

# Iowa College Student Aid Commission Meeting

March 6, 2026

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

March 6, 2026 Agenda

Agenda Item	Action	Lead
1. Director's Report	<b>NO</b>	Director Snow
2. Bureau Leadership Updates		
a. Community Engagement	<b>NO</b>	Section Chief Sibaouih
b. Financial Aid Program Administration	<b>NO</b>	Section Chief Zantingh
3. Meeting Minutes (Jan 9)	<b>YES</b>	Commissioner Stork
4. Reschedule May 8 Commission Meeting	<b>YES</b>	Commissioner Stork
5. PAI Updates		
a. Report to the Commission	<b>NO</b>	Commissioner Stork
6. Staff Reports		
a. Financial Aid & Income Bonus Programs	<b>NO</b>	Section Chief Zantingh
b. Postsecondary Authorization	<b>NO</b>	Postsecondary Authorization Administrator Pundt
c. Community Engagement	<b>NO</b>	Section Chief Sibaouih
d. Financial Report	<b>NO</b>	Chief Ntem
7. Committee Reports		
a. Executive Committee	<b>NO</b>	Commissioner Stork
b. Program Oversight Committee	<b>NO</b>	Commissioner Shull
c. Administrative Rules and Legislative Action Committee	<b>NO</b>	Commissioner Sloniker
8. Commissioner Comments	<b>NO</b>	Commissioner Stork
9. Adjournment	<b>NO</b>	Commissioner Stork

Next Meeting: May 8, 2026

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## Director's Update

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

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## Bureau Leadership Updates

Section Chiefs Christina Sibouih and Ryan Zantingh will provide updates.

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## Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Approve the meeting minutes from the January 9, 2026 Commission Meeting.

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## Meeting Minutes

### Iowa College Aid Commission Meeting

January 9, 2026

#### **Call to Order**

The Iowa College Aid Commission met Jan. 9, 2026, at the Iowa Department of Education offices in the Grimes State Office Building. Chair Emily Stork called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. with introductions and roll call. There was a quorum with six voting members present.

#### **Members Present**

Emily Stork	Matthew Limbert	McKenzie Snow
Benjamin Smith	Barbara Sloniker	Megan Lebeda
Mark Putnam	Anne Howsare Boyens	Dan Gehlbach
Elinor Levin	Herman Quirnbach	

#### **Members Absent**

Doug Shull	Jesse Green
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#### **Staff Present**

Nathan Svare	Christina Sibaouih	Ryan Zantingh
Katrina Holck	Kayli Sampson	Danielle Sampson
Anne Thomas	Victoria Archer	Katie Johnson
Julie Voss	Tristan Lynn	Karey Hawkins
Keyli Keifer	Liz Yaddof	Megan Sibbel
Brenda Edwards	Julie Ntem	Shantel Billington
Lisa Kneip Pundt	Jesse Robbins	John Elkin
Cale Hutchings	Amy Gieseke	Ty Patton
Amy Smith		

Chair Stork presented the minutes from the Oct. 31, 2025 board meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Howsare Boyens moved to approve the meeting minutes.

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

#### **Director's Updates**

Director McKenzie Snow provided the Director's Updates.

#### **Bureau Leadership Updates**

Section Chief Christina Sibaouih and Section Chief Ryan Zantingh provided the Bureau Leadership Updates.

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### **Administrative Rules**

Attorney Katrina Holck shared administrative rules for adoption. The recommended action includes:

- Rescind Chapter 1, "Organization and Operations," Iowa Administrative Code, and adopt a new Chapter 1 with the same title.
- Rescind Chapter 2, "Commission Procedure for Rulemaking and Petitions for Rulemaking," Iowa Administrative Code, and adopts a new Chapter 2.
- Rescind Chapter 3, "Declaratory Orders," Iowa Administrative Code, and adopts a new Chapter 3 with the same title.
- Rescind Chapter 4, "Due Process," and adopt a new Chapter 4, "Due Process and Contested Cases," and rescind Chapter 5, "Contested Cases," Iowa Administrative Code.
- Rescind Chapter 6, "Public Records and Fair Information Practices," Iowa Administrative Code, and adopts a new Chapter 6 with the same title.
- Rescind Chapter 7, "Uniform Rules for Waivers," Iowa Administrative Code, and adopts a new Chapter 7, "Waivers from Administrative Rules," Iowa Administrative Code.
- Rescind Chapter 10, "Uniform Policies," Iowa Administrative Code, and adopt a new Chapter 10 with the same title.
- Rescind Chapter 14, "Health Care Professional Recruitment Program," Iowa Administrative Code.
- Rescind Chapter 26, "Health Care Award Program," Iowa Administrative Code.
- Rescind Chapter 21, "Approval of Postsecondary Schools," Iowa Administrative Code, and adopts a new Chapter 21 with the same title.
- Adopt a new Chapter 19, "Court Reporter Equipment Grant Program," Iowa Administrative Code.
- Adopt a new Chapter 17, "Health Care Professional Incentive Program," Iowa Administrative Code.
- Amend Chapter 12, "Iowa Tuition Grant Program," Iowa Administrative Code.
- Amend Chapter 20, "Iowa National Guard Benefits Program," Iowa Administrative Code.
- Rescind Chapter 24, "Rural Iowa Primary Care Loan Repayment Program," Iowa Administrative Code.
- Rescind Chapter 31, "Mental Health Professional Loan Repayment Program," Iowa Administrative Code.

Motion: Commissioner Sloniker moved to approve the administrative rules as presented.

Motion: Chair Stork seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **MHEC Appointment**

Chair Stork shared that the Iowa College Student Aid Commission was able to fill a vacant MHEC appointment. No action was taken.

### **PAI Updates**

Chair Stork shared a draft of the Postsecondary Attainment Institute Legislative Report.

### **Staff Reports**

Section Chief Zantingh provided an update related to Financial Aid & Income Bonus Programs.

Postsecondary Authorization Administrator Pundt provided an update on Postsecondary Authorization.

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Section Chief Sibaouih provided updates related to Community Engagement, including:

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

Bureau Chief Julie Ntem presented the Financial Report.

### **Committee Reports**

The following committee updates were reported:

- Executive Committee
  - Chair Stork shared there was no update.
- Program Oversight Committee
  - No update was shared.
- Administrative Rules and Legislative Action Committee
  - Commissioner Sloniker shared that the committee met in December and discussed administrative rules presented at this meeting.

### **Commissioner Comments and Adjournment**

Commissioners shared and discussed comments.

Chair Stork shared that the next board meeting will be March 6, 2026 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Iowa Department of Education, 400 E. 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

Chair Stork adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

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Emily Stork, Chair

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Doug Shull, Vice Chair

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## Reschedule May 8 Commission Meeting

Recommended Action: Reschedule the May 8, 2026 Commission meeting to May 1, 2026.

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## Postsecondary Attainment Institute

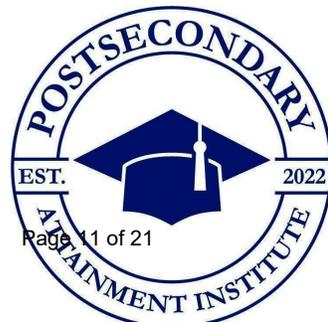
Chair Stork will provide an update on the following Postsecondary Attainment Institute items:

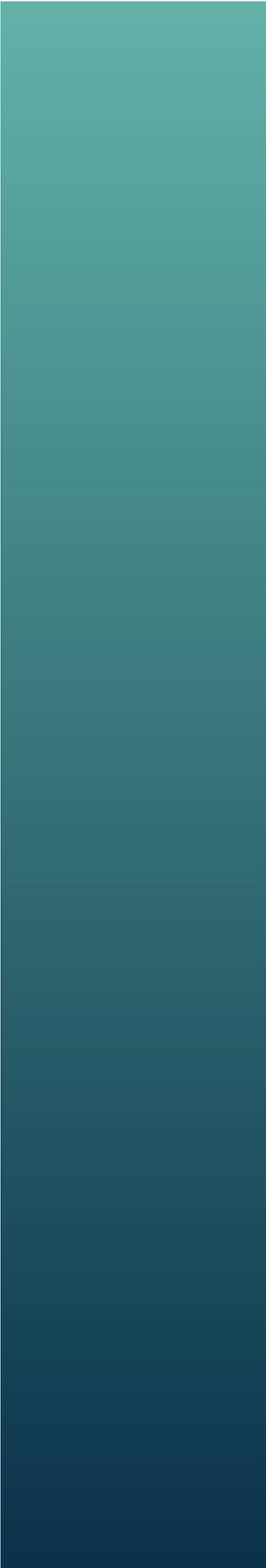
- Annual Report to the Commission

# Annual Report

## Postsecondary Attainment Institute

Fiscal Year 2025





Postsecondary Attainment Institute  
Grimes State Office Building  
400 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Des Moines, IA 50319-0146

## **Board of Directors**

David Ford, President\*  
Emily Stork, Vice-President\*  
Katie Mulholland, Secretary\*  
Tim Fitzgibbon, Treasurer\*  
Doug Shull  
Barbara Sloniker  
McKenzie Snow

*\*denotes Executive Officers*

## Postsecondary Attainment Institute

Iowa Code Section 261.8, subsection 10, requires that the corporation for educational financial assistance, services, and research (the Postsecondary Attainment Institute) submit an annual report on the activities and operations of the entity.

*§261.8.10: The corporation shall submit by January 15 annually a written report of its activities and operations to the governor, the general assembly, and the commission.*

The 28E Sharing Agreement between the Iowa College Student Aid Commission (Commission) and the Postsecondary Attainment Institute (Corporation) requires in Section 5.2.2 that the Corporation shall provide the Commission with a report that includes a full accounting of all receipts and expenditures (“Annual Report”). Additionally, Section 6.2 stipulates that “Within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year, the Corporation shall provide the Commission with an Annual Report”, typically at the first meeting of the subsequent fiscal year.

### Fiscal Year 2024 - Activities and Operations

During the 2025 fiscal year, the Postsecondary Attainment Institute (PAI) held board meetings in November 2024 and June 2025. The board approved annual reports to the Iowa College Student Aid Commission and the Iowa General Assembly, extended its Directors and Officers insurance, and approved FY26 operating budget.

Notably during the year was the first-ever operational grant from ECMC (fiscal agent for US Department of Education) to provide FAFSA completion support. The PAI was able to build out a website and social media presence, including the creation of branding materials. While the grant period began in May 2024, funds were received in late June 2024 to support operations for the grant, which began and concluded in the 2025 fiscal year. Finally, the PAI updated its status with the Iowa Secretary of State and installed new officers on its organizational materials submitted to the Secretary.

### Fiscal Year 2025 - Finances

Total revenues and expenditures for the 2025 fiscal year are listed in Table 1. Overall, the carryover balance from the 2024 fiscal year was \$276,623.30; total revenues were

\$2,661.20; and total expenditures were \$276,963.37. Details are provided in the summary table below.

**Table 1**

<b>FY25 Postsecondary Attainment Institute Operating Budget</b>		
<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>FY25 BUDGET</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
FY24 Carryover	\$276,623.30	\$276,623.30
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Grants and Contracts	\$0.00	\$0.00
Foundations	\$0.00	\$0.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Fundraising	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gifts	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00	\$1,161.20
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,661.20</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Salaries and Wages	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance	\$700.00	\$670.78
Consultants and Staff	\$58,463.00	\$0.00
Travel and Events	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Supplies and Equipment	\$22,680.00	\$21,422.86
Website/Hosting	\$55,200.00	\$296.02
Contracts to Individuals	\$29,784.00	\$52,872.46
Contracts to Organizations	\$90,000.00	\$109,547.82
Marketing	\$0.00	\$53,508.00
Fees & Misc	\$0.00	\$248.27
Other (refund ECMC balance)	\$0.00	\$38,397.16
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$276,827.00</b>	<b>\$276,963.37</b>
<b>FY End Balance (Carry Forward)</b>	<b>-\$203.70</b>	<b>\$2,321.13</b>

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## Staff Reports

The following staff will provide reports to the Commission:

### Section Chief Zantingh

- Scholarships & Grants
- Postsecondary Authorization

### Section Chief Sibaouih

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

### Chief Ntem

- Financial Report

**Bureau of Iowa College Aid Board of Commissioners**  
**Postsecondary Authorization**  
**March 6, 2026**

The Postsecondary Authorization Staff have the following noncontroversial authorization application updates since the last written report to Commissioners for the meeting on January 9, 2026.

**Applications from Postsecondary Registered Schools (Iowa Code 261B)**

Postsecondary Registration Approvals

Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary

Postsecondary Registration Applications under Review

Purdue University Global

Postsecondary Registration Applications Received and Pending Review

Black Hawk College

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

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

### Iowa SARA Approvals

Briar Cliff University  
Dordt University  
Faith Baptist Bible College and Theological Seminary  
Graceland University-Lamoni  
Mercy College of Health Sciences  
Morningside University  
Northwestern College

### Iowa SARA Applications under Review

None

### Iowa SARA Applications Received and Pending Review

Northwest Iowa Community College

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

### Iowa Exempt School Approvals

Briar Cliff University  
Graceland University-Lamoni  
Mercy / St. Luke's School of Radiologic Technology  
Morningside University  
Northwestern College  
St. Luke's College  
The Nail Tech Institute of Iowa

### Iowa Exempt School Applications under Review

ART of Homecare Training\*  
American Hair Academy  
Bio Chi Institute of Massage Therapy LLC  
Cornerkutz Barber College's\*  
Faust Institute of Cosmetology  
INSTE Bible College  
Zeal Salon Spa Academy

### Iowa Exempt School Applications Received and Pending Review

D.I.D. School of Careers\*  
Midwest Line College  
Northwest Iowa Community College

\*new school application

**Iowa College Student Aid Commission**

Strategic Reserve Fund 0163 Reconciliation

**Beginning Balance as of 07-01-2025** \$ 20,770,714.00

**REVENUES**

Federal Support

GEAR UP 2.0	\$7,219.41
GEAR UP 3.0	\$680,379.12
GEAR UP 2.0 Scholarship	\$110,422.80
GEAR UP 3.0 Scholarship	-
Intra-State Transfers - GEAR UP Future Ready	\$170,274.11
Non Gov Support	-
Gov Transfer In Other Agencies- AmeriCorps	\$151,710.00
Interest (July-Oct 2025)	\$399,708.00
Fees, Licenses & Permits	-
Other	-

**TOTAL REVENUES COLLECTED:** \$ 1,519,713.44

**EXPENDITURES:**

Salary and Benefits	\$1,097,958.53
Travel/State Vehicle	\$38,838.90
Supplies/Memberships	\$31,652.02
Printing/Postage	\$2,256.54
Communications (ICN, Cell Phone)	\$6,319.49
Rentals	\$24,115.46
Prof & Scientific Services	\$13,850.00
Outside Services/Sub Grant Pymts	\$707,071.57
Intra-State Transfers (GU3.0 Scholarships)	\$110,422.80
Advertising & Publicity	\$600.00
Reimb to Other Agencies (Workers Comp)	\$4,655.81
ITD Reimbursement (eDAS)	\$186,777.92
IT Outside Services (ICAPS)	\$77,044.89
Gov Transfer Other Agencies/Indirect Costs	\$168,337.06
Equipment/Software	\$21,384.86
State Aid/Transfer to Trust Acct	-
Aid to Individuals (Scholarships)	-

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES:** 

**Ending Balance as of 12/31/25** \$ 19,799,142.00

**Net change to Guaranty Agency Operating Fund** 

**Bankers Trust GEAR UP Trust Fund Balance on 1/31/2026** 

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## Committee Reports

Commissioner Stork will present updates from the Executive Committee.

Commissioner Shull will present updates from the Program Oversight Committee.

Commissioner Sloniker will present updates from the Administrative Rules and Legislative Action Committee.

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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.