JASPER, MARION, AND POWESHIEK (JMP) COUNTIES EARLY CHILDHOOD IOWA
BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Zoom Link: Join Here Meeting ID: 876 2840 6920 Passcode: 909793
Foundation Offices at Ahrens Park, 1510 Penrose St, Grinnell, IA 50112
5:30 pm - Wednesday, October 28, 2026

JMP's Mission: Collaborative efforts among Jasper, Marion and Poweshiek counties will provide families with young children the opportunities, resources and supports necessary to fulfill our vision.

County	*Name*	*Present*		*Absent*	*Excused*	*Unexcused*	*Non-Board*
		IP	*V*				
J	Mitzi Smith (faith)						
J	Britney Schnathorst (citizen)- Board Vice Chair						
J	Julie Wendl (health)						
M	Denise Bontrager (citizen)						
M	Michael Kacmarynski- (consumer)						
M	Keri Garrison- (education)						
P	Carl Meck (business)- Board Treasurer						
P	Mary Lindberg (citizen)						
P	Patricia Hinrichs-(human services)- Board Chair						
	Amy Blanchard (Director)						

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

II. Public Comment **(Discussion Item)**

III. Approve minutes from September 30 JMP board meeting **(Action Item)**

IV. Executive and Committee Reports **(Discussion Items)**
   a. Treasurer's Report
   b. Preschool Scholarship Report
   c. Director's Report

V. Old Business
   a. ECFS bill/ ECI study update **(Discussion Item)**
   b. Policy Manual crosswalk plan **(Discussion Item)**

VI. New Business
   a. Iowa Grants narratives for designation **(Discussion Item)**
   b. *Public Awareness proposal for baby-wearing/doula services* ***(Action Item)***
   c. *FY26 Audit Report if available in advance of the meeting* ***(Action Item)***

VII. Other:

VIII. Adjourn –next meeting scheduled for November 18, 2026 at 5:30 pm via Zoom.

Meetings of the JMP ECI Board are open to the public and adhere to Open Meetings/Records laws. Meetings are held at locations and times reasonably accessible to the public. When necessary, reasonable special accommodations for attendance are provided.
Submit any questions to:
Amy Blanchard, JMP ECI Director, at 641-236-1561.