



CENTRAL RIVERS AREA EDUCATION AGENCY

**Central Rivers AEA Board of Directors Special Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, September 11, 2025**

**Call to Order – Welcome Visitors**

Board President Dr. Debra Rich called the Central Rivers AEA Board of Directors Special Board Meeting to order via Zoom at 6:33 p.m. Board members attending via Zoom were: Bryan Burton, Dennis Craun, Maureen Hanson, Nicole Lovik-Blaser, and Dr. Mary Stevens. Absent were Kathy Enslin, Dr. Darshini Jayawardena, and Dr. Tony Reid.

Also present were: Chief Administrator Stan Rheingans via Zoom, Board Secretary Lori Thomas (in person) and Director Beth Strike via Zoom. Visitors attending via Zoom included Maria Kuiper, WCF Courier Staff Reporter; Cindy Yelick, Heartland AEA Chief Administrator; Nathan Wood, Great Prairie AEA Chief Administrator; and Central Rivers AEA staff member Pam Morrissey.

**Agenda Approval**

Bryan Burton made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Nicole Lovik-Blaser. Motion passed unanimously.

**Search Process for a Hiring a Chief Administrator for 2026-27**

Maureen Hanson made a motion to appoint Chief Administrators Cindy Yelick and Nathan Wood to lead the search for a new Chief Administrator at Central Rivers AEA for 2026-27, seconded by Dr. Mary Stevens. Motion passed unanimously.

**Position Description, Salary Range and Position Posting Details for Hiring a Chief Administrator for 2026-27**

The board held a discussion with Chief Administrators Cindy Yelick and Nathan Wood regarding the process for hiring a new Chief Administrator.

**Adjournment**

Board President Dr. Debra Rich declared the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m. on a motion by Bryan Burton and seconded by Dr. Mary Stevens.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Lori Thomas*

Lori Thomas, Central Rivers AEA Executive Assistant/Board Secretary

*Dr. Debra Rich 10/1/25*

Dr. Debra Rich, Board President