



UEN Steering Committee Meeting Agenda
February 7, 2025, 12 pm
(following UEN Superintendents Meeting)
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 by TJ Schneckloth (UEN Chair)**
- 2. Action on Agenda**
- 3. Action on Minutes from November 20, 2024**
- 4. Financial Items**
 - a. Action on YTD Financial Report**
 - b. Action on Bank Account Signatory Authorization**
 - c. Discussion on FY 2026 Budget Items**
- 5. Report on Status of 2025 Session & UEN Legislative Priorities**
- 6. Discussion/Feedback on UEN Annual Dinner (November 20, 2024 at the Hilton)**
- 7. Report on Results of UEN Preschool Survey**
- 8. Updates from Steering Committee Members**
- 9. Other Business**
- 10. 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>

- 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