

Early Childhood Iowa State Board: Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2024; 9:00am to 11:00pm

Zoom Participation Only (no in-person host site)

Attendance:

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| Mr. Aaron Johnson (Chair) | X | Ms. Mayra Martinez | X |
| Mr. Michael Linnenbrink (Vice Chair) | X | Ms. Mary Petersen | |
| Ms. Angela Anderson | X | Mr. Brook Rosenberg | X |
| Mr. Dave Arens | X | Ms. Paige Smothers | X |
| Ms. Jennifer Banta | X | | |
| Director Durham/Ms. Nichole Hansen (IEDA) | X | Director Townsend/Ms. Kathy Leggett (IWD) | X |
| Director Garcia/Janee Harvey (HHS designee) | X | Director Snow/Dr. Kimberly Villotti (IDOE) | X |
| <i>Staff</i> | | <i>EX-Officio/Non-voting</i> | |
| Amanda Winslow | X | Rep. Michael Bergan | X |
| Dr. Ann Lebo | X | Rep. Tracey Ehlert | X |
| James Olson | X | Sen. Cindy Winckler | X |
| Marianne Rodrigues | X | Sen. Lynn (Kevin) Evans | X |

Guests: Dr. Heather Rouse, Abigail Degenhardt, Amy Blanchard, Amy Grunewaldt, Amy McLaughlin, Brenda Loop, Carrie Kube, Cindy Duhrkopf, Cindy Winkler, cornejen, Dawn Sickelka, Debra Schrader, Diane Martens, Elizabeth Stanek, Ginger Knisley, Grace Reef, Jaci Miller, Jacob Appel, Jennifer Banta, Jenny Robinson, Kerri Hall, Laurie Kristiansen, Liz Ernst, Mary Kay Wirth, Monica Garner, Patricia Russmann, Patti Manna, Ryan Page, Dr. Shelley Horak, Sherri Hunt, Tami Foley, Tammy Wetjen-Kesterson, Tasha Beghtol, Wendy Hoogeveen, David Graham

Welcome/Introductions

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:00 am with quorum. No changes in the agenda.

Public Comment: No comments were shared.

Action Item: Consent Agenda

Mr. Johnson asked for approval of the agenda, meeting minutes from the June 21, 2024 board meeting, and the Administrative Update.

Amanda provided an update regarding the Muscatine ECI Area board's need for assistance along with the waiver that had allowed them to remain a single board in spite of falling below the required population thresholds. We have been working with contiguous boards to offer support and will bring a recommendation to the state board on future mergers.

Motion: Approve the Consent Agenda Items

Made By: Dave Arens

Seconded By: Angela Anderson

The motion was approved unanimously.

Action Item: Bylaws

Aaron Johnson introduced Mike Linnenbrink to review the bylaws with the board. Amanda reviewed some of the changes, specifically to the advisory committee due to the need to meet Federal Head Start requirements. The organizational chart for the role of the advisory committee to meet the needed functions was also shared. There was discussion on the importance of connecting businesses, chambers of commerce, and schools with local ECI boards and directors.

Motion: Approve Bylaws

Made By: Mike Linnenbrink

Seconded By: Jennifer Banta

The motion was approved unanimously.

Information Item: Iowa's Child Care Connect (C3)

Aaron introduced the team to present C3. Heather Rouse led the presentation. Peter Anderson joined her from Resultant. Childcaresearch.iowa.gov.

The board stressed the importance of having an ongoing marketing campaign and ensuring this tool is properly shared with families, and schools.

[Iowa Child Care Connect \(iachildcareconnect.org\)](http://iachildcareconnect.org)

Adjournment

Next meeting – November 1, 2024

Mr. Johnson asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Brook Rosenberg and seconded by Paige Smothers. Mr. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:38 am.

Meeting Minutes shared on 10/25/2024 in advance of the 11/1/24 meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, *Dr. Ann Lebo*