



GOVERNOR'S STEM ADVISORY COUNCIL

dedicated to building a strong STEM education foundation for all Iowans

Northeast Iowa STEM Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, January 22, 2026

11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

LOCATION:
Virtual

AGENDA

- A. Welcome
- B. YTD Financial Statement
- C. Update on Scale-Up
- D. Semi-Annual Report
- E. IOWA STEM Teacher Award
- F. Iowa STEM Council updates
- G. Announcements
 - a. STEM Day at the Capitol – February 18
 - b. Northeast Iowa Family STEM Festival – April 9 in Waukon

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Upcoming Events:

- January 27 Scale-Up Educator Application Opens
- February 18 STEM Day at the Capitol
- March 10 Scale-Up Educator Application Deadline
- March 26-28 Midwest Regional First Robotics Competition (FRC) Event at the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls
- April 9 Northeast Iowa Family STEM Festival – Waukon

STEM Review Committees:

IOWA STEM Teacher Award Selection

Review period: November 7-December 7

Time commitment: approximately 3-12 hours

Evaluate nominations/applications to select the IOWA STEM Teacher awardees. Six educators selected (one per region).

Current committee members (5): Lisa Chizek, Larry Escalada, Chelsie Byram, Stacey Snyder, and Jeff Jacobs

STEM BEST Selection

Review period: November 13 – December 7

Time commitment: approximately 3-12 hours.

Evaluate applications for Iowa STEM Business Engaging Students and Teachers (BEST) proposals from across the state. Proposals provide schools with the opportunity to work with business partners on real-world projects. Evaluators will be assigned to a team of 3, they score individually and then discuss discrepant questions only at a Confidence meeting where each team coordinates scheduling. Teams are assigned 3-5 proposals for review. They are assigned to either review New Schools or Returning School applications, not both.

Current committee members (4): Bev Berns, Doreen Hayek, Marcy Seavey and Allison Plunkett

Scale-Up Awardee Selection

Review period: March

Time commitment: approximately 2-4 hours

Evaluate applications submitted by educators throughout region requesting Scale-Up programs on the 2026-27 menu.

Current committee members (11): All board members

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