

## 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 Wahlert, Heather Doe, Thomas Mayes, Eric Heitz, Andrea Danker, Amy Gieseke, Cale Hutchings, Jason Crowley, Leisa Breitfelder, Betsy Lin, Kassandra 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.

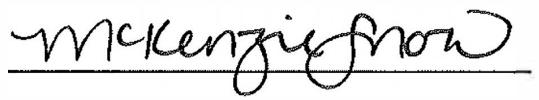
## **2025 Annual Condition of Education Report**

The matter was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.



John Robbins  
President



McKenzie Snow  
Director