

STATE OF IOWA
BOARD OF EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS
701 E. Court Ave., Suite A
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Minutes

October 10, 2025

The Board of Educational Examiners (Board or BoEE) held a meeting on October 10, 2025. Chad Janzen, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. due to webinar technology issues. Members attending were Miranda Brus, Davis Eidahl, Eric St Clair, Dr. Michael Pyevich, Daniel Zylstra, Jennifer Sammons and Paige Thorson. Also in attendance was Mike Cavin, Executive Director, Beth Myers, Attorney/Investigator, Diane Dennis, Lori Lavorato, William Rector and Matthew Barron, Investigators, Lindsey Browning, Assistant Attorney General. Kathy Behrens and Pam Bleam were unable to attend.

Mike Pyevich moved, with a second by Paige Thorson, to approve the agenda. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Paige Thorson moved, with a second by Jennifer Sammons to approve the consent agenda (minutes for September 12, 2025). **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that the Board go into closed session for the purpose of discussing closed session minutes whether to initiate licensee disciplinary proceedings, the decision to be rendered in a contested case, confidential health information, and mental health information, pursuant to Iowa Code sections 21.5(1)(a), (d), and (f). Roll call vote: Brus -yes; Eidahl – yes; Janzen – yes; St Clair – yes; Pyevich – yes; Zylstra – yes; Thorson – yes; Sammons – yes;

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board returned to open session.

1 Miranda Brus moved, with a second by Jennifer Sammons, that in **case number 25-**
2 **163**, the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional
3 Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rules 25.3 (1) e (4) 2 & 3, and order the Board staff to
4 proceed with the case. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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6 Davis Eidahl moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, that in **case number 25-131**, the
7 Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct
8 and Ethics, 282 IAC rules 25.3 (1) d, e (4) 2 & 3, 25.3 (6) c & d, and order the Board
9 staff to proceed with the case. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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11 Davis Eidahl moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, that in **case number 25-132**, the
12 Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct
13 and Ethics, 282 IAC rules 282 IAC rules 25.3 (1) d, e (4) 2 & 3, 25.3 (6) c & d, and
14 order the Board staff to proceed with the case. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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16 Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in **case number 25-92**,
17 the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional
18 Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rules 25.3(1) b (1) 6, 25.3 (1) d, 25.3 (1) e (4) 2, 25.3 (6) c
19 & d, and order the Board staff to proceed with the case. **MOTION CARRIED**
20 **UNANIMOUSLY**

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22 Jennifer Sammons moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in **case number 25-**
23 **135**, the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional
24 Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rules 25.3(1) e (4) 2 & 3, 25.3 (8) a, and order the Board
25 staff to proceed with the case. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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27 Paige Thorson moved, with a second by Michael Pyevich, that in **case number 25-144**,
28 the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional
29 Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rules 25.3(1) e (4) 2 & 3, 25.3 (6) c, 25.3 (8) a, and order
30 the Board staff to proceed with the case. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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32 Mike Pyevich moved, with a second by Daniel Zylstra, that in **case number 25-143**,
33 the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional

1 Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rules 25.3(2) b, and order the Board staff to proceed
2 with the case. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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4 Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in **case number 25-183**, the
5 Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct
6 and Ethics, 282 IAC rules 25.3(2) b, and order the Board staff to proceed with the
7 case. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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9 Jennifer Sammons moved, with a second by Davis Eidahl, that in **case number 25-**
10 **117**, the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional
11 Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3 (3) e and 25.3(8) a & b, and order the Board
12 staff to proceed with the case. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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14 Jennifer Sammons moved, with a second by Paige Thorson, that in **case number 25-**
15 **139**, the Board find probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional
16 Conduct and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3 (3) e, & 25.3(8)a, and order the Board staff to
17 proceed with the case. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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19 Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Jennifer Sammons, that in **case number 25-**
20 **145**, the Board finds that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness
21 statements and the documentary evidence, does not substantiate the allegations in the
22 complaint, and that the Board therefore lacks probable cause to proceed with this
23 matter. Roll call vote: Brus -yes; Eidahl – yes; Janzen – yes; St Clair – recused; Pyevich
24 – yes; Zylstra – yes; Thorson – yes; Sammons – yes; **MOTION CARRIED**

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26 Paige Thorson moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in **case number 25-150**,
27 the Board return the complaint and investigative report to the investigator to gather
28 further information, and return the case to the Board for further consideration.

29 **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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31 Mike Pyevich moved, with a second by Davis Eidahl, to table **case number 25-142**.
32 **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

1 Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Jennifer Sammons, that in **case number 25-**
2 **118**, the Board finds that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness
3 statements and the documentary evidence, does not substantiate the allegations in the
4 complaint, and that the Board therefore lacks probable cause to proceed with this
5 matter. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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7 Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Jennifer Sammons, that in **case number 25-**
8 **65**, the Board finds that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness
9 statements and the documentary evidence, does not substantiate the allegations in the
10 complaint, and that the Board therefore lacks probable cause to proceed with this
11 matter. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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13 Miranda Brus moved, with a second by Paige Thorson, that in **case number 25-153 &**
14 **25-155**, the Board find that, although one or more of the allegations in the complaint
15 may be substantiated by the witnesses interviewed in the course of the investigation
16 [and/or] the documents gathered in the course of the investigation, and the allegations
17 may constitute a technical violation of the board's statute or administrative rules; the
18 evidence before the board indicates that adequate steps have been taken to remedy
19 the violation and to ensure that incidents of a similar nature do not occur in the
20 future. The Board will not pursue formal disciplinary action in this matter. **MOTION**
21 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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23 Davis Eidahl moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, that in **case number 25-156**, the
24 Board finds probable cause to establish a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct
25 and Ethics, 282 IAC rule 25.3 (8) a & b, and order the Board staff to proceed with the
26 case. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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28 Mike Pyevich moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, that in **case number 25-157**, the
29 Board finds that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness
30 statements and the documentary evidence, does not substantiate the allegations in the
31 complaint, and that the Board therefore lacks probable cause to proceed with this
32 matter. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

1 Mike Pyevich moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, that in **case number 25-158**, the
2 Board finds that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness
3 statements and the documentary evidence, does not substantiate the allegations in the
4 complaint, and that the Board therefore lacks probable cause to proceed with this
5 matter. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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7 Jennifer Sammons moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in **case number 25-**
8 **134**, the Board finds that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness
9 statements and the documentary evidence, does not substantiate the allegations in the
10 complaint, and that the Board therefore lacks probable cause to proceed with this
11 matter. Roll call vote: Brus -yes; Eidahl – yes; Janzen – yes; St Clair – yes; Pyevich –
12 yes; Zylstra – recused; Thorson – yes; Sammons – yes; **MOTION CARRIED**

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14 Paige Thorson moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in **case number 25-136**,
15 the Board finds that the evidence gathered in the investigation, including witness
16 statements and the documentary evidence, does not substantiate the allegations in the
17 complaint, and that the Board therefore lacks probable cause to proceed with this
18 matter. Roll call vote: Brus -yes; Eidahl – yes; Janzen – yes; St Clair – yes; Pyevich –
19 yes; Zylstra – recused; Thorson – yes; Sammons – yes; **MOTION CARRIED**

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21 Miranda Brus moved, with a second by Michael Pyevich, that the Board deny the
22 motion to dismiss for **Case 24-302**, and instruct the staff to continue the contested
23 case process. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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25 Jennifer Sammons moved, with a second by Jennifer Thorson, that the Board deny the
26 motion to dismiss for **Case 24-303**, and instruct the staff to continue contested case
27 process. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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29 Michael Pyevich moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that the Board deny the
30 motion to dismiss for **Case 24-304**, and instruct the staff to continue the contested
31 case process. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

1 Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Paige Thorson, that the Board deny the motion
2 to dismiss for **Case 24-306**, and instruct the staff to continue the contested case
3 process. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

5 Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Mike Pyevich, that the Board deny the motion
6 to dismiss for **Case 24-307**, and instruct the staff to continue the contested case
7 process. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

9 Miranda Brus moved, with a second by Jennifer Sammons, that the Board deny the
10 motion to dismiss for **Case 24-308**, and instruct the staff to continue the contested
11 case process. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

13 Davis Eidahl moved, with a second by Mike Pyevich, that the Board accept the
14 respondent's waiver of hearing and voluntary surrender in **case number 24-155** and
15 that the Board issue an order permanently revoking the license with no possibility of
16 reinstatement. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

18 Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Jennifer Sammons, that in **case number 25-**
19 **115**, the Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order
20 incorporating the agreement and imposing the agreed upon sanction. **MOTION**
21 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

23 Paige Thorson moved, with a second by Mike Pyevich, that in **case number 25-61** the
24 Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order
25 incorporating the agreement and imposing the agreed upon sanction. **MOTION**
26 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

28 Jennifer Sammons moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in **case number 24-**
29 **230**, the Board reject the agreement submitted by the parties, and return the cases for
30 further proceedings consistent with this decision. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

32 Mike Pyevich moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in **case number 23-182,**
33 the Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order

1 incorporating the agreement and imposing the agreed upon sanction. **MOTION**

2 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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4 Jennifer Sammons moved, with a second by Jennifer Thorson, that in case numbers
5 24-99, the Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order
6 incorporating the agreement and imposing the agreed upon sanction. **MOTION**

7 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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9 Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, that in case numbers 24-126,
10 the Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order
11 incorporating the agreement and imposing the agreed upon sanction. **MOTION**

12 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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14 Jennifer Sammons moved, with a second by Mike Pyevich, that in case numbers 25-
15 06, the Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order
16 incorporating the agreement and imposing the agreed upon sanction. **MOTION**

17 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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19 Paige Thorson moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, that in case numbers 25-96,
20 the Board accept the agreement submitted by the parties, and issue an Order
21 incorporating the agreement and imposing the agreed upon sanction. **MOTION**

22 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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24 Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, to extend the 180-day deadline
25 for issuance of the final decision in case number 25-92, based the need to schedule
26 the hearing or negotiate settlement and conclude the contested case process, and
27 respondent does not object to the extension, justice would not be served by dismissing
28 a pending complaint concerning alleged ethical wrongdoing of an educator given the
29 need to maintain safe learning environments for Iowa students. **MOTION CARRIED**

30 **UNANIMOUSLY**

31
32 Mike Pyevich moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, to extend the 180-day deadline
33 for issuance of the final decision in case number 25-93 based the need to schedule

1 the hearing or negotiate settlement and conclude the contested case process, and
2 respondent does not object to the extension and the Respondent would not be
3 prejudiced by the additional time necessary to resolve the pending complaint given
4 that investigative information remains confidential pending the final decision.

5 **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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7 Mike Pyevich moved, with a second by Paige Thorson, to extend the 180-day deadline
8 for issuance of the final decision in case number 25-99, based the need to schedule
9 the hearing or negotiate settlement and conclude the contested case process, and
10 respondent does not object to the extension, justice would not be served by dismissing
11 a pending complaint concerning alleged ethical wrongdoing of an educator given the
12 need to maintain safe learning environments for Iowa students. **MOTION CARRIED**

13 **UNANIMOUSLY**

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15 Jennifer Sammons moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, to extend the 180-day
16 deadline for issuance of the final decision in case number 25-102, based the need to
17 schedule the hearing or negotiate settlement and conclude the contested case process,
18 and respondent did not file an objection to the extension even though given an
19 opportunity to object, and justice would not be served by dismissing a pending
20 complaint concerning alleged ethical wrongdoing of an educator given the need to
21 maintain safe learning environments for Iowa students. **MOTION CARRIED**

22 **UNANIMOUSLY**

23
24 Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Mike Pyevich, to extend the 180-day deadline
25 for issuance of the final decision in case number 25-104, based the need to schedule
26 the hearing or negotiate settlement and conclude the contested case process, and
27 respondent did not file an objection to the extension even though given an opportunity
28 to object, and the Respondent would not be prejudiced by the additional time
29 necessary to resolve the pending complaint given that investigative information
30 remains confidential pending the final decision. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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32 Mike Pyevich moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, to extend the 180-day deadline
33 for issuance of the final decision in case number 25-112, based the need to schedule

1 the hearing or negotiate settlement and conclude the contested case process, and
2 respondent did not file an objection to the extension even though given an opportunity
3 to object, and justice would not be served by dismissing a pending complaint
4 concerning alleged ethical wrongdoing of an educator given the need to maintain safe
5 learning environments for Iowa students. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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7 Mike Pyevich moved, with a second by Paige Thorson, to extend the 180-day deadline
8 for issuance of the final decision in **case number 25-113**, based the need to schedule
9 the hearing or negotiate settlement and conclude the contested case process, and
10 respondent did not file an objection to the extension even though given an opportunity
11 to object, retaining this pending licensing matter ensures that any potential threats or
12 risks to students are thoroughly evaluated while also guaranteeing the educator has
13 the opportunity to dispute the alleged ethical wrongdoing. **MOTION CARRIED**
14 **UNANIMOUSLY**

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16 Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Jennifer Sammons, to extend the 180-day
17 deadline for issuance of the final decision in **case number 25-114**, based the need to
18 schedule the hearing or negotiate settlement and conclude the contested case process,
19 and respondent does not object to the extension, dismissal of the case would
20 undermine public trust in educational licenses and would result in disparate
21 treatment of similar ethical violations. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

22
23 Mike Pyevich moved, with a second by Miranda Brus, to extend the 180-day deadline
24 for issuance of the final decision in **case number 25-117**, based the need to schedule
25 the hearing or negotiate settlement and conclude the contested case process, and
26 respondent did not file an objection to the extension even though given an opportunity
27 to object, dismissal of the case would undermine public trust in educational licenses
28 and would result in disparate treatment of similar ethical violations. **MOTION**
29 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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31 Jennifer Sammons moved, with a second by Paige Thorson, to extend the 180-day
32 deadline for issuance of the final decision in **case number 25-119**, based the need to
33 schedule the hearing or negotiate settlement and conclude the contested case process,

1 and respondent did not file an objection to the extension even though given an
2 opportunity to object, the Respondent would not be prejudiced by the additional time
3 necessary to resolve the pending complaint given that investigative information
4 remains confidential pending the final decision. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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6 Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Paige Thorson, to approve the closed session
7 minutes for September 12, 2025. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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9 Request for Reinstatement:

10 Case No. 22-186, In the Matter of Andrew Stoneking. Mr. Stoneking was alleged to
11 engage in inappropriate communication and interactions with students. Mr. Stoneking
12 received a sanction of: a reprimand, 3-year suspension starting November 29, 2022,
13 the ability to request deferral after 2 years and completion of the other requirements.
14 He was required to take an ethics course, boundaries class and undergo a risk
15 evaluation that included an assessment of his ability to establish and maintain
16 appropriate teacher/student boundaries and individual counseling. Mr. Stoneking
17 requested a deferred suspension previously but was denied. Mr. Stoneking believes he
18 has completed the requirements and submitted a request for reinstatement of his
19 license on November 29, 2025. Becky Knutson represents Mr. Stoneking and appeared
20 before the Board on his behalf. Miranda Brus moved, with a second by Paige Thorson,
21 that in **case no. 22-186**, the Board deny the application for reinstatement. While the
22 reason for the suspension no longer exists, reinstatement is not in the public interest.
23 **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** The Board noted that Mr. Stoneking had not yet
24 met the timeline of the suspension and it would be willing to consider a future request
25 for reinstatement. The Board noted it would be helpful for any future request for
26 reinstatement include a recommendation from Mr. Stoneking's counselor that he was
27 ready to be around students, given the serious nature of the allegations.

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29 Communication from the Public:

30 None

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32 Board Member Reports:

33 None

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2 Executive Director's Report:

3 Legislative Report

4 Nothing at this time for 2026.

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6 Agency Update

7 An individual has been offered the Education Program Consultant Coaching Position.
8 Paper work is still being completed, but the individual will start October 24th. Mike
9 and Beth will be out of the office for most of the week of October 13th for the
10 Professional Practices Institute in Minneapolis.

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12 Recent legislation requires board and commission members appointed on or after July
13 1, 2025, to complete training on open meetings and open records. This new
14 requirement is not applicable to Department of Education staff or currently seated
15 members of boards or commissions. If current members are interested in the training
16 it can be arranged. Board members must complete the cyber security training by
17 November 15th.

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19 Financial Report

20 Options are still being discussed for financial situations.

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22 License Report

23 Nothing to report at this time.

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25 Petition for Waiver:

26 None

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29 Reports:

30 None

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32 There being no further business, Paige Thorson moved, with a second by Mike
33 Pyevich, to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**