

1                                   **STATE OF IOWA**  
2                                   **BOARD OF EDUCATIONAL EXAMINERS**  
3                                   **400 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street**  
4                                   **Des Moines, Iowa 50319**

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6                                   **Minutes**  
7                                   **August 5, 2026**  
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9     The Board of Educational Examiners (Board or BoEE) held an unscheduled meeting  
10    on August 5, 2026. Chad Janzen, Board chair, (via Zoom) called the meeting to order  
11    at 12:00 p.m. Members attending were Pam Bleam (via Zoom), Dr. Davis Eidahl (via  
12    Zoom), Jennifer Sammons (via Zoom), Eric St Clair, Dr. Kennesha Woods, and Dr.  
13    Daniel Zylstra Also in attendance was Mike Cavin, Executive Director, Beth Myers, (via  
14    Zoom) Attorney, Angela Stuedemann (via Zoom), Assistant Attorney General. Miranda  
15    Brus, Julie Lear and Paige Thorson were unable to attend.

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17    Jennifer Sammons moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, to approve the agenda.  
18    **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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20    Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Jennifer Sammons, that the Board go into  
21    closed session for the purpose of discussing closed session minutes whether to initiate  
22    licensee disciplinary proceedings, the decision to be rendered in a contested case,  
23    confidential health information, and mental health information, pursuant to Iowa  
24    Code sections 21.5(1)(a), (d), and (f). Roll call vote: Pam Bleam – yes; Davis Eidahl –  
25    yes; Chad Janzen – yes; Jennifer Sammons – yes; Eric St Clair – yes; Kennesha Woods  
26    – yes; Daniel Zylstra – yes; **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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28    The Board returned to open session at 12:25 p.m.

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30    Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Jennifer Sammons, to accept the signed  
31    consents to waive the deadline in **case numbers 26-55, 26-56, 26-57, 26-62, 26-81,**  
32    **26-83,** and issue an order extending the deadline. **MOTION CARRIED**  
33    **UNANIMOUSLY**

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2 Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Pam Bleam, to extend the 180-day deadline for  
3 issuance of the final decision in **case number 26-49**, due to the seriousness of the  
4 accused violation being of such magnitude, additional time is required to complete a  
5 comprehensive investigation and conclude the contested case process. The  
6 Respondent did not file an objection to the extension even though given an  
7 opportunity to object. Retaining this pending licensing matter reinforces the  
8 significance of due process for both the complainant and the respondent within the  
9 licensing disciplinary system. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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11 Kennesha Woods moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, to extend the 180-day  
12 deadline for issuance of the final decision in **case number 26-54**. Although the  
13 Respondent has objected to the extended time, probable cause of an ethical violation  
14 has been determined by the Board. Additional time is needed to schedule a hearing  
15 and complete the contested case process. Justice would not be served by dismissing a  
16 pending complaint concerning alleged ethical wrongdoing of an educator given the  
17 need to maintain safe learning environments for Iowa students. **MOTION CARRIED**  
18 **UNANIMOUSLY**

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20 Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Pam Bleam, to extend the 180-day deadline for  
21 issuance of the final decision in **case number 26-58** due to the seriousness of the  
22 accused violation being of such magnitude, additional time is required to complete a  
23 comprehensive investigation and conclude the contested case process. Respondent did  
24 not file an objection to the extension even though given an opportunity to object.  
25 Justice would not be served by dismissing a pending complaint concerning alleged  
26 ethical wrongdoing of an educator given the need to maintain safe learning  
27 environments for Iowa students. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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29 Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Jennifer Sammons, to extend the 180-day  
30 deadline for issuance of the final decision in **case number 26-60**, due to the need to  
31 schedule the hearing or negotiate settlement and conclude the contested case process.  
32 The Respondent did not file an objection to the extension even though given an  
33 opportunity to object. Dismissal of the case would undermine public trust in

1 educational licenses and would result in disparate treatment of similar ethical  
2 violations. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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4 Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Jennifer Sammons, to extend the 180-day  
5 deadline for issuance of the final decision in **case number 26-61**, based on the  
6 amount of time needed to complete the investigation and conclude the contested case  
7 process. The Respondent did not file an objection to the extension even though given  
8 an opportunity to object. The Respondent would not be prejudiced by the additional  
9 time necessary to resolve the pending complaint given that investigative information  
10 remains confidential pending the final decision. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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12 Kennesha Woods moved, with a second by Daniel Zylstra, to extend the 180-day  
13 deadline for issuance of the final decision in **case number 26-64**. Although the  
14 Respondent has objected to the extended time, additional time is needed to hold the  
15 hearing and conclude the contested case process. Retaining this pending licensing  
16 matter ensures that any potential threats or risks to students are thoroughly  
17 evaluated while also guaranteeing the educator has the opportunity to dispute the  
18 alleged ethical wrongdoing, and dismissal of the case would undermine public trust in  
19 educational licenses and would result in disparate treatment of similar ethical  
20 violations. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

21  
22 Kennesha Woods moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, to extend the 180-day  
23 deadline for issuance of the final decision in **case number 26-66**, based on the need  
24 to schedule the hearing or negotiate settlement and conclude the contested case  
25 process. The Respondent does not object to the extension. The Respondent would not  
26 be prejudiced by the additional time necessary to resolve the pending complaint given  
27 that investigative information remains confidential pending the final decision.

28 **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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30 Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Jennifer Sammons, to extend the 180-day  
31 deadline for issuance of the final decision in **case number 26-69**, based on the  
32 amount of time needed to complete the investigation and conclude the contested case  
33 process. The Respondent did not file an objection to the extension even though given

1 an opportunity to object. Justice would not be served by dismissing a pending  
2 complaint concerning alleged ethical wrongdoing of an educator given the need to  
3 maintain safe learning environments for Iowa students. **MOTION CARRIED**

4 **UNANIMOUSLY**

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6 Kennesha Woods moved, with a second by Jennifer Sammons, to extend the 180-day  
7 deadline for issuance of the final decision in **case number 26-78**, due to the  
8 seriousness of the accused violation being of such magnitude, additional time is  
9 required to complete a comprehensive investigation and conclude the contested case  
10 process. Respondent did not file an objection to the extension even though given an  
11 opportunity to object. Retaining this pending licensing matter ensures that any  
12 potential threats or risks to students are thoroughly evaluated while also guaranteeing  
13 the educator has the opportunity to dispute the alleged ethical wrongdoing. **MOTION**

14 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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16 Daniel Zylstra moved, with a second by Eric St Clair, to extend the 180-day deadline  
17 for issuance of the final decision in **case number 26-79**, based on the need to  
18 schedule the hearing or negotiate settlement and conclude the contested case process.  
19 The Respondent did not file an objection to the extension even though given an  
20 opportunity to object. Dismissal of the case would undermine public trust in  
21 educational licenses and would result in disparate treatment of similar ethical  
22 violations. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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24 Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Jennifer Sammons, to extend the 180-day  
25 deadline for issuance of the final decision in **case number 26-80**, based on the need  
26 to schedule the hearing or negotiate settlement and conclude the contested case  
27 process. The Respondent does not object to the extension, and the Respondent would  
28 not be prejudiced by the additional time necessary to resolve the pending complaint  
29 given that investigative information remains confidential pending the final decision.

30 **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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32 Kennesha Woods moved, with a second by Daniel Zylstra, to extend the 180-day  
33 deadline for issuance of the final decision in **case number 26-87**, based on the need

1 to schedule the hearing or negotiate settlement and conclude the contested case  
2 process. The Respondent did not file an objection to the extension even though given  
3 an opportunity to object, and dismissal of the case would undermine public trust in  
4 educational licenses and would result in disparate treatment of similar ethical  
5 violations. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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7 There being no further business, Eric St Clair moved, with a second by Daniel Zylstra,  
8 to adjourn the meeting at 12:37 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**