



## STATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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**Mission:**

*The Iowa State Workforce Development Board oversees the development and implementation of the state workforce development plan. The SWDB ensures that state workforce regions have the resources to support employment programs across the state.*

## PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

**Date:**

Friday, February 13, 2026

**Time:**

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Place:**

VIRTUAL

**Zoom:**

Join Zoom Meeting

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### TENTATIVE AGENDA:

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll call to establish quorum by Shelly Evans, Board Administrator.
3. **Action Item:** Approval of Meeting Agenda.
4. **Action Item:** Approval of Minutes from the December 5 State Workforce Development Board meeting. (Attachment 1 – Minutes dated 12/05/25)
5. Welcome by Teresa Hovell, Chair.

6. Discussion on appointing Vice Chair for SWDB by Teresa Hovell, Chair. (Bylaws, Article VI — Officers and Duties, Attachment 2, page 2)

**6.1 — Action Item:** Nomination and approval of Vice Chair for SWDB.

7. Discussion of Chairs for SWDB Committees by Teresa Hovell, Chair. (Bylaws, Article VII — Committees - Attachment 2 – pages 2-3)

**7.1 — Action Item:** Nomination and approval of Chair of Disability Access Committee.

**7.2 — Action Item:** Nomination and approval of Chair of System and Policy Committee.

**7.3 — Action Item:** Nomination and approval of Chair of Pathways to Employment Committee.

8. Discussion of PY26 WIOA Unified State Plan Modification by Michelle McNertney, Executive Director of Iowa SWDB (Link to [Iowa WIOA Unified State Plan Modification](#), Attachment 3 - Executive Committee notes dated 1/27/26)

**8.1 — Action Item:** Ratification of Executive Committee Action – Approval to update the composition of the members of the SWDB and addition of language for Workforce Pell Grants in the Unified State Plan Modification.

9. Discussion on impact of Artificial Intelligence on Iowa Jobs by Ryan Murphy, Labor Market Information Division Administrator, Iowa Workforce Development.
10. Discussion on Workforce Pell by Michelle McNertney, Executive Director of Iowa State Workforce Development Board.
11. Director's Report by Director, Beth Townsend, Iowa Workforce Development.
12. Update from Iowa Plains Committee. (Holly Espenhover, Committee Chair)
13. Public Comment. (Public comments will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker and should address only those items on the current meeting agenda.)
14. Adjourn.

## **ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Accommodations are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. If you need an accommodation, please contact Shelly Evans, Board Administrator, [shelly.evans@iwd.iowa.gov](mailto:shelly.evans@iwd.iowa.gov), (515) 587-0050.

## **UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS:**

- State Workforce Development Board Quarterly Meetings:
  - March 2, 2026, Virtual Vote
  - June 11, 2026 – DMACC Urban Campus, Student Life Building
  - September 3, 2026 – TBD In Person
  - December 4, 2026 – Virtual