

Iowa College Student Aid Commission Meeting

May 1, 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

May 1, 2026 Agenda

Agenda Item	Action	Lead
1. Director's Report	NO	Director Snow
2. Bureau Leadership Updates		
a. Community Engagement	NO	Section Chief Sibaouih
b. Financial Aid Program Administration	NO	Section Chief Zantingh
3. Meeting Minutes (March 6)	YES	Commissioner Stork
4. FY 2027 Commission Meeting Dates	YES	Commissioner Stork
5. Iowa Take 2, Hawkeye Community College	NO	Section Chief Sibaouih President Holcomb
6. Staff Reports		
a. Financial Aid & Income Bonus Programs	NO	Section Chief Zantingh Financial Aid Specialist Lynn
b. Postsecondary Authorization	NO	Postsecondary Authorization Administrator Pundt
c. Community Engagement	NO	Section Chief Sibaouih
d. Financial Report	NO	Accountant 2 Billington
7. Committee Reports		
a. Executive Committee	NO	Commissioner Stork
b. Program Oversight Committee	NO	Commissioner Shull
c. Administrative Rules and Legislative Action Committee	NO	Commissioner Sloniker
8. Commissioner Comments	NO	Commissioner Stork
9. Adjournment	NO	Commissioner Stork

Next Meeting: TBD

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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 Sibaouih and Ryan Zantingh will provide updates.

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Meeting Minutes

Recommended Action: Approve the meeting minutes from the March 6, 2026 Commission Meeting.

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Meeting Minutes

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March 6, 2026

Call to Order

The Iowa College Aid Commission met March 6, 2026, at the Iowa Department of Education offices in the Grimes State Office Building. Chair Emily Stork called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. with introductions and roll call. There was a quorum with seven voting members present.

Members Present

Emily Stork	Matthew Limbert	McKenzie Snow
Benjamin Smith	Barbara Sloniker	Megan Lebeda
Mark Putnam	Doug Shull	Herman Quirnbach
Elinor Levin		

Members Absent

Anne Howsare Boyens	Jesse Green	Dan Gehlbach
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Staff Present

Nathan Svare	Christina Sibaouih	Ryan Zantingh
Katrina Holck	Kayli Sampson	Danielle Sampson
Anne Thomas	Katie Johnson	Amber Miller
Julie Voss	Tristan Lynn	Karey Hawkins
Keyli Keifer	Liz Yaddof	Megan Sibbel
Julie Ntem	Shantel Billington	Isaac Newsome
Lisa Kneip Pundt	Jesse Robbins	John Elkin
Amy Gieseke	Taritta Spicer	

Chair Stork presented the minutes from the Jan. 9, 2026 board meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Shull 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.

Reschedule May 8, 2026 Commission Meeting

Chair Stork shared that the May 8 Commission meeting needed to be rescheduled and proposed the new meeting date be May 1, 2026.

Motion: Sloniker moved to approve to reschedule the Commission meeting to May 1, 2026.

Motion: Limbert seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Note: Commissioner Quirnbach, ex officio, noted his dissent.

PAI Updates

Chair Stork shared the Postsecondary Attainment Institute Report to the Commission.

Section Chief Sibaouih shared that the next PAI meeting will be May 1, 2026.

Staff Reports

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

Section Chief Zantingh provided an update on Postsecondary Authorization.

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

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

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
 - Vice Chair Shull shared there was no update.
- Administrative Rules and Legislative Action Committee
 - Commissioner Sloniker shared there was no update.

Commissioner Comments and Adjournment

Commissioners shared and discussed comments.

Chair Stork shared that the next board meeting will be May 1, 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 10:57 a.m.

Emily Stork, Chair

Doug Shull, Vice Chair

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FY 2027 Commission Meeting Dates

Recommended Action: Approve the recommended FY 2027 meeting dates:

- July 17, 2026
- Oct. 30, 2026
- Jan. 29, 2027
- May 7, 2027

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Take 2 Program, Hawkeye Community College

Section Chief Christina Sibouih will introduce President Todd Holcomb and the Associate Director of Workforce Training and Community Development Keri Kono who will present on the Take 2 Program and Pathways to Completion at Hawkeye Community College.

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Staff Reports

The following staff will provide reports to the Commission:

Section Chief Zantingh

- Scholarships & Grants - Tristan Lynn
- Postsecondary Authorization - Lisa Pundt
- Program Evaluation and Reporting

Section Chief Sibaouih

- GEAR UP Iowa
- Course to College
- Course to College Coaching - AmeriCorps
- Local College/Career Access Networks

Accountant 2 Billington

- Financial Report

Bureau of Iowa College Aid Board of Commissioners
Postsecondary Authorization
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The Postsecondary Authorization Staff have the following noncontroversial authorization application updates since the last written report to Commissioners for the meeting on March 6, 2026.

Applications from Postsecondary Registered Schools (Iowa Code 261B)

Postsecondary Registration Approvals

Drake University
William Penn University

Postsecondary Registration Applications under Review

Black Hawk College
Chamberlain University
Fielding Graduate University
Purdue University Global

Postsecondary Registration Applications Received and Pending Review

none

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

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

Iowa SARA Approvals

Northwest Iowa Community College
St. Ambrose University
St. Luke's College
University of Dubuque
William Penn University

Iowa SARA Applications under Review

Iowa Lakes Community College
Kirkwood Community College
Northeast Iowa Community College
Southeastern Community College
Waldorf University
Wartburg College

Iowa SARA Applications Received and Pending Review

none

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

Iowa Exempt School Approvals

American Hair Academy
Bio Chi Institute of Massage Therapy LLC
Eastern Iowa Community College District
Faust Institute of Cosmetology
INSTE Global Bible College
Midwest Line College
Northwest Iowa Community College
North Iowa Area Community College
Southeastern Community College
Southwestern Community College
St. Ambrose University

Iowa Exempt School Applications under Review

ART of Homecare Training*
Cornerkutz Barber College's*
D.I.D. School of Careers*
Iowa Central Community College
Zeal Salon Spa Academy

Iowa Exempt School Applications Received and Pending Review

None

*new school application

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Strategic Reserve Fund 0163 Reconciliation

Beginning Balance as of 7/1/2025 \$ 20,770,714.00

REVENUES

Federal Support

GEAR UP 2.0	\$22,980.78
GEAR UP 3.0	\$920,075.65
GEAR UP 2.0 Scholarship	\$110,422.80
GEAR UP 3.0 Scholarship	-
Intra-State Transfers - GEAR UP Future Ready	\$368,871.69
Non Gov Support	-
Gov Transfer In Other Agencies- AmeriCorps	\$245,733.07
Interest	\$493,534.65
Fees, Licenses & Permits	-
Other	-

TOTAL REVENUES COLLECTED: \$ 2,161,618.64

EXPENDITURES:

Salary and Benefits	\$1,522,518.79
Travel/State Vehicle	\$46,304.70
Supplies/Memberships	\$38,659.29
Printing/Postage	\$95,728.97
Communications (ICN, Cell Phone)	\$8,042.46
Rentals	\$24,115.46
Prof & Scientific Services	\$29,100.00
Outside Services/Sub Grant Pymts	\$1,131,193.01
Intra-State Transfers (GU3.0 Scholarships)	\$230,422.80
Advertising & Publicity	\$600.00
Reimb to Other Agencies (Workers Comp)	\$6,874.06
ITD Reimbursement (eDAS)	\$232,851.91
IT Outside Services (ICAPS)	\$187,878.23
Gov Transfer Other Agencies/Indirect Costs	\$220,361.14
Equipment/Software	\$23,849.56
State Aid/Transfer to Trust Acct	-
Aid to Individuals (Scholarships)	-

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$ (3,798,500.38)

Ending Balance as of 3/31/2026 \$ 19,133,833.00

Net change to Guaranty Agency Operating Fund \$ (1,636,881.74)

Bankers Trust GEAR UP Trust Fund Balance on 3/31/2026 \$ 4,129,248.00

Iowa College Student Aid Commission Meeting 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.