

Sean Reeder is the senior vice president for operations and finance at Iowa State University, a role he began on September 3, 2024. In this capacity, he oversees six key areas: finance, financial planning and analysis, facilities planning and management, auxiliary enterprise, real estate and capital planning, and operations and strategy.

Before joining Iowa State, Reeder served as the chief financial officer and vice chancellor for finance and administration at the University of Missouri, Kansas City. His extensive experience in higher education also includes roles as vice president for business affairs and chief financial officer at Eastern Illinois University and various positions at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, where he managed capital programs, utility services, and the university-owned energy corporation, Prairieland Energy Inc.

Reeder's career spans both the public and private sectors, with significant experience in real estate development, venture capital, and capital projects engineering. He also served in the U.S. Navy aboard a nuclear submarine for five years.

He holds a bachelor's degree in general engineering, a master's in business administration, and a Ph.D. in education policy, organization, and leadership, all from the University of Illinois.