



## BOARD MINUTES –1/22/2026

LINKING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES (Early Childhood Iowa Area) met on Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

### **Members present:**

Clarence Siepker  
Bob Thode

Dave George  
Pastor Nick Thackery

### **Members absent:**

Lindsay Laufersweiler  
Tammy Varland

Justin Daggett

### **Community members present:**

Elizabeth Stanek

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Clarence Siepker at 5:02 p.m. Quorum was met.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Siepker asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. No changes were requested

**MOTION:** Mr. George moved to approve the agenda as presented.

**SECOND:** Mr. Thode

**Discussion:** None

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Board Minutes**

Mr. Siepker asked if there were any changes or additions to the board minutes from the January 2, 2026 meeting. No changes were suggested.

**MOTION:** Mr. George

**SECOND:** Mr. Thackery

**Discussion:** None

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Forum/Board Questions**

Mr. Siepker asked if the public or the board had any questions. No comments were made. No questions were posed.

### **Funding Agreement**

Ms. Stanek presented the funding agreement with the City of Fort Dodge. The agreement provides funding to assist with cash flow for the Future Ready Iowa Grant.

**MOTION:** Mr. Thode made the motion to approve the agreement with the City of Fort Dodge as presented.

**SECOND:** Mr. George

**Discussion:** None

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously

### **Updates**

Ms. Stanek provided an update on SEEDS project timelines and legislation that is expected concerning Early Childhood Iowa.



**Adjourn**

With no further business, Mr. Siepker asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION:** Mr. Thode

**SECOND:** Mr. Thackery

**Discussion:** None

**ACTION:** Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

- Respectfully Submitted By: Elizabeth Stanek

**Next Meeting: March 12, 2026**