



UEN Steering & Superintendents Orientation Minutes
September 20, 2024, 10:30 - 11am
Via Zoom

UEN Members in Attendees: TJ Schneckloth, Chair (Davenport), Patrick Peters (Council Bluffs), Jackie Norris (Des Moines), Ian Roberts (Des Moines), Astor Williams (Waterloo), Scott Grimes (Ames). *(Bylaws require a majority of charter members for a quorum. As seven of the eight Originating Charter districts were represented, quorum was met for this meeting.)*

Staff/Guest Attendees: Margaret Buckton (ISFIS), Larry Sigel (ISFIS) and Jen Albers (ISFIS)

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. Welcome, Call to Order by TJ Schneckloth (UEN Chair)

TJ Schneckloth, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:33 am. A quorum was not present but no action took place.

2. Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves.

3. UEN Orientation, Margaret Buckton (UEN Executive Director)

Margaret Buckton shared the mission, purpose and history of the UEN, as well as discussed the responsibilities of the Steering Committee and Officers, the UEN Budget, and other information for new UEN leaders.

4. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by consensus 10:59am, with the Steering Committee Meeting immediately following.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Margaret Buckton, UEN Executive Director, 09/20/2024