



Advisory Board Meeting Summary

Thursday, January 9, 2025

11:00 AM to Noon

Location: Virtual

Board Members Present

Bev Burns Keystone AEA		Waiting for Appointment		Waiting for Appointment	
Sue Burrack Waldorf University		Waiting for Appointment		Jeanette Moore-Loggins Alliant Energy	
Waiting for Appointment		Waiting for Appointment		Waiting for Appointment	
Kendra Crooks Extension and Outreach		Waiting for Appointment		Waiting for Appointment	
Waiting for Appointment		Waiting for Appointment		Waiting for Appointment	

X – Present

Others in Attendance: Jeff Beneke (Northeast Iowa Regional STEM Hub), Justin Lewis (Iowa STEM Council), Doreen Hayek (University of Northern Iowa), Jeff Jacobs (TDS Automation), Seth Harms (West Delaware High School), Larry Escalada (University of Northern Iowa), Marla Loecke (IowaWORKS), and Allison Plunkett (John Deere)

Meeting Summary

The board meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM.

STEM Festival

The Northeast Iowa Family STEM Festival will take place on April 24 at the Fairgrounds in Waukon.

Future Meeting Date and Location

The next meeting will take place on March 26 in Oelwein.

Scale-Up Programs

Thirteen programs were selected to be scaled during the 2025-26 academic year. Beneke provided a summary on each program and noted ten programs are new to the menu this year. Two of the 13 programs are delivered by Iowa organizations.

The 2025-26 Scale-Up educator application opened January 7 and closes March 3. The board discussed marketing strategies.

Each Program Provider will host several 20–30-minute informational webinars between now and the application close date. Board members are welcome to attend.

Scale-Up Timeline:

- January 7 – Application opened
- March 3 – Deadline for an educator to apply for a Scale-Up program.
- **March 5 – 22 Advisory Board reviews applications.**
- Week of March 31 - Board meeting to discuss applications and recommend awards.
- April 4 – Awards are announced to educators.

The Scale-Up application submissions will occur through iowagrants.gov.

The Board discussed the priority list for recruitment and the evaluation rubric.

STEM Teacher Award

The STEM Council received 118 unique nominations statewide, including 26 from the Northeast region. Of those 26 nominees from the Northeast, 19 teachers (73%) applied for the IOWA STEM Teacher Award.

Award recipients will be announced in January and honored at STEM Day at the Capitol on February 12.

Iowa STEM Council Updates

Ann noted, STEM Day at the Capitol on February 12.

The STEM Council is currently recruiting teachers for the STEM Externship Program, which will take place in the summer of 2025.

Important Dates

Event/Activity	Date	Time	Location
STEM Day at the Capitol	February 12	10:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Des Moines
Scale-Up Educator Application closes	March 3	4:59 PM	NA

Northeast Regional STEM Advisory Board meeting	March 21	11:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Oelwein
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Meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21 in Oelwein.