



GOVERNOR'S STEM ADVISORY COUNCIL

dedicated to building a strong STEM education foundation for all Iowans

Northeast Iowa STEM Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

11:00 AM to 12:30PM

LOCATION:
Virtual

AGENDA

- A. Welcome
- B. Budget/Expenditures
 - a. FY25 YTD – April 30
 - b. FY26 proposed budget
- C. Scale-Up Programs
 - a. Training this summer
 - b. FY26 Awards
- D. STEM Festivals
 - a. Waukon report
 - b. Historical
 - c. FY26 festivals
- E. Externship update
- F. Board Appointments
- G. FY26 meeting dates
- H. Iowa STEM Council updates
- I. Announcements

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Upcoming Events:

- June 8-10 STEM BEST Symposium
- July 7 FY27 Scale-Up Provider Application opens
- July 14 Scale-Up training begins
- August 13 FY27 Scale-Up Provider Application closes
- August 17 STEM Day at the State Fair
- October 16 Cedar Valley Family STEM Festival - Waverly
- October 17 STEM Summit

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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