Minutes
Iowa League of Cities Executive Board
Thursday, August 13, 2026
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Present:	Christina Eicher, President Steve Richardson, President-elect Brad Cavanagh, Immediate Past President Donny Hobbs, Past President Cindy Loots, Director Cami Rasmussen, Director Tammi Goerdt, Director John Westergaard, Director Elaine Otte, Director LaVern Dirkx, Director Tom Wieseler, Director Barb Barrick, Director Aaron Burnett, Director
Present on phone:	Ashley Vanorny, Past President Anthony Heddlesten, Director Dylan Mulfinger, Director Laurie Goodrich, Director
Absent:	Courtney Clarke, 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 Grace Hillock, Membership Services Coordinator Katie Wheeler, Director of Communications and Engagement Dana Monosmith, Controller Jeff Hovey, Director of Risk Services Fern Bultema, Data and Policy Research Analyst Kristine Stone, Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. Matthew Schwartz, PricewaterhouseCoopers Maddie Smart, Amazon Business Representative

1. Call to Order

President Eicher called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

2. Consent Agenda

A. Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the June 4, 2026 Executive Board meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Immediate Past President Cavanagh and seconded by Director Wieseler. Motion Approved.

B. League Associate Applications

The Board requested that the associate application from the Small City Resource Institute be pulled for discussion. It was moved by Past President Hobbs and seconded by Director Goerdt to approve all applications except the Small City Resource Institute at this time. Motion approved.

C. Dues Report

A report on the status of dues renewal was reviewed. It was moved by President-elect Richardson and seconded by Director Barrick. Motion approved.

D. Investment Report

The list of League investments was reviewed. It was moved by President-elect Richardson and seconded by Director Wieseler. Motion approved.

3. Financial Report

The senior accountant reviewed the May 2026 financial report, it was moved by Director Loots and seconded by Director Westergaard to approved the report. Motion approved.

4. Budget Amendment Policy

The controller and senior accountant reviewed the proposed budget amendment policy for handling unbudgeted expenditures. It was moved by President-elect Richardson and seconded by Director Barrick. Motion approved.

5. Target Equity Study

Matthew Schwartz from PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) reviewed the findings from the Target Equity Study to establish the appropriate fund balance range for the League based on the League's specific risk profile. League staff then reviewed the recommended Target Fund Balance Range Policy based on PwC findings. It was moved by Immediate Past President Cavanagh and seconded by President-elect Richardson to approve the Target Fund Balance Range Policy. Motion approved.

6. League Training & Workshop Budget Report

The senior accountant reviewed the year-end training & workshop budget. It was moved by Director Loots and seconded by Director Goerdt to approve the report. Motion approved.

7. Appointment to the IPERS Benefits Advisory Committee

The executive director recommended the appointment of Ty Wheeler, City Administrator for the City of Osceola, to a three (3) year term on the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System Benefits Advisory Committee. It was moved by Immediate Past President Cavanagh and seconded by Director Wieseler. Motion approved.

8. Annual Conference & Exhibit

The deputy director provided an update on the League's Annual Conference & Exhibit.

9. NLC City Summit Scholarship

The Steering Committee reviewed the NLC City Summit Scholarship applications and recommended Becca Bixler, Mayor of Inwood for the Board's final approval. It was moved by President-elect Richardson and seconded by Past President Hobbs. Motion approved.

10. Podcast Update

The executive director and the director of communications and engagement reviewed the *Leading Iowa* podcast listen rates and performance, and discuss plans for extending the series to third year. Immediate Past President Cavanagh suggested finding ways to add as guests the people served by cities.

11. Partner Program – Iowa American Water

The director of communications and engagement provided a review of feedback on Iowa American Water from members and representatives of the company. It was moved by Director Burnett and seconded by Director Wieseler to approve Iowa American Water as a partner. Motion approved.

12. Constitution and By-Laws Committee

The executive director provided an overview on the recent Constitution and By-Laws committee and the proposed changes requiring board approval.

a. The executive board reviewed the proposed amendments to the Iowa League of Cities Constitution and approved the Resolution Approving Amendments to the Constitution of the Iowa League of Cities. It was moved by Past President Hobbs and seconded by Director Loots to approve the Constitution with one edit. Motion approved.

b. The executive board reviewed the proposed amendments to the Iowa League of Cities By-Laws and approved the Resolution Approving Amendments to the By-Laws of the Iowa League of Cities. It was moved by President-elect Richardson and seconded by Director Goerdt to approve the By-Laws. Motion approved.

c. The executive board reviewed and approved the Rules of Procedures for Annual or Special Meetings of the Members of the Iowa League of Cities. It was moved by Director Wieseler and seconded by Director Westergaard to approve the Rules of Procedures. Motion approved.

13. League Committee Reports

A. Nominating Committee

Immediate Past President Cavanagh formally announced the slate of officers and directors that will be submitted to the membership. The League Constitution provides that the slate is not subject to ratification by the Executive Board.

B. Awards Committee

President Eicher presented the recommendations for the Hall of Fame Award and Rhonda Wood Smith Award. It was moved by Director Rasmussen and seconded by Director Barrick to approve the nominations. Motion approved.

C. Education and Services Committee – Amazon Business Purchasing Endorsement

The director of communications and engagement provided a report on the committee's recommendation to enter into an endorsement agreement with Amazon Business. It was moved by Director Barrick and seconded by Director Rasmussen to approve Amazon Business as an endorsed program. Motion approved

14. Development of Legislative Priorities

The director of government affairs reviewed the legislative priorities to be considered for the 2027 legislative session as discussed and determined by the Legislative Policy Committee. It was moved by President-elect Richardson and seconded by Director Dirkx to approve the 2027 legislative priorities. Motion approved.

It was also moved by Immediate Past President Cavanagh and seconded by Director Barrick to approve the Legislative Values. Motion approved.

15. Spotlight on Teresa Rotschafer

This agenda item was moved to the November board meeting.

16. Other Business and Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Board is scheduled for Thursday, November 5, 2026.

The executive director mentioned Iowa State University's Cyber Security workshop and asked if any board members might be interested in having their city participate.

17. Recognition of Directors

The President recognized the contributions of those members of the Executive Board who are leaving the board.

18. Adjourn

President Eicher adjourned the executive board meeting at 1:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan W. Kemp
Executive Director