

## Minutes State Board of Education September 12, 2025

John Robbins  
President  
*Iowa Falls*

Brooke Axiotis  
Vice President  
*Des Moines*

Todd Abrahamson  
*Arnolds Park*

Cassandra Halls  
*Carlisle*

Brian J. Kane  
*Dubuque*

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 September 12, 2025, at Gilbert High School, Gilbert, Iowa. The meeting was conducted in person, with remote access information provided in the notice of the meeting.

State Board members present: John Robbins, Brooke Axiotis, Brian Kane, Mary Meisterling, and Todd Abrahamson. Cassandra Halls, and Grace Bechtel attended virtually.

Iowa Department of Education staff members present: McKenzie Snow, John Elkin, Tina Wahler, Heather Doe, Thomas Mayes, Barbara Ohlund, Jay Pennington, Jason Crowley, Stephanie TeKippe, Maryam Rod Szabo, Tana Mullen, Liza Garcia and Jeremy Anzevino.

### State Board Business Meeting

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

**Motion:** Brooke Axiotis 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.

No public comment was made.

The following reports were provided:

Director's Report, by Director Snow.

Community Colleges Advisory Committee Report, by Cassandra Halls.

### Consent Agenda

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

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

## **Appeal – Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District, Concerning Materials**

**Motion:** Brian Kane made a motion and Todd Abrahamson seconded to affirm the Administrative Law Judge's decision.

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

John Robbins announced a break until 10:21 a.m.

### **Rules: Chapter 14 and 21**

**Motion:** Brian Kane made a motion and Mary Meisterling seconded to give notice of intent to amend Chapters 14 and 21.

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

### **Rules: Chapter 37**

**Motion:** Brian Kane made a motion and Brooke Axiotis seconded to give notice of intent to amend Chapter 37.

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

### **Rules: Chapters 12, 79, and 80**

**Motion:** Mary Meisterling made a motion and Todd Abrahamson seconded to give notice of intent to amend Chapters 12, 79, and 80.

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

### **Rules: Chapter 102**

**Motion:** Brian Kane made a motion and Brooke Axiotis seconded to give notice of intent to amend Chapter 102.

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

### **Rules: Chapters 12 and 32**

**Motion:** Brian Kane made a motion and Brooke Axiotis seconded to give notice of intent to amend Chapters 12 and 32.

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

### **Rules: Chapter 41**

**Motion:** Brian Kane made a motion and Todd Abrahamson seconded to give notice of intent to amend Chapter 41.

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

**Rules: Chapters 41 and 120**

**Motion:** Mary Meisterling made a motion and Cassandra Halls seconded to give notice of intent to amend Chapters 41 and 120.

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

**Rules: Chapters 12, 14, and 36**

**Motion:** Cassandra Halls made a motion and Todd Abrahamson seconded to give notice of intent to amend Chapters 12, 14, and 36.

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

**2025 Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress Results**

The matter was discussed.

**Board Ethics Training**

The matter was discussed.

John Robbins announced a lunch break until 12:32 p.m.

**Dordt University Educator Preparation Program Approval**

**Motion:** Brooke Axiotis made a motion and Brian Kane seconded to approve Dordt University educator preparation programs through the next review scheduled for the 2031-2032 academic year.

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


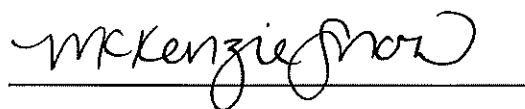
**Postsecondary Readiness Reports**

The matter was discussed.

**Red Barn Schoolhouse Facilities Progress Report**

The matter was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

  
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John Robbins  
President  
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McKenzie Snow  
Director