

84A.1A Workforce development board.

1. An Iowa workforce development board is created, consisting of thirty-three voting members and thirteen* nonvoting members.

a. The voting members of the Iowa workforce development board shall include the following:

- (1) The governor.
- (2) One state senator appointed by the president of the senate after consultation with the majority leader of the senate, who shall serve a term as provided in [section 69.16B](#).
- (3) One state representative appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives after consultation with the majority leader of the house of representatives, who shall serve a term as provided in [section 69.16B](#).
- (4) The director of the department of workforce development or the director's designee.
- (5) The director of the department of education or the director's designee.
- (6) The director of the department for the blind or the director's designee.
- (7) The administrator of the division of Iowa vocational rehabilitation services of the department of workforce development or the administrator's designee.

(8) The following twenty-six members who shall be appointed by the governor for staggered terms of four years beginning and ending as provided in [section 69.19](#), subject to confirmation by the senate:

(a) Seventeen members who shall be representatives of businesses in the state to whom each of the following applies:

(i) The members shall be owners of businesses, chief executives or operating officers of businesses, or other business executives or employers with optimum policymaking or hiring authority, and may, in addition, be members of a local workforce development board described in [section 84A.4](#).

(ii) The members shall represent businesses, including small businesses, or organizations representing businesses described in this subparagraph (a), that provide employment opportunities that, at a minimum, include high quality, work-relevant training and development in in-demand industry sectors or occupations in the state.

(iii) The members shall be appointed from among individuals nominated by state business organizations and business trade associations.

(b) Seven members who shall be representatives of the workforce in the state and who shall include all of the following:

(i) Four representatives of labor organizations who have been nominated by state labor federations.

(ii) One representative of a joint labor-management apprenticeship program in the state who shall be a member of a labor organization or a training director. If such a joint program does not exist in the state, the member shall instead be a representative of an apprenticeship program in the state.

(iii) Two representatives of community-based organizations that have demonstrated experience and expertise in addressing the employment, training, or education needs of individuals with barriers to employment as defined in the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Pub. L. No. 113-128, §3(24), including but not limited to organizations that serve veterans or that provide or support competitive, integrated employment for individuals with disabilities; or that serve eligible youth, as defined in the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Pub. L. No. 113-128, §3(18), including representatives of organizations that serve out-of-school youth, as defined in the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Pub. L. No. 113-128, §129(a)(1)(B).

(c) One city chief elected official, as defined in the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Pub. L. No. 113-128, §3(9).

(d) One county chief elected official, as defined in the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Pub. L. No. 113-128, §3(9).

b. The nonvoting members of the Iowa workforce development board shall include the following:

(1) One state senator appointed by the minority leader of the senate, who shall serve for a term as provided in [section 69.16B](#).

(2) One state representative appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives, who shall serve for a term as provided in [section 69.16B](#).

(3) One president, or the president's designee, of the university of northern Iowa, the university of Iowa, or Iowa state university of science and technology, designated by the state board of regents on a rotating basis.

(4) One president, or the president's designee, of an independent Iowa college, appointed by the Iowa association of independent colleges and universities.

(5) One president or president's designee, of a community college, appointed by the Iowa association of community college presidents.

(6) One representative of the economic development authority, appointed by the director.

(7) One representative of the department of corrections, appointed by the director.

(8) One representative of the department of health and human services, appointed by the director.

(9) One representative of the United States department of labor, office of apprenticeship.

(10) One representative from the largest statewide public employees' organization representing state employees.

(11) One representative of a statewide labor organization representing employees in the construction industry.

(12) One representative of a statewide labor organization representing employees in the manufacturing industry.

c. The terms of members of the board described in paragraph "a", subparagraph (8), shall be staggered so that the terms of no more than nine members expire in a calendar year.

d. The members of the board shall represent diverse geographic areas of the state, including urban, rural, and suburban areas.

e. An individual shall not serve as a member of the board in more than one capacity described in paragraph "a".

2. A vacancy on the workforce development board shall be filled in the same manner as regular appointments are made for the unexpired portion of the regular term.

3. The governor shall select a chairperson for the workforce development board from among the members who are representatives of business described in [subsection 1](#), paragraph "a", subparagraph (8), subparagraph division (a). The workforce development board shall meet at the call of the chairperson or when a majority of voting members of the workforce development board file a written request with the chairperson for a meeting. Written notice of the time and place of each meeting shall be given to each member of the workforce development board. A majority of the voting members constitutes a quorum.

4. Members of the workforce development board and other employees of the department of workforce development shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. All expenses shall be paid from appropriations for those purposes and the department of workforce development is subject to the budget requirements of [chapter 8](#). Each member of the workforce development board may also be eligible to receive compensation as provided in [section 7E.6](#).

5. A member of the workforce development board shall not do any of the following:

a. Vote on a matter under consideration by the board that concerns the provision of services by the member or by an entity that the member represents.

b. Vote on a matter under consideration by the board that would provide direct financial benefit to the member or the immediate family of the member.

c. Engage in any other activity determined by the governor to constitute a conflict of interest as specified in the state workforce development plan.

6. a. The workforce development board may designate and direct the activities of standing committees of the workforce development board to provide information and to assist the workforce development board in carrying out its duties. Such standing committees shall be chaired by a member of the workforce development board or a designee of the workforce development board, may include other members of the workforce development board, and shall include other individuals appointed by the workforce development

board who are not members of the workforce development board and who the workforce development board determines have appropriate experience and expertise. At minimum, the workforce development board shall designate each of the following:

(1) A standing committee to provide information and assist with operational and other issues relating to the state workforce development system.

(2) A standing committee to provide recommendations regarding policies, procedures, and proven and promising practices regarding workforce development programs, services, and activities.

(3) A standing committee to provide information and to assist with issues relating to the provision of services to youth. The standing committee shall include community-based organizations with a demonstrated record of success in serving eligible youth.

(4) A standing committee to provide information and to assist with issues relating to the provision of services to individuals with disabilities, including issues relating to compliance with applicable state and federal nondiscrimination laws regarding the provision of programmatic and physical access to the services, programs, and activities of the state workforce development system, as well as appropriate training for staff on providing supports for or accommodations to, and finding employment opportunities for, individuals with disabilities.

b. The workforce development board may designate standing committees in addition to the standing committees specified in paragraph “a”.

7. In addition to meeting the requirements of [chapter 22](#), the workforce development board shall make available to the public, on a regular basis through electronic means and, if applicable, through open meetings in accordance with [chapter 21](#), information regarding the activities of the board, including all of the following:

a. Information regarding the state workforce development plan, as required under the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Pub. L. No. 113-128, prior to submission of the state workforce development plan or modification of the plan.

b. Information regarding the membership of the board.

c. The bylaws of the board.

8. [Sections 69.16](#) and [69.16A](#) shall apply only to those members of the board appointed by the governor pursuant to [subsection 1](#), paragraph “a”, subparagraph (8).

[96 Acts, ch 1186, §9](#); [97 Acts, ch 110, §1](#); [2001 Acts, ch 24, §21](#); [2002 Acts, ch 1050, §10](#); [2008 Acts, ch 1156, §25, 58](#); [2009 Acts, ch 3, §1](#); [2009 Acts, ch 41, §29](#); [2011 Acts, ch 118, §85, 89](#); [2016 Acts, ch 1118, §1 – 3, 21](#); [2017 Acts, ch 74, §1, 2, 6](#); [2017 Acts, ch 170, §34, 43](#); [2018 Acts, ch 1143, §1, 2, 9](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §46, 2235](#)

Confirmation, see [§2.32](#)

*The word “twelve” probably intended; corrective legislation is pending

Subsection 1, paragraph a, subparagraph (7) amended

Subsection 1, paragraph b amended