IOWA BOARD OF REGENTS

AGENDA ITEM 7b
NOVEMBER 11-12, 2026

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MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2026 BOARD MEETING

BOARD ROOM
BOARD OF REGENTS OFFICE
URBANDALE, IOWA

Board Members	**October 20**
Robert Cramer, President	Present
Kurt Tjaden, President Pro Tem	Present
Peter Cownie	Present
Nancy Dunkel	Present
Lucy Gipple	Present
Christine Hensley	Present
Steve Lacy	Present
Greta Rouse	Present

Board Office
Brock Ascher, Mark Braun, Aimee Claeys, Stephanie Griffin, Josh Lehman.

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Call to Order for October 20, 2026
President Cramer called the meeting to order at 8 a.m.

Roll Call:

	Cramer	Cownie	Dunkel	Gipple	Hensley	Lacy	Rouse	Tjaden
Present	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Absent								

Closed Session

✓ MOVED by HENSLEY, SECONDED by COWNIE to meet in closed session in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.5.1.i, to evaluate the professional competency of individuals whose appointment or hiring is being considered as necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation. Each individual has requested that his or her professional competency be evaluated in closed session.

	Cramer	Cownie	Dunkel	Gipple	Hensley	Lacy	Rouse	Tjaden
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Absent								

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

The Board convened in closed session at 8 a.m.
The Board convened in open session at 12:35 p.m.

Appointment of Center for Intellectual Freedom Director
President Cramer recognized Regent Hensley, who stated that she enjoyed the process of finding a permanent CIF director and that the model of CIF is unique in the United States. Hensley thanked everyone involved in the process.

✓ MOVED by HENSLEY, SECONDED by LACY to offer Carson Holloway the position of Director of the Center for Intellectual Freedom and direct the Board's Center for Intellectual Freedom Committee to negotiate a compensation package and other appropriate employment terms. The final compensation package shall be presented to the Board for ratification at an upcoming meeting that shall be called by the Board.

	Cramer	Cownie	Dunkel	Gipple	Hensley	Lacy	Rouse	Tjaden
Aye	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Absent								

MOTION APPROVED by ROLL CALL.

President Cramer gave an update on the Center for Intellectual Freedom's history and noted that the Board takes an active role in the institutions that it governs.

Adjourn
President Cramer adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.