

Minutes State Board of Education December 4, 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 December 4, 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, Brooke Axiotis, Todd Abrahamson, Cassandra Halls, and Grace Bechtel. Brian Kane and Mary Meisterling attended virtually.

Iowa Department of Education staff members present: McKenzie Snow, John Elkin, Bryce Amos, Tina Wahler, Heather Doe, Thomas Mayes, Eric Heitz, Andrea Danker, Amy Gieseke, Cale Hutchings, Jason Crowley, Leisa Breittfelder, Betsy Lin, Cassandra Cline, Lindsay Harrison, Maryam Rod Szabo, Kimberly Villotti, Katrina Holck, Zach Blacksmith and Jeremy Anzevino.

State Board Business Meeting

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

Motion: Todd Abrahamson made a motion and Brooke Axiotis 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.

Consent Agenda

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Appeal Decision 5228 (In re Open Enrollment of O.R.)

Motion: Mary Meisterling made a motion and Brooke Axiotis seconded to approve the Consent Agenda.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency Paraeducator Preparation Program Approval

Motion: Cassandra Halls made a motion and Todd Abrahamson seconded to approve the Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency's Paraeducator Preparation Program through the next review scheduled for the 2031-2032 academic year.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Morningside University Educator Preparation Program Approval Report

Motion: Brian Kane made a motion and Brooke Axiotis seconded to award conditional approval to Morningside University's Educator Preparation Programs through December 2026 while also requiring an update to the State Board in the spring/summer and one in the fall.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

John Robbins announced a break until 10:35 a.m.

Career and Technical Education Perkins Split

Motion: Brian Kane made a motion and Brooke Axiotis seconded to submit an amendment to U.S. Department of Education changing Iowa's Perkins State Plan budget for Fiscal Year 2027 to 54.7% secondary/45.3% postsecondary.

Vote: There were 5 ayes and 1 nay. The motion carried.

John Robbins announces a break for lunch.

Annual Report on Citations and Corrections

The matter was discussed.

Review Accrediting Agency Application

The matter was discussed.

Office of Special Education Programs Differentiated Monitoring and Support

The matter was discussed.

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – Differentiated Accountability

The matter was discussed.

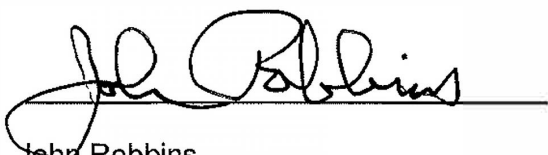
Revised Social Studies Standards – First Reading

The matter was discussed.

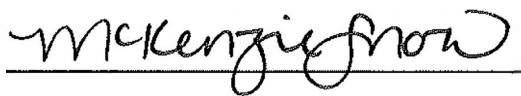
2025 Annual Condition of Education Report

The matter was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

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John Robbins
President

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McKenzie Snow
Director