



## GOVERNOR'S STEM ADVISORY COUNCIL

dedicated to building a strong STEM education foundation for all Iowans

### **Northeast Iowa STEM Advisory Board Meeting**

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

#### LOCATION:

RAMS Center / 1400 Technology Drive / Oelwein, IA 50662

#### AGENDA

- A. Welcome
- B. Budget/Expenditures – FY25 February YTD
- C. IOWA STEM Teacher Award
- D. Scale-Up Programs
  - a. Discuss submissions
  - b. Award selection
- E. Future Meeting Date
- F. Iowa STEM Council updates
- G. Update from Board Members
- H. Announcements

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### **Upcoming Events:**

- April 4                      Scale-Up awards announced
- April 24                     Northeast Iowa Family STEM Festival – Waukon
- June 5                        Be Your Own Boss Camp
- July 14                       Scale-Up training begins
- August 17                    STEM Day at the Iowa State Fair

### **STEM Review Committees:**

#### **Scale-Up Program Selection**

Review period: September – October

Time commitment: approximately 15-20 hours

Review STEM program applications from companies who present a PK-12 program for the Iowa STEM Scale-Up 2025-26 program menu.

Current committee members (4): Doreen Hayek, Allison Plunkett, Heather Fransen, and Barb Ehlers

#### **IOWA STEM Teacher Award Selection**

Review period: November-December

Time commitment: approximately 3-12 hours

Evaluate nominations/applications to select the IOWA STEM Teacher awardees. Six educators selected (one per region).

Current committee members (3): Lisa Chizek, Larry Escalada, and Jeff Jacobs

#### **STEM BEST Selection**

Review period: December – January

Time commitment: approximately 3-12 hours.

Evaluate applications for Iowa STEM Business Engaging Students and Teachers (BEST) proposals from across the state. Proposals provide you a chance to work with business partners on real-world projects.

Current committee members (3): Bev Berns, Doreen Hayek, Marcy Seavey and Allison Plunkett

#### **Scale-Up Awardee Selection**

Review period: March

Time commitment: approximately 2-4 hours

Evaluate applications submitted by educators throughout region requesting Scale-Up programs on the 2025-26 menu.

Current committee members (15): All board members

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