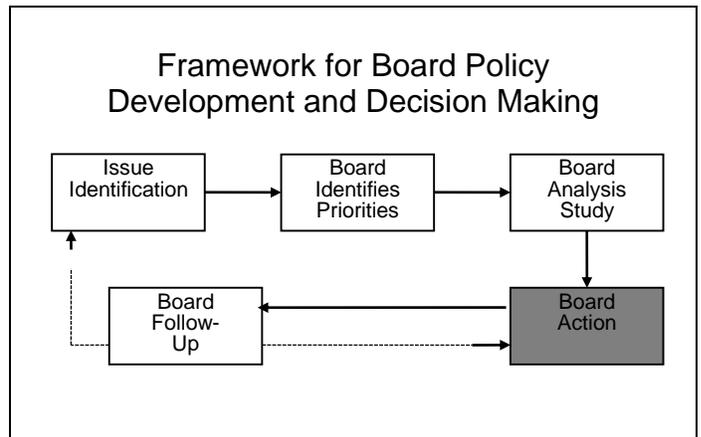


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

May 12, 2016



Agenda Item: Community College Appointment to the Iowa Energy Center Advisory Council

Iowa Goal: Individuals will pursue postsecondary education in order to drive economic success.

State Board Role/Authority: Iowa Code chapter 266.39C grants authority to the State Board to approve the community college appointment to the Iowa Energy Center Advisory Council.

Presenter: Jeremy Varner, Administrator
Division of Community Colleges

Attachment: 2

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board reappoint Val Newhouse, President, Iowa Lakes Community College, to the Iowa Energy Center Advisory Council, for a four-year term expiring on April 30, 2020.

Background: Pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 266.39C, the State Board of Community Colleges appoints a representative from one of Iowa's community colleges to the Iowa Energy Center Advisory Council. President Val Newhouse's term expires effective April 30, 2016.



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The Iowa Energy Center was created by the Iowa Energy Efficiency Act of 1990 with a mission to:

Help Iowa decrease its dependence on imported fuels and to decrease reliance on energy production from non-renewable, resource depleting fuels;

Conduct and sponsor research, demonstration, and educational projects on energy efficiency, conservation, and alternative energy systems;

Assist Iowans in assessing technology relate to energy efficiency and alternative energy production systems.

The Iowa Energy Center supports Iowa economic growth through collaborative projects that bring smart and sustainable energy technologies closer to market and providing Iowans with reliable, objective information on energy and efficiency options.

Dear Dr. Wise:

Pursuant to Chapter 266.39C of the Iowa Code, the Bureau of Community Colleges appoints a representative to the Iowa Energy Center advisory council. Ms. Valerie Newhouse is the current representative of the community colleges, but her term expires on April 30, 2016, and I need you to name her replacement. By statute, advisory council members are appointed for four year terms.

Since the 13-member advisory council is formed by multiple appointing authorities, you are reminded that Section 69.16A of the Iowa Code provides that "All appointive boards, commissions, committees, and councils of the state established by the Code if not otherwise provided by law shall be gender balanced. No person shall be appointed or re-appointed to any board, commission, committee or council established by the Code if that appointment or re-appointment would cause the number of members of the board, commission, committee or council of one gender to be greater than one-half the membership of the board, commission, committee or council plus one if the board, commission, committee or council is composed of an odd number of members. If there are multiple appointing authorities for a board, commission, committee or council, they shall consult each other to avoid a violation of this section."

Please note that currently the Energy Center's advisory council is unbalanced with seven male and four female members and two vacancies. Note, too, that three other advisory council positions expire on April 30, 2016. They are:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Appointing Authority</u>
Vacant	Iowa Association of Electric Cooperatives
Rob Berntsen	Iowa Utility Association (Gas)
Dr. Arun Somani	Iowa State University

A list of current advisory council members and appointing authorities is enclosed.

Please feel free to contact me at 515-294-0111 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Petri

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266.39C THE IOWA ENERGY CENTER.

1. a. The Iowa energy center is established at Iowa state university of science and technology. The center shall strive to increase energy efficiency in all areas of Iowa energy use. The center shall serve as a model for state efforts to decrease dependence on imported fuels and to decrease reliance on energy production from nonrenewable, resource-depleting fuels. The center shall conduct and sponsor research on energy efficiency and conservation that will improve the environmental, social, and economic well-being of Iowans, minimize the environmental impact of existing energy production and consumption, and reduce the need to add new power plants.

b. The center shall assist Iowans in assessing technology related to energy efficiency and alternative energy production systems and shall support educational and demonstration programs that encourage implementation of energy efficiency and alternative energy production systems.

c. The center shall also conduct and sponsor research to develop alternative energy systems that are based upon renewable sources and that will reduce the negative environmental and economic impact of energy production systems.

2. a. An advisory council is established consisting of the following members:

(1) One person from Iowa state university of science and technology, appointed by its president.

(2) One person from the university of Iowa, appointed by its president.

(3) One person from the university of northern Iowa, appointed by its president.

(4) One representative of private colleges and universities within the state, to be nominated by the Iowa association of independent colleges and universities, and appointed by the Iowa coordinating council for post-high school education.

(5) One representative of community colleges, appointed by the state board for community colleges.

(6) One representative of the office of energy independence, appointed by the director.

(7) One representative of the state department of transportation, appointed by the director.

(8) One representative of the office of consumer advocate, appointed by the consumer advocate.

(9) One representative of the utilities board, appointed by the utilities board.

(10) One representative of the rural electric cooperatives, appointed by the governing body of the Iowa association of electric cooperatives.

(11) One representative of municipal utilities, appointed by the governing body of the Iowa association of municipal utilities.

(12) Two representatives from investor-owned utilities, one

representing gas utilities, appointed by the Iowa utility association, and one representing electric utilities, appointed by the Iowa utility association.

b. The terms of the members shall begin and end as provided in section 69.19 and any vacancy shall be filled by the original appointing authority. The terms shall be for four years and shall be staggered as determined by the president of Iowa state university of science and technology.

3. a. Iowa state university of science and technology shall employ a director for the center, who shall be appointed by the president of Iowa state university of science and technology. The director of the center shall employ necessary research and support staff. The director and staff shall be employees of Iowa state university of science and technology. Funds appropriated to the center shall be used to sponsor research grants and projects submitted on a competitive basis by Iowa colleges and universities and private nonprofit agencies and foundations, and for the salaries and benefits of the employees of the center. The center may also solicit additional grants and funding from public and private nonprofit agencies and foundations.

b. The director shall prepare an annual report.

4. The advisory council shall provide the president of Iowa state university of science and technology with a list of three candidates from which the director shall be selected. The council shall provide an additional list of three candidates if requested by the president. The council shall advise the director in the development of a budget, on the policies and procedures of the center, in the funding of research grant proposals, and regarding program planning and review.

5. The Iowa energy center shall develop a program to provide assistance to rural residents for energy efficiency efforts.

6. The Iowa energy center shall cooperate with the state board of education in developing a curriculum which promotes energy efficiency and conservation.

Section History: Recent Form

90 Acts, ch 1252, §17; 91 Acts, ch 253, §13; 2000 Acts, ch 1223, §30; 2002 Acts, ch 1109, §1, 2; 2002 Acts, ch 1162, §38; 2008 Acts, ch 1126, §15, 33; 2009 Acts, ch 108, §12, 41

Referred to in § 469.3, 476.1A, 476.1B, 476.1C, 476.10A, 476.46, 478.29, 479.31, 479B.21

See also §476.10A, 476.46

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