



**UEN Steering Committee Meeting Agenda**  
**September 20, 2024, 12 pm**  
**(following UEN Superintendents Meeting)**  
**1201 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Des Moines, IA 50311**  
or Via Zoom (contact [jen@iowaschoolfinance.com](mailto: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 by TJ Schneckloth (UEN Chair)**
- 2. Action on Agenda**
- 3. Action on Steering Committee Minutes from May 10, 2024**
- 4. Financial Reports**
  - a. Receive the Independent Auditors Report and Overview of IRS Form 990 for FYE 06/30/2024 – Robert Endriss, Denman
  - b. Action on FY 2025 YTD Financial Report & Corporate Sponsors
- 5. 2025 UEN Legislative Priorities**
  - a. Review Legislative Issues Survey Results
  - b. Report from 2025 Legislative Workgroup and Discussion on Legislative Priorities
  - c. Next steps and process to prepare for final action at Nov. Steering Committee
- 6. UEN Annual Dinner – November 20, 2024**
  - a. Draft Agenda
  - b. Networking Conversations
  - c. Invitation & Registration - <https://www.uen-ia.org/uen-annual-meeting>
- 7. Updates from Steering Committee Members**
- 8. Other Business**
- 9. Adjourn**

**UEN 2024-25 Steering Committee Members:**

- 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.*

**Upcoming Steering Committee Meeting Dates - <https://www.uen-ia.org/calendar>**

- November 20, 2024 - Steering Committee Lunch/Meeting 12-3 in Des Moines
- November 20, 2024 - Annual Dinner 6-8:30pm in Des Moines
- 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