

EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES

IOWA INNOVATION COUNCIL

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<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Term Ending/Type</i>
Hank Norem, Chair .....	Norwalk .....	June 30, 2025
Allen Bierbaum .....	Ames .....	June 30, 2025
Curt Carlson .....	Clive .....	June 30, 2025
Dan Cosgrove.....	Johnston .....	June 30, 2024
Cindy Dietz .....	Cedar Rapids.....	June 30, 2024
Ryan Downing .....	Des Moines .....	June 30, 2025
Kevin Gaul .....	Pella .....	June 30, 2025
Roger Hargens .....	Johnston .....	June 30, 2024
Adam Keune .....	Coralville .....	June 30, 2024
Ye Lao .....	Des Moines .....	June 30, 2024
Emily Schmitt .....	Sheffield .....	June 30, 2025
Erik Skovgard .....	Reinbeck .....	June 30, 2024
Robin Therme .....	Coralville .....	June 30, 2025
Ellen Willadsen.....	Waukee.....	June 30, 2024
Ada Woo .....	Iowa City.....	June 30, 2024
Susan Wood .....	Coralville .....	June 30, 2025
Jon Darsee, designee of President, University of Iowa .....		Statutory
Robert J. Denson J.D., designee of Iowa Association of Community College Trustees .....		Statutory
Peter Dorhout, designee of President, Iowa State University .....		Statutory
Debi Durham, Director, Economic Development Authority .....		Statutory
Dr. Kristie Fisher, designee of Iowa Association of Community College Trustees .....		Statutory
Randy Pilkington, designee of President, University of Northern Iowa .....		Statutory
Beth Townsend, Director, Department of Workforce Development.....		Statutory
<i>Ex officio, nonvoting members from the General Assembly</i>		
<i>Senate</i>		
William A. Dotzler Jr .....	Waterloo .....	January 12, 2025
Jeff Reichman .....	Montrose .....	January 12, 2025
<i>House</i>		
Shannon Latham .....	Sheffield .....	January 12, 2025
Adam Zabner .....	Iowa City.....	January 12, 2025

The Iowa Innovation Council (IIC) is an advisory group comprised of business leaders, public universities, representatives and community college officials charged with developing strategies to encourage and support innovation.

The IIC seeks to create an active partnership between state government, private industry, and higher education to boost innovation and commercialization by new and existing Iowa businesses.

In conjunction with the Bioscience Development Corporation, the state's nonprofit corporation that receives and disburses funds from public and private sources to be used to further the overall development and economic well-being of the state, the IIC facilitates a culture of innovation among the state's universities, existing businesses, government, and business startups.