technical Training (NEW SCHOOL application)
Aveda Institute DSM (renewal application)
Continental Auctioneers School (renewal application)
Iowa School of Construction (renewal application)
World of Beauty Academy (renewal application)

Iowa Exempt School Applications Received and Pending Review

La James College of Hairstyling (renewal application)
La James International College of Hairstyling (renewal application)
Mercy / St. Luke's School of Rad Tech (renewal application)
Phlebotomy Training Specialists (renewal application)
(The) Salon Professional (renewal application)

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Strategic Reserve Fund 0163 Reconciliation

Beginning Balance as of 07-01-2024 \$22,711,913

REVENUES:

Federal Support:

AmeriCorps	301,152.84
GEAR UP 2.0	34,828.21
GEAR UP 3.0	902,812.63
GEAR UP 3.0 Scholarship	3,751,328.00

Intra-State Transfers

ARP SLFRF Iowa Tuition Grant	\$2,800,753.00
ICAPS Technology	\$ 3,135.00
GEAR UP Iowa Future Ready SLFRF	\$ 908,331.75

Non Gov Support	-
Gov Transfer In Other Agencies	-
Interest	893,076.68
Fees, Licenses & Permits	
Other	43,397.82

TOTAL REVENUES COLLECTED: \$9,638,816

EXPENDITURES:

Salary and Benefits	2,166,326.09
Travel	\$58,117.48
Supplies	\$32,138.27
Printing & Binding; Postage	\$95,993.25
Communications (ICN, Cell phones)	10,573.20
Rentals	136,535.03
Prof & Scientific Services	53,500.00
Outside Services/Sub Grant Pymts	1,668,406.72
Intra-State Transfers (GU 3.0 Scholarship)	3,831,328.00
Advertising & Publicity	850.00
Reimb to Other Agencies (Workers Comp)	7,815.59
ITD Reimbursement (eDAS)	166,866.27
IT Outside Services (ICAPS)	99,553.82
Gov Transfer Other Agencies/Indirect Costs	305,939.06
Equipment- Non Inventory	179.99
IT Equipment & Software	24,446.37
State Aid/Transfer to Trust Acct (ITG)	2,813,609.00
Aid to Individuals (Scholarships)	-

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: (\$11,472,178)

Ending Balance as of 6-30-25 \$20,878,550

Net change to Guaranty Agency Operating Fund (\$1,833,363)

Bankers Trust GEAR UP Trust Fund Balance on 6-30-25 \$3,911,094

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Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Stork will solicit comments from the Board.

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Adjournment

Commissioner Stork will seek a motion to adjourn the meeting.