



UEN Steering Committee Meeting Agenda
July 17, 2025, 12 pm
1201 63rd Street, Des Moines, IA 50311
or Via Zoom (contact jen@iowaschoolfinance.com for link)

UEN Purpose Statement:

The Urban Education Network keeps the state's lawmakers, the media, and the public informed about the progress and problems in our state's largest and most diverse schools. The organization does this through advocacy, legislation, communications and research.

The UEN also helps to build capacity in urban education by facilitating connections between member districts to improve student academic performance and narrow achievement gaps, improve professional development; and strengthen leadership, governance, and management.

In addition, joint efforts with other state organizations and policymakers extend the UEN's influence and effectiveness outside member school districts to the broader community that will ultimately benefit from the contributions of today's urban students.

All members of the Urban Education Network help determine program priorities. For guidance, the members rely upon data retrieved from local, state, regional and national sources. In addition, specific issues arise addressing contemporary events, legislative concerns and current trends. The priorities of the UEN continually evolve, reflecting the changing needs of urban students, families and communities.

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions**
- 2. Action on Agenda**
- 3. Action on Minutes from February 7, 2025**
- 4. Action on YTD Financial Report**
- 5. Action on UEN Agreement with ISFIS for FY 2026 and FY 2027**
- 6. Action on Budget and Dues Schedule for FY 2026**
- 7. Action on Steering Committee Members/Officers for FY 2026**
- 8. Action on Meeting Schedule for FY 2026**
- 9. Discussion on 2025 Legislative Session & Priorities & Interim Actions**
- 10. Discussion on Legislative Issue Survey and Committee for 2026 Priorities**
- 11. Updates from Steering Committee Members**
- 12. Other Business**
- 13. Upcoming Meeting Dates - <https://www.uen-ia.org/calendar>**
- 14. Adjourn**

UEN 2024-25 Steering Committee Leadership:

- Chair - TJ Schneckloth, Davenport
- Chair-Elect - Amy Hawkins, Dubuque
- Chair-Elect II - Rod Earlywine, Sioux City
- Past-Chair - Matt Degner, Iowa City
- Board Member - Cindy Garlock, Cedar Rapids
- Board Member - Astor Williams, Waterloo
- Board Member - Patrick Peters, Council Bluffs
- Board Member – Jackie Norris, Des Moines
- Treasurer - Jared Smith, Waterloo

All UEN Member Districts have a vote on matters in front of the Steering Committee.

UEN 2025-26 Steering Committee Leadership (pending approval):

- Chair – Davenport (TJ Schneckloth)
- Chair-Elect – Dubuque (Amy Hawkins)
- Chair-Elect 2 – Sioux City (Juan Cordova)
- Past-Chair – Iowa City (Matt Degner)
- Board Member – Des Moines (Jackie Norris)
- Board Member – Cedar Rapids (Cindy Garlock)
- Board Member – Waterloo (Astor Williams)
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Upcoming Steering Committee Meeting Dates - <https://www.uen-ia.org/calendar>

- February 7, 2025 - Steering Committee 12-1pm via Zoom
- May 9, 2025 - Steering Committee Lunch/Meeting 12-1:30 in Des Moines or via Zoom