



**Central Rivers AEA Board of Directors Special Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 26, 2026**

Call to Order – Welcome Visitors

Board President Dr. Debra Rich called the Central Rivers AEA Board of Directors meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. via Zoom. Board members attending via Zoom were David Hill, Nicole Lovik-Blaser, Jenn Peter, Dr. Cynthia Phillips, Dr. Theron Schutte, and Dr. Mary Stevens. Dennis Craun and Dr. Tony Reid were absent.

Also attending were Chief Administrator Stan Rheingans and Board Secretary Lori Thomas. Attending via Zoom were Chief Financial Officer Jennifer Coombes, Assistant Chief Administrator/Director of Human Resources Karl Kurt, and Accounting Manager Pam Morrissey.

Approval of Agenda

Nicole Lovik-Blaser moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Mary Stevens. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the 2026-2027 Central Rivers AEA Proposed Budget for Submission to the IA Dept. of Education

Nicole Lovik-Blaser moved to approve the 2026-27 Central Rivers AEA proposed budget for submission to the IA Dept. of Education. The motion was seconded by Jenn Peter. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Administrator Stan Rheingans expressed his appreciation to Jennifer Coombes and her team for their outstanding work in developing the agency's budget. He further noted that the agency's strong financial stewardship over the past years has positioned it to remain stable and continue effectively supporting students and districts.

Adjournment

Board President Dr. Debra Rich adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m. upon a motion by Dr. Mary Stevens, seconded by Dr. Cynthia Phillips.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Thomas, Executive Assistant/Board Secretary

Dr. Debra Rich, Board President