Meeting Minutes
State Board of Education
October 15, 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 October 15, 2026, at the Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa. The meeting was conducted in person, with remote access information provided in the notice of the meeting.

State Board members present: John Robbins, Jeff Henderson, Cecelia Harris, Cassandra Halls and Erica Roth. Mary Meisterling attended virtually.

Iowa Department of Education staff members present: Tina Wahlert, Heather Doe, Thomas Mayes, Jay Pennington, Stephanie TeKippe, Kassandra Cline, Barbara Ohlund, Jennifer Denne, Stephanie Wager and Julie McCauley.

State Board Business Meeting

John Robbins called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Motion: Cassandra Halls made a motion and Jeff Henderson seconded to approve the agenda.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Communications

John Robbins announced public comment for 30 minutes.

Public comments were made by D.T. Magee and Emily Shields.

Community College Advisory Committee Update by Cassandra Halls.

Nonpublic Advisory Committee Update by Jeff Henderson.

Consent Agenda

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Increased Enrollment Charter Amendment: Great Oaks High School and Career Center, Des Moines, Iowa

Appeal Decision

Docket 5249 – In re Building Closure
Docket 5250 – In re Disciplinary Action
Docket 5253 – In re Open Enrollment

Adopted and Filed - Chapter 12 (Fine Arts)
Adopted and Filed - Chapter 41 (Special Schools)

Motion: Mary Meisterling made a motion and Jeff Henderson seconded to approve the consent agenda**.**

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried

Rules: Adopted and Filed - Chapter 21 (Community College Common Course Numbering System)

Motion: Cassandra Halls made a motion and Erica Roth seconded to adopt and file the amendments to Chapter 21.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Rules: Notice of Intended Action - Chapter 5 (Public Records)

Motion: Jeff Henderson made a motion and Erica Ross seconded to give notice of its intent to amend Chapter 5.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Rules: Notice of Intended Action - Chapter 37 (Athletic Conferences)

Motion: Mary Meisterling made a motion and Cassandra Halls seconded to give notice of its intent to amend Chapter 37.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Northwestern College Administrator Superintendent Approval

Motion: Cassandra Halls made a motion and Jeff Henderson seconded to award full approval to Northwestern College to add a superintendent track to its administrator preparation program until the next site visit scheduled for the 2029-30 academic year.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Social Studies Essential Elements – First Read

The matter was discussed

NASBE Membership Determination

Motion: Cassandra Halls made a motion and Mary Meisterling seconded to suspend the State Board of Education's NASBE membership until further notice.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Iowa DOT Human Trafficking Prevention Training Cooperation

Motion: Erica Roth made a motion and Jeff Henderson seconded to approve the Iowa DOT Human Trafficking Prevention training.

Vote: The ayes were unanimous. The motion carried.

Charter Response Overview

The matter was discussed

Charter Response to Report – Hamburg Charter High School

The matter was discussed

Charter Response to Report – Storm Lake/Iowa Central/Buena Vista Early College High School

The matter was discussed

Charter Response to Report – Choice Charter High School

The matter was discussed

November State Board of Education Agenda Preview

The matter was discussed

Meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

John Robbins President	McKenzie Snow Director