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DCQA Committee Meeting Minutes January 9, 2026

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Brian Durham opened the meeting, welcomed members, and wished everyone a Happy New Year. He emphasized the importance of engagement and alignment work across systems. Dr. Jason Helfer added welcoming remarks on behalf of ISBE.

Quorum Verification

Technical issues prevented effective use of the chat for verifying participation. ICCB staff confirmed quorum was established at the beginning of the meeting.

Adoption of Bylaws

Motion by George Evans; seconded by Chuck Lane. No discussion took place, and bylaws were adopted via voice vote.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Motion by Keith Cornille; seconded by Jennifer Ivory-Tatum. No discussion took place, and minutes were approved via voice vote.

ICCB Proposed Administrative Rules

Matt Berry presented proposed administrative rules for the Dual Credit Quality Act. Areas discussed included faculty qualifications, professional development plans, instructor orientation, annual course review, academic standing protections, partnership agreement requirements, appeals processes, use of alternative providers, and out-of-state provider notifications. Committee members emphasized the need for clarity between course approval, course review, and instructor observation. Concerns were raised about consistent timelines and definitions of feasibility when districts and colleges cannot reach agreement.

Discussion of Joint ICCB/ISBE Letter

The intent of the letter was to educate districts on statutory obligations to work first with their local community college. Superintendents requested improved context, clarity, and advance notice before future statewide communications. Concerns were raised regarding transferability of university-offered dual credit courses lacking IAI GECC alignment.

Model Partnership Agreement (MPA) Review Plan

Committee agreed to form four working groups to update the Model Partnership Agreement. ICCB will provide a legal comparison showing statutory vs. optional language. Working groups will meet once and present recommendations at the April meeting. Members suggested balanced participation from K–12 and higher education, with superintendents assigned evenly.

Public Comment

No public comments were offered.

Announcements

Updates were shared about collaborative efforts between community college presidents and K–12 leaders to strengthen statewide partnerships.

Next Meeting

Tentatively scheduled for mid-April. ICCB will gather agenda topics and finalize scheduling.

Adjournment

Meeting concluded informally.