



Governor's STEM Advisory Council
Executive Committee 25
January 13, 2016
6:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. (telephonic)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds, co-chair
Chris Nelson, co-chair
Jenny Becker (proxy for Kelly Ortberg)
Barry Butler
Kacia Cain
John Carver
Rob Denson
Robin Habeger (proxy for Paul Schickler)
Mark Putnam
Gary Scholten
Beth Townsend
Jonathan Wickert (proxy for Steven Leath)
Ryan Wise
Gail Wortmann
Sarah Derry, South Central Regional STEM Manager
Jeff Weld, Executive Director

AGENDA

Roll Call (Weld)

Discussion, Decision: Co-chairs Lt. Governor Reynolds and Kemin Industries President and CEO Chris Nelson welcomed everyone and reflected on the exhaustive process that has led to the arrival of these recommendations, thanking the reviewers as well as applicants for making Iowa's Scale-Up program a success over the last four years. The investment of time and input from this executive committee was acknowledged and appreciated.

A brief context for the teleconference call was provided by Weld and Derry. The consideration, deliberation, and judgement of the executive committee preserves the integrity of the selection process, enabling the network team to occupy an implementation space in close partnership with programmers. Likely, several thousand educators and as many as one-fifth of the K-12 youth of Iowa will be impacted by the executive committee's decision. Derry provided an overview of reviewer training and evaluation in partnership with Change The Equation contracted with WestEd, to coincide with building their STEMworks Database, a partnership that dramatically elevates Iowa's reach to prospects as well as quality of process.

Executive committee members proceeded to inquire upon and discuss aspects of the program, including sustainability criteria and checks in place (Townsend), funding shortcomings in years past and level of demand across the state (Denson), and balance of program offerings across demographic, geographic and content spectra (Becker), among others. Following discussion, a motion to proceed to a vote to approve of the recommendations as presented by reviewers was made by Gail Wortmann and Rob Denson. The motion was seconded by John Carver. Following an opportunity for further discussion, a roll call vote was carried out by Weld, of unanimous consent to approve of the recommendations as presented.

The Council's co-chairs closed the meeting with Dr. Nelson observing what he considers a fabulous process for identifying and delivering high quality STEM programming throughout Iowa, while Lt. Governor Reynolds anticipated the great opportunity that awaits Iowa learners as a result of this vote, expressing hope that the great programs not selected will come back again as Iowa's needs continue to evolve, building awareness and momentum each step of the way. Executive committee members were thanked.

ADJOURNED: 6:20 PM

NEXT MEETING: Reception, Terrace Hill, 5:30 to 7:30pm, April 18, 2016

Compiled by Jeff Weld