

Clinton/Jackson Early Childhood Iowa Board Meeting Minutes May 26, 2026

Board Members Present:

Gwen Deming (Zoom)
Erin George (Zoom)
Linda Hledik
Jack Willey
Lindsey Burken
Roberta Rosheim
Sarah Hogan (Zoom)
Charlie Minnick

Board Members Absent:

Nin Flagel

Staff Present:

Mary Kay Wirth

Guests:

Julie Hamann (LSI)
Lori Jahn (LSI)
Christi Regan (HACAP HS)
Melissa Tucker (LSI)
Abbey Degenhardt (Dub.)
Amanda McKee (State ECI)
Chris McClimon

Jack Willey, the board chair called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM. Mary Kay Wirth conducted roll call. Members present are listed at left.

April 27, 2026 minutes: Roberta made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting; Lindsey seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes, motion carried.

Director's Expenditure Report: Mary Kay presented the April 2026 Director's expenditure report. Roberta made a motion to approve the expenditure reports as presented; Charlie seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes, motion carried.

Mary Kay reported that all preschools with scholarships had a site visit.

The Director's Activities include the ECI Monthly Fiscal Tracking Spreadsheet due 5/31/26, list of meetings attended, report on ECI State Board meeting 5/1//26, and Legislative update.

Chris McClimon's application for the board was presented. Lindsey made a motion to accept the application; Linda seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes, motion carried.

The FY27 budget for Clinton Jackson ECI area was shared. Contract renewal scoring was presented and discussed. Roberta made a motion to accept the renewals for the five contracts; Charlie seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes, motion carried.

The RFP contract scoring was presented and discussed. Sarah made a motion to approve Women's Health RFP proposal as presented and to table the YWCA' RFP proposal to work with them to figure out the options; Charlie seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes, motion carried.

The Draft budget was presented with the change of moving the amount requested by the YWCA to TBD. Linda made a motion to accept the draft budget moving the YWCA amount to TBD; Lindsey seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes: motion carried.

There was a discussion about the options for the Clinton Jackson ECI Board in FY27. There have not been any applicants for the director position. The Executive Committee met with the ECI directors from Cedar Jones and Dubuque, along with their Executive Committees. Then the Clinton Jackson Executive Committee met to decide on which area to move forward with. The committee recommends working with the Dubuque ECI area and director. The directors, Executive Committees, and state ECI leaders met to go over next steps. The two options include partnering or merging. The state ECI recommends merging at this time. The state T.A. team will provide guidance and help with getting the requirements met for merging.

The process for Early Childhood Area Boundary Change is outlined in Tool U. The first step is to submit a letter of intent to pursue a boundary change to the State ECI Board. Charlie made a motion to approve the letter of intent for Clinton Jackson ECI Board to merge with Dubuque's ECI Board with the effective date no later than July 1, 2026; Lindsey seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes: motion carried.

The proposed names for the new area include: East Central or Eastern Iowa. Charlie made a motion to name the new area Eastern Iowa; Lindsey seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes: motion carried.

No new business was discussed.

Charlie made a motion; and Lindsey seconded it to adjourn at 4:59 PM.

Next Meeting:

Executive Committee: June 8, 2026 at 7:30 AM via Zoom

Regular Board Meeting: June 22, 2026 in person in DeWitt and via Zoom

Respectfully submitted by Mary Kay Wirth, Clinton/Jackson ECI Director

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Board President Signature _____ Date _____