Meeting Minutes
State Board of Education
September 17, 2026 (DRAFT)

John Robbins
President
Iowa Falls

Cassandra Halls
Carlisle

Jeff Henderson
Hiawatha

Jeremy Lindquist
Runnells

Mary Meisterling
Cedar Rapids

Erica Roth
Sioux Center

Cecelia Harris
Student Member (non-voting)
Spirit Lake

Beth Townsend
Iowa Workforce Development
(non-voting)

McKenzie Snow
Director and
Executive Officer

The State Board of Education meeting was held on September 17, 2026, at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. The meeting was conducted in person, with remote access information provided in the notice of the meeting.

State Board members present: John Robbins, McKenzie Snow, Mary Meisterling, Cecelia Harris, Cassandra Halls and Erica Roth. Jeremy Lindquist attended virtually.

Iowa Department of Education staff members present: Heather Doe, Thomas Mayes, Tina Wahlert, Jay Pennington, Amy Gieseke, Stephanie TeKippe, Maryam Rod-Szabo, Tana Mullen, Lindsay Harrison, Amy Mayer, and Julie McCauley.

State Board Business Meeting

John Robbins called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Motion: Cassandra Halls made a motion and Mary Meisterling seconded to approve the agenda.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Consent agenda

August 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Appeal Decision

Docket 5243 – In re ESA

Motion: Erica Roth made a motion and Cassandra Halls seconded to approve the Consent Agenda.

. **Vote:** The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Rules: Notice of Intended Action – Chapter 1 (Organization and Operation)

Motion: Mary Meisterling made a motion and Cassandra Halls seconded to give notice of its intent to amend Chapter 1.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Rules: Notice of Intended Action - Chapter 11 (Department – Operated Special School and Program)

Motion: Erica Roth made a motion and Cassandra Halls seconded to give notice of its intent to amend Chapter 11.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Rules: Notice of Intended Action - Chapter 14 (School Health Services)

Motion: Mary Meisterling made a motion and Cassandra Halls seconded to give notice of its intent to amend Chapter 14.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Rules: Notice of Intended Action - Chapter 17 (Open Enrollment and Other Enrollment Options)

Motion: Erica Roth made a motion and Cassandra Halls seconded to give notice of its intent to amend Chapter 17.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Rules: Notice of Intended Action - Chapter 31 (Private Instruction and Dual Enrollment)

Motion: Cassandra Halls made a motion and Mary Meisterling seconded to give notice of its intent to amend Chapter 31.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Rules: Notice of Intended Action - Chapter 79 (Standards for Practitioner and Administrator Preparation Programs)

Motion: Cassandra Halls made a motion and Erica Roth seconded to give notice of its intent to amend Chapter 79.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Rules: Notice of Intended Action - Chapter 95 (Equal Employment Opportunity in Educational Agencies)

Motion: Mary Meisterling made a motion and Jeremy Lindquist seconded to give notice of its intent to amend Chapter 95.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

AEA Outcome-Based Performance Measures Aligned to SY 2026-27 and 2028-29

Motion: Mary Meisterling made a motion and Erica Roth seconded to approve the Outcome-Based Performance Measures.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

John Robbins announced public comment for 30 minutes.

Public comments were made by: Cynthia Knight and Joel Pederson

Community College Advisory Committee Update by Cassandra Halls

Director's Report by Director Snow.

IDEA Part B and C Programmatic and Fiscal Monitoring

The matter was discussed

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – Differentiated Accountability

The matter was discussed

National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) Report – Higher Education and Workforce Alignment in Iowa

The matter was discussed

Iowa Foundations of Reading Test (FoRT) 2025-2026 Results and Program Support Plan

The matter was discussed

October Agenda Preview of State Board of Education Meeting

The matter was discussed

Iowa State University Literacy Educator Preparation

The matter was discussed

Meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

John Robbins President	McKenzie Snow Director