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COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2026 – 10:00AM - 12:00PM

State Board Room
400 E 14th St.
Des Moines, IA 50319

Virtual [Zoom Link](#)
Meeting ID: 962 4286 9906
Passcode: 577241

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Time	Topic	Anticipated Outcome	Presenter(s)
10:00 - 10:05 AM	Welcome, Roll Call, and Approval of Minutes		Chair Halls
10:05 - 10:10 AM	Chair Updates - NIACC Promising Practice Profile	Informational	Chair Halls Admin Consultant Shaffer Lilienthal
10:10 - 10:20 AM	Department Updates	Informational	Director Snow
10:20 - 11:00 AM	Community College Strategic Theme Overview of Community College Strategic Plans	Informational Discussion	College Representatives
11:00 - 11:25 AM	Emerging Community College Issues Common lower-level general education framework/Common Course Numbering	Informational Discussion	Consultant Calkins Administrator Gieseke
11:25 - 11:50 AM	Emerging Community College Issues Better Serving Adults Learners	Informational Discussion	Consultant Friesleben Administrator Gieseke
11:50 - Noon	Adjournment		

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Committee Charge

Community College Advisory Committee

The Community College Advisory Committee plays a key role in supporting the State Board of Education by offering valuable insights into issues impacting Iowa's community colleges. Its efforts help the board stay informed and prepared to make effective decisions. The committee's contributions include:

- Elevating important community college issues to the State Board of Education.
- Enhancing the board's ability to guide Iowa's community colleges while influencing statewide practices.
- Facilitating collaboration by uniting perspectives from the Department, the State Board, and the community college sector.
- Ensuring the board is equipped with the knowledge needed to address emerging challenges and opportunities in the community college system.
- Support for implementation of the Department's work.
- Advise, accept assignments and consult with the Board of Education as needed.

Why our work is important

- Retain the dialogue and relationship between the Community Colleges, critical partners and the Board of Education
- Ensure the Department of Education and the Board of Education have input from the Community Colleges and critical partners as policies and procedures are developed, modified or phased out
- We can't be experts in the room without spending time with the experts in the room! (An opportunity to learn!)

What does success look like?

- Learning more about the Department of Education
- Creating better environments for Community Colleges
- Greater opportunities for students
- Open dialogue
- Interchange of information
- Impactful discussion
- Implementation – having everyone's input around the table

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