

MINUTES
Indiana State Board of Education
Business Meeting

December 10, 2025
9:00 A.M. E.D.T.

Conference Room B
Indiana Government Center South
302 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

<https://www.youtube.com/live/DzNYpFaIUBk>

Board Members Present: Dr. Katie Jenner, Chair, Ms. Katie Mote (by video), Vice Chair, Mr. William Durham Jr., Secretary, Mr. Scott Bess, Ms. Erika Dilosa (by video), Dr. Byron Ernest (by video), Ms. Iris Hammel, Mr. Greg Gasteau, Ms. Kristin Rentschler (by video), and Mr. B.J. Watts (by video).

Board Members Absent: Mr. Pat Mapes.

I. Call to Order:

- A. Roll Call: A quorum is present.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

III. Approval of the Minutes: The Minutes, for the November 5, 2025, meeting, were approved by unanimous vote.

- A. November 5, 2025 - [Memo](#)

IV. Statement from the Chair: Dr. Jenner began the meeting by sharing updates across the Indiana Department of Education (DOE). Dr. Jenner explained how DOE, in conjunction with Veterans Day, announced its newest Purple Star Schools across Indiana. Over 100 schools were recognized for their commitment to service members, veterans, and families.

Dr. Jenner also reiterated that the Indiana Learns tutoring grant for Indiana students and families closes on Friday, December 19th. Eligible families can access up to \$1,000 focused on support in ELA and math. Over 25,000 students are enrolled, and over 280,000 hours of tutoring have been provided.

Additionally, DOE hosted its fourth annual Education Excellence Awards Gala this past November. This year, nearly 500 educators and guests were in attendance. Roughly \$270,000 was awarded to schools and educators to celebrate their work in the literacy, STEM, rethinking high school, community collaboration, and educator professional development spaces. Dr. Jenner also explained how thirteen teachers were each awarded \$1,500 for their commitment to areas such as technology and professional growth. Dr. Jenner also thanked the private partners who collaborated with the Department to achieve a successful gala. This was the first year that the event was almost completely funded by private donations.

Dr. Jenner also described how DOE joined Lily Endowment to announce an additional public private investment of nearly \$75 million dedicated to advancing Indiana's statewide education priorities. This includes \$40 million specifically from the Lily Endowment. Dr. Jenner thanked the Lily Endowment for their partnership and continued support.

Lastly, Dr. Jenner explained that the Department opened up a third round of public comment for its proposed accountability model. The Department identified a technical issue that needed to be included within the public comment process. The public comment period will close on January 5th, 2026.

V. **Board Member Comments and Reports:** None.

VI. **Public Comment:** None.

VII. **Consent Agenda:** The Consent Agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

- A. New Non-Public School Accreditors
 - a. The Society for Classical Learning – [Memo](#)
 - b. National Alliance of Christian Schools – [Memo](#)
 - c. APPLE Accreditation – [Memo](#)
 - d. Middle States Association (Next Generation Accreditation) – [Memo](#)
- B. Teacher Preparation Programs: Accreditation
 - a. Renewal - Clark Atlanta University – National Aspiring Principals Fellowship – Building Level Administrator – [Memo](#)
 - b. Renewal - Ball State University – Teachers College – [Memo](#)
 - c. New Program - Bethel University – Early Childhood Education – [Memo](#)
- C. 2025 Homeschool Exits – [Memo](#)
- D. 2025-2026 Period 1 ADM Membership Petitions – [Memo](#)
- E. 2026-2027 Indiana Assessment Window – [Memo](#)
- F. School Technology Advance Account (STAA) Amendment – Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation – [Memo](#)
- G. Common School Loan Advancements for Construction and Technology Programs – [Memo](#)
- H. Annual Career and Technical Education Funding Updates – [Memo](#) I [Summary](#)

VIII. **New Business:** None.

IX. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.