



IASB Update for AEA Superintendent Meetings— November 2025

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Ensure Your District's Voice is Heard at IASB's Delegate Assembly & Annual Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025

REGISTER DELEGATES BY NOV. 12! The [Delegate Assembly & Annual Meeting](#) is an important annual event where member delegates gather to hold the annual meeting, set and approve the legislative platform, and convene nominating caucuses for open IASB District Director seats. This year's meeting will also include updates to the [IASB Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws](#).

Take time to review the [Proposed IASB Legislative Platform](#), the [Proposed IASB Public Policy Agenda](#), and encourage your board to appoint a delegate and an alternate delegate to represent your district at Delegate Assembly on Nov. 19. **Note:** Your district's delegate must be a board member.

If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Rousseau at srousseau@ia-sb.org.

Learn the Latest—IASB BoardCon Opportunities for New Board Members, PreCon Workshops, & More

Nov. 19–21, 2025

WHEN SHOULD WE REGISTER NEW BOARD MEMBERS?

SECURE SPOTS IN YOUR FAVORITE WORKSHOPS! You can register staff, board members not up for election, and unopposed incumbents now to save time later. Register candidates and board members elect from **November 7-13**. For questions regarding BoardCon registration during election years, see our [Election Registration FAQ](#).

ACCESS SCHED—THE IASB BOARDCON DIGITAL PROGRAM

The [IASB BoardCon](#) online program has launched through [SCHED](#). Browse the official event schedule, sessions, speakers, and even build your own itinerary. New to SCHED? Check out this [short video tour](#) and [get started today](#)!

HOW WILL BOARDCON HELP NEW BOARD MEMBERS JUMPSTART THEIR BOARD SERVICE?

[BoardCon](#) is a prime opportunity to bring your new team together after elections. IASB's BoardCon supports your newly elected board members with a [New Board Member track](#), including [Ready, Set, Govern!](#), which will cover foundational elements of good governance. Unable to attend at BoardCon? **This content will also be offered regionally throughout December and January!** [Find a location near you](#).

In addition, newly elected board members are encouraged to attend [School Finance 101 PreCon workshops](#), Thursday education sessions handpicked for new board members, and the [Closing General Session Open Meetings training](#), designed for your teams to meet their training requirements together during BoardCon. **Superintendents are welcome to jump in on these workshops and learn alongside new board members!**

OPEN MEETINGS LAW TRAINING OPPORTUNITY AT BOARDCON

NO SPECIAL REGISTRATION REQUIRED! Did you know that by attending this year's [Closing General Session](#) at IASB BoardCon you'll meet the new Open Meetings Law and Public Records Law training requirements? Be sure to stay until the end of the day on **Thursday, Nov. 20** for this essential, 90-minute hands-on training led by IASB staff experts. While this training is required for new board members, it is a great opportunity for your whole team to stay up to date. **Note:** Board members must stay until the end of the 90-minute session to receive credit. [Learn more](#).

If you have questions, please contact Emily Miller at emiller@ia-sb.org.

What's Coming Up for You and Your Boards?

REGISTER TODAY! Registration is now open for the following conferences, workshops, and webinars:

- **[December ISFLC Conference](#)—Dec. 17–18, 2025:** ISFLC conferences are excellent opportunities for school leaders aspiring to the superintendency to further develop their knowledge base and skills. The ISFLC December Conference is the first of two conferences offered in the winter as part of the ISFLC program. [Register now](#).
- **[Day on the Hill with Iowa's AEAs, IASB, & SAI](#)—Jan. 26, 2026:** This advocacy event will begin at the State Historical Building in the morning for an optional brief session on talking points and logistical information before heading to the Capitol to advocate for Iowa public schools and support the student showcases in the rotunda. [Register now](#).
- **[Open Meetings & Public Records Training](#)—Available Online & In-Person:** Iowa law requires all newly elected or appointed school board, AEA, and community college board members to complete training on open meetings and public records. IASB offers a simple 90-minute session that is IPIB-approved, designed specifically for Iowa board members, and includes a certificate of completion. [Learn more and register now](#).
- **[Ready, Set, Govern! Regional Workshops](#)—Multiple Dates & Locations:** Kick off your board service with confidence. These interactive sessions cover the fundamentals of good governance—clarifying board and superintendent roles, strengthening communication, understanding policy, and responding effectively to community questions. [Find a location near you and register now](#).

If you have questions, please contact Emily Miller at emiller@ia-sb.org.

Announcing the IASB Foundation—Investing in Iowa's Future Leaders

The Iowa Association of School Boards is proud to announce the launch of the [IASB Foundation](#), an independent 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to advancing Iowa public education. The Foundation's mission is to support students, teachers, and educational leaders through scholarships, leadership development, and strategic partnerships.

To celebrate the launch, the Foundation has introduced its first initiative—Double Your Impact. Thanks to a generous \$10,000 matching gift from Carolyn and Chuck Jons, every dollar contributed before BoardCon (Nov. 19–21) will be matched dollar-for-dollar.

Your gift will directly support:

- Scholarships for children and grandchildren of Iowa school board members
- Grants for Iowa student teachers

We invite you to join us in building a strong foundation for the next generation of Iowa educators and leaders. [Learn more!](#)

If you have questions, please contact Heather Hulen at hhulen@ia-sb.org.

Celebrating 25 Years—The Lighthouse Study

IASB is celebrating **25 years of illuminating pathways to student success** with the [Lighthouse Study](#). This impactful study revealed that school boards in high-achieving districts are significantly different in their knowledge and beliefs than school boards in low-achieving districts. This difference appears to carry through among administrators and teachers throughout these districts as well, according to results of a research study released in September 2000 by IASB. As IASB celebrates 25 years, [learn more about the Lighthouse Study](#) and follow along on social media as we share fun facts and details about this important research.

If you have questions, please contact Jen Woodley at jwoodley@ia-sb.org.

IASB Member Survey Open Now

YOUR VOICE MATTERS! The [IASB Member Survey](#) is now open for all current members. It takes less than 10 minutes, and your feedback will directly shape IASB's programs, services, and advocacy priorities. **Survey closes December 15.** Click [here](#) to begin the survey.

If you have questions, please contact Jen Woodley at jwoodley@ia-sb.org.

Stop the Prop—A Statewide School Safety Campaign

A SIMPLE MESSAGE. BIG IMPACT. [Stop the Prop](#) is an IASB school safety campaign focused on one action: **Always keep school doors shut and secure.** Open or propped doors compromise safety, and this campaign helps reinforce everyday habits that protect students and staff—without major costs or changes.

Districts that sign up receive:

- Door stickers for high-visibility reminders.
- Digital materials for newsletters and social media.
- Customizable templates for communication and outreach

Click [here](#) to sign up today and join the nearly **60 districts** already participating!

If you have questions, please contact D.T. Magee at dmagee@ia-sb.org.

Timely Tools & Resources

NEW BOARD MEMBER ONBOARDING RESOURCES

New to serving on the school board? IASB is here to help! Our [Onboarding—Where to Begin?](#) tool serves as a guide for board teams and newly elected board members to craft intentional ongoing learning experiences over the course of first year of service. Our [Eight Key Roles and Responsibilities of School Boards & Superintendents](#) resource helps clarify the distinct and collaborative nature of the work of the board and superintendent building a foundation for effective communication and trust. Visit the [IASB website](#) for these and other resources devoted to individual and board-superintendent team activities to successfully onboard your new board members.

If you have questions, please contact Katherine Solan at ksolan@ia-sb.org.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 20: [Delegate Assembly & Annual Meeting](#)

Nov. 19–21: [IASB BoardCon & Trade Show](#)

Dec. 17–18: [December ISFLC Conference](#)

Jan. 20: In-Depth Advocacy Webinar—Condition of the State

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Jan. 26: [Day on the Hill with Iowa's AEAs, IASB, & SAI](#)

Feb. 18–19: [February ISFLC Conference](#)

For a complete listing, visit www.ia-sb.org/learninghub.