



UEN Steering Committee Meeting Agenda
September 25, 2026 at Noon
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 by Amy Hawkins (UEN Chair) and Introductions**
- 2. Action on Agenda**
- 3. Action on Steering Committee Minutes from April 24, 2026**
- 4. Financial Reports**
 - a. Receive the Independent Auditors Report for FYE 06/30/2026 by Robert Endriss, Denman CPA
 - b. Action on FY 2027 YTD Financial Report & Corporate Sponsors
- 5. Update on Legislative Interim Actions & Upcoming Election**
- 6. Discussion on 2027 UEN Legislative Priorities**
- 7. UEN Annual Dinner – November 18, 2026**
 - a. Discussion on Agenda/Program & Networking Conversations
 - b. Invitation & Registration
- 8. Updates from Steering Committee Members**
- 9. Other Business**
- 10. Upcoming Meeting Dates - <https://www.uen-ia.org/calendar>**
- 11. Adjourn**

UEN 2026-27 Steering Committee Members:

- Chair - Amy Hawkins, Dubuque
- Chair-Elect – Matt Smith, Des Moines
- Chair-Elect II – Jim Vanderloo, Sioux City
- Past-Chair - TJ Schneckloth, Davenport
- Board Member - Cindy Garlock, Cedar Rapids
- Board Member - Astor Williams, Waterloo
- Board Member - Patrick Peters, Council Bluffs
- Board Member – Jennifer Horn-Frasier, Iowa City
- Treasurer - Jared Smith, Waterloo

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

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