



Cedar/Jones Early Childhood Iowa

Board Meeting

Thursday, March 19th, 2026; 9:00 a.m.

Zoom

Members Present: Mike Bixler, Dionne Daedlow, Darrick Hall, Josh Sundstrom, and Stephen Williams.

Members Absent: Stephanie Musser, Janet Shotwell, and Heather Weers.

Others Present: Christy Brown, GWAEA; Diana Strahan & Jaye Geater, HACAP; Amber Brown, LSI; Chelsey Steckley, YPN; and Sherri Hunt, Cedar/Jones ECI Director.

- I. Call Meeting to Order** – Board Chairperson Stephen Williams **called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.** Quorum was achieved with 5 out of 8 members present.
- II. Introductions** – All Board members and guests introduced themselves.
- III. Public Comments** – None noted.
- IV. Meeting Minutes** – Dionne Daedlow made a motion, seconded by Mike Bixler **to approve the February 19th, 2026 Board Meeting minutes.** All approved. Motion carried.
- V. FY26 Financials** – Sherri reviewed the financials, noting a couple of extra expenses not normally part of the monthly statement. No concerns were noted. Dionne Daedlow made a motion, seconded by Mike Bixler **to accept the FY26 Financials as presented.** All approved. Motion carried.
- VI. Resignation of Janet Shotwell** – Josh Sundstrom made a motion, seconded by Dionne Daedlow **to accept the resignation of Board Member Janet Shotwell effectively immediately.** Janet took another position and is no longer able to attend meetings. All approved. Motion carried. Board members suggested options for replacement for a Faith Representative. Sherri will follow up.
- VII. Review of Fiscal Agent & Contractor Financial Audits** – Sherri and Board Chairperson had previously reviewed the FY25 Cedar County Financial Audit as the Cedar/Jones ECI Fiscal Agent. They also reviewed the most recent financial audits for Grant Wood AEA, HACAP, LSI, YPN, and Jones County. No concerns were noted. Darrick Hall made a motion, seconded by Mike Bixler **to accept the financial audit results of current contractors as presented.** All approved. Motion carried.
- VIII. Overnight Travel to the AECIABA Day on the Hill** – Mike Bixler made a motion, seconded by Darrick Hall **to approved overnight travel for Sherri to attend the Association of Early Childhood Iowa Board and Advocates Day on the Hill on March 24th, 2026.** Board members felt it was important for Sherri to attend, to connect with peers, and continue to advocate for local decision making. All approved. Motion carried.
- IX. Legislative Update** – Sherri provided an update on discussions between HHS and leaders of the Association regarding pending legislation and possible amendments to the legislation.

Bills remain active in both the House and the Senate and will remain options until the end of session avoiding the next session funnel. Board members continued to express concern regarding movement to districts and loss of funding and local decision making.

- X. Adjourn** – Josh Sundstrom made a motion, seconded by Mike Bixler **to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 a.m.** All approved. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 16th, 2026; 9:00 a.m.; Olin CSD/Zoom

Next Exec. Committee Meeting: Tuesday, April 7th, 2026; 12:30 p.m.; Dittos, Stanwood