

EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES

**BOARD OF REGENTS**

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Mark Braun, Executive Director..... Serves at Pleasure of Board

<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Term Ending</i>
Michael Richards, President .....	West Des Moines .....	April 30, 2027
David Barker .....	Iowa City.....	April 30, 2025
Sherry Bates .....	Scranton .....	April 30, 2023
Nancy J. Boettger .....	Harlan.....	April 30, 2023
Abby Crow .....	Tiffin.....	April 30, 2027
Milt Dakovich .....	Waterloo.....	April 30, 2025
Nancy Dunkel .....	Dyersville.....	April 30, 2023
Jim Lindenmayer .....	Ottumwa .....	April 30, 2025
Greta Rouse.....	Emmetsburg .....	April 30, 2027

The Board of Regents, originally named the State Board of Education, was created in 1909 to coordinate and govern the three state institutions of higher education. Prior to that time, each of the universities had a separate board of trustees. The Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School was placed under the governance of the board in 1911, followed by the Iowa School for the Deaf in 1917.

The board consists of nine members appointed on a bipartisan basis for six-year staggered terms. Three appointments are made every two years by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

The Board of Regents governs the State University of Iowa, Iowa State University of Science and Technology, the University of Northern Iowa, the Iowa School for the Deaf, and the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School. The board also serves as the board of trustees for the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Iowa Code chapter 262 provides that the board shall “have and exercise all the powers necessary and convenient for the effective administration of its office and of the institutions under its control....” The board is, for example, responsible for determination of academic programs, tuition and student fee rates, admission policies, oversight of financial matters, management and control of property, administration of employment and personnel policies, and general operations of the institutions. The board’s strategic plan defines its priorities as ensuring high-quality educational opportunities for students; discovering new knowledge through research, scholarship, and creative activities; providing needed service and promoting economic growth; and demonstrating public accountability and effective stewardship of resources.

The General Assembly has given the board broad statutory responsibility to govern the regents institutions and to provide educational and other services to the people of Iowa. To fulfill its responsibilities, the board depends heavily on its staff, under the direction of the executive director, and delegates appropriate duties to the administrations of the institutions. The board has adopted governance processes that are designed to allow it to make major policy decisions and to monitor the management of the institutions. These governance processes include strategic planning, budget development and approval, organizational audits, comprehensive fiscal reviews, and academic program approvals and reviews.

Another important aspect of the board’s governance authority is an extensive system of regular reports made by the regents institutions to the board. Annual governance reports include enrollments, housing and dining systems, student financial aid, graduation and retention rates, allocation of tuition and fees, diversity, academic program review and student outcomes, distance education, affiliated organizations, faculty activity, comprehensive human resource activities, and institutional roads. These reports supplement the board’s authority in establishing institutional budgets and appropriations requests.