

## Minutes

Iowa League of Cities Executive Board  
Thursday, August 15, 2024  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Present: Brad Cavanagh, President- elect  
Donny Hobbs, Past President  
Scott Wynja, Director  
Laurie Goodrich, Director  
Dylan Mulfinger, Director  
Brian Wagner, Director  
Steve Richardson, Director  
Shawwna Silvius, Director  
Cami Rasmussen, Director  
Bob Andeweg, Director  
Michael Holton, Director

Present on phone: Ashley Vanorny, President  
John Haila, Immediate Past President  
Quentin Hart, Past President  
Barb Barrick, Director  
Christina Eicher, Director

Absent: Susan Sembach, Director  
Courtney Clarke, Director  
Aaron Burnett, Director

Also Present: Alan Kemp, Executive Director  
Shannon Busby, Office Manager  
Alison Deiter, Senior Accountant  
Mickey Shields, Director of Membership Services  
Jordan Hagans, Director of Information Technology  
Katie Wheeler, Director of Communications and Engagement  
Erin Mullenix, Research Consultant  
Matt McKinney, BrownWinick Law Firm

**1. Call to Order**

President-elect Cavanagh called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

**2. Executive Director Performance Evaluation**

The board met in executive session to discuss the annual performance evaluation of the executive director.

**3. Consent Agenda**

It was moved by President Vanorny and seconded by Director Richardson to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes of the June 20, 2024 meeting of the Executive Board, League Associate Applications, the membership and investment reports. Motion approved.

- 4. Development of Legislative Priorities**

The president-elect and executive director reviewed the rankings of legislative priorities to be considered for the 2025 legislative session. It was moved by Past President Hobbs and seconded by Director Rasmussen to present the top three composite rankings and include property tax and local funding. Motion approved.
- 5. Legislative Service Awards**

The executive director presented names of legislators for possible recognition with the Iowa League of Cities legislative service awards. The board decided not to present an award in 2024.
- 6. Property Tax 2025 Review and Discussion**

The research consultant and other staff reviewed a property tax limit proposal that may be considered during the 2025 legislative session.
- 7. Financial Report**

A copy of the May 2024 financial report was reviewed. It was moved by Director Richardson and seconded by Director Holton. Motion approved.
- 8. League Training Budget Report**

The senior accountant reviewed the year-end training budget.
- 9. Appointment to the MFPRSI Board of Trustees**

The President recommended the appointment of Corey Goodenow, Finance Director for the City of Ames to serve the remainder of Mallory Merritt's term on the Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System of Iowa (MFPRSI) Board of Trustees. It was moved by Director Wujina and seconded by Director Andeweg to approve Corey Goodenow's appointment. Motion approved.
- 10. Annual Conference and Exhibit**

The executive director provided an update on the League's Annual Conference and Exhibit.
- 11. League Committee Reports**
  - A. Nominating Committee**

The slate of officers and directors as submitted by the Nominating Committee was presented for informational purposes only.
  - B. Awards Committee**

President Vanorny presented the recommendations for the League Hall of Fame and the Rhonda Wood Smith Award. It was moved by Director Goodrich and seconded by Director Richardson to approve the nominations. Motion approved.
- 12. Community Champions Award Criteria**

The executive director presented a description and awards criteria for a new Community Champions award. It was moved by Director Mulfinger and seconded by Director Richardson to approve the criteria. Motion approved.

**13. Proposal for Monthly Podcast – Good Government in Iowa with Brad Cavanagh**

The director of communications and engagement and president-elect presented a proposal for a monthly podcast that is hosted by David Martin with Brad Cavanagh. It was moved by Director Richardson and seconded by Director Andeweg to move forward with the podcast and negotiate a final agreement. Motion approved.

**14. Other Business and Next Meeting**

The executive director asked the board to approve the partner application for Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. that came in after the board packet was sent out. It was moved by Director Holton and seconded by Director Rasmussen to approve the application. Motion approved.

The executive board consented to the executive director coordinating strategic planning and goal setting to be conducted at the November board meeting.

The next meeting of the Executive Board is scheduled for Thursday, November 7, 2024.

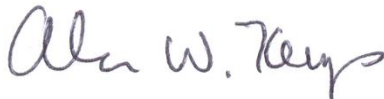
**15. Recognition of Directors**

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

**16. Adjourn**

The executive board adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alan W. Kemp". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Alan W. Kemp  
Executive Director