



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

LINKING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES (Early Childhood Iowa Area) Executive Committee met on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at Linking Families and Communities conference room at 822 Central Avenue, Suite 300, Fort Dodge.

Members present:

Clarence Siepker
Nick Thackery

Bob Thode

Members absent:

None

Community Members Present

Elizabeth Stanek

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Clarence Siepker at 2:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Siepker asked if there were any changes to the agenda. No changes were required. Mr. Thackery made the motion to approve the agenda as presented, second by Mr. Thode. Motion passed.

Review & Approve Quality Improvement Grants

Committee members reviewed three grant requests for quality improvement. Mr. Thode made the motion to approve all as presented, second by Mr. Thackery. Motion passed.

Updates

Ms. Stanek reported that the State ECI team recently raised the question of whether ECI areas that are also nonprofit organizations may serve as their own fiscal agents. She noted that there are three other ECI areas in the state with circumstances similar to Linking Families and Communities. Ms. Stanek stated that state-level discussion on this issue has been limited at this time.

Ms. Stanek reported that potential options include utilizing a separate fiscal agent to pay ECI expenses or requesting a waiver. The committee discussed the matter; however, no decision or recommendation was made.

Set Next Meeting

Next meeting set for May 14, 2026 at 2:00 pm



Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Thackery, second by Mr. Thode, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By: Elizabeth Stanek

NEXT MEETING: TBD