Minutes
Iowa League of Cities Executive Board
Thursday, June 4, 2026
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Present:	Christina Eicher, President Steve Richardson, President-elect Ashley Vanorny, Past President Donny Hobbs, Past President Cindy Loots, Director Dylan Mulfinger, Director Laurie Goodrich, Director Cami Rasmussen, Director Tammi Goerdt, Director John Westergaard, Director Elaine Otte, Director LaVern Dirkx, Director Tom Wieseler, Director Barb Barrick, Director
Present on phone:	Aaron Burnett, Director
Absent:	Brad Cavanagh, Immediate Past President Courtney Clarke, Director Anthony Heddlesten, Director Matt Davis, Director
Also Present:	Alan Kemp, Executive Director Mickey Shields, Deputy Director Shannon Busby, Director of Administrative Services Alison Deiter, Senior Accountant Jordan Hagans, Director of Information Technology Chelsea Hoye, Director of Government Affairs Cody Carlson, Manager of Government Affairs Grace Hillock, Membership Services Coordinator Katie Wheeler, Director of Communications and Engagement Jeff Hovey, Director of Risk Services Dana Monosmith, Controller Kristine Stone, Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.

1. **Call to Order**
   President Eicher called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

2. **Consent Agenda**
   It was <u>moved by Director Wieseler</u> and seconded by Director Vanorny to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the April 9, 2026 meeting of the Executive Board, League Associate Applications, the dues and investment reports. Motion approved.

3. **Financial Report**
The senior accountant reviewed the March 2026 financial report, it was moved by Director Barrick and seconded by Director Westergaard to approved the report. Motion approved.

4. **Approval of League Budget Fiscal Year 2026/2027**
The senior accountant reviewed the proposed operating budget for the 2026/2027 fiscal year. It was moved by Past President Hobbs and seconded by President-elect Richardson to approve the budget as presented. Motion approved.

5. **TIAA Retirement Benefits Update**
The senior accountant reviewed the options for changing the League's TIAA retirement benefits for staff. It was moved by Director Rasmussen and seconded by Director Dirkx to approve the increase the League maximum match to 4% on the 457b plan. Motion approved.

6. **League Investment Policy**
The executive board reviewed the League Investment Policy. It was moved by Director Mulfinger and seconded by Director Westergaard to approve the policy. Motion approved.

7. **Reserve Fund Policy**
The executive board reviewed the League Reserve Fund Policy and it was moved by Director Westergaard and seconded by Director Hobbs to ratify the level of funds requested to be reserved. Motion approved.

8. **Legislative Program Update**
Members of the legislative team responded to questions regarding legislative issues.

9. **Appointment to the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust**
The President recommended the appointment of Andrew Lent, Finance Director for Altoona to a three-year term on the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust Board of Trustees. It was moved by Director Barrick and seconded by Director Mulfinger to approved the nomination. Motion approved.

10. **Website Updates and AI Chatbot - Botco**
The director of communications and engagement provided an overview of recent updates to the League website, including the AI chatbot and the member facing interfaces update by the junior web developer.

11. **Board Member Travel Reimbursement Policy**
League staff asked for the board's approval for the proposed Board Member Travel Reimbursement Policy and eligible travel. It was moved by President-elect Richardson and seconded by Director Wieseler to approved the policy with added clarification. Motion approved.

12. **Annual Conference & Exhibit Update**
The deputy director provided an update to the board on the 128th Annual Conference & Exhibit in Bettendorf.

13. **Constitution and By-Laws Committee**
The executive director gave an overview on the recent Constitution and By-laws Committee. It was moved by Director Loots and seconded by Director Mulfinger to approve the By-laws amendments and bring the resolution to the August meeting for approval. Motion approved.

14. **League Committee Reports**

A. **Nominating Committee**
The executive director provided and outlined the process for the preparation of the slate of officers and directors to be submitted to the membership at the Annual Business Meeting.

B. **Site Selection Committee**
The deputy director provided an update on the Site Selection Committee meeting held April 1, 2026 and presented an updated recommendation to select Cedar Rapids as the site for 2030 and Ames as the site for the 2031 Annual Conference and Exhibit. The recommendation for Ames is contingent upon development plans progressing significantly by December 31, 2026. It was moved by Director Loots and Past President Vanorny to approve the committee's recommendation. Motion approved.

15. **Partner Program Overview**
The director of communications and engagement provided the executive board with an update on the partner program and requested ratification of the renewals for the upcoming year. It was moved by Past President Vanorny and seconded by Director Westergaard to approve all partners except for Iowa American Water and have staff contact them concerning the board's concerns, survey cities currently using their services and bring the matter back to the board at its August meeting. Motion approved.

16. **League Partner Application - gWorks**
Executive Board ratification of gWorks application for the Partner Program was requested. It was moved by President-elect Richardson and seconded by Director Barrick to approve gWorks application for one year. The board noted that with continued improvement, gWorks may return to the normal application schedule. Motion approved.

17. **Strategic Plan Update**
The executive director provided an update on various initiatives being pursued.

18. **Schedule 2026 and Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the Executive Board is scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2026.

19. **Other Business**
The Executive Board will consider any other business.

20. Executive Session

21. Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Alan W. Kemp

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Executive Director