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IOWA PUBLIC BROADCASTING BOARD — OCTOBER 2023

Meeting. The Iowa Public Broadcasting Board met on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, in the board room at Iowa PBS headquarters in Johnston.

Diversity Plan. The Board reviewed and approved the proposed diversity plan for the upcoming year, which directs the network to implement certain personnel practices and workplace programs.

Financial Reports. The Board reviewed and approved two annual financial reports, which related to the Board's FY 2023 General Fund appropriation from the Iowa Legislature and the federal fiscal year (FFY) 2022 grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB). Additionally, the Board reviewed and approved quarterly financial reports.

Programming Update. The Board received an update from staff regarding two new original series being produced by Iowa PBS. The first, [Iowa Life](#), aired its first episode on October 10, 2023, and features interviews with Iowans sharing stories about their lives and communities. The second, [Studio 3 Live](#), will premiere in early 2024 and will feature live musical performances and interviews with the artists.

Legislative Update. The Board received an update from staff on the upcoming FY 2025 State appropriations cycle. The Board was also informed that federal legislation that would provide additional funding for public broadcasters is working its way through the budgetary process but has stalled in the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill would provide funding to improve the capabilities of public broadcasters to send critical emergency and civil defense warnings.

Executive Director Report. Iowa PBS Executive Director Molly Phillips announced to the Board her intention to retire after January 1, 2024. Executive Director Phillips has been employed with Iowa PBS since 1990 and has served as Executive Director since 2013. Courtney Maxwell Greene, President of the Iowa Public Broadcasting Board, informed Board members the Board will begin a national search for a new Executive Director. More information is available in the [press release](#) from Iowa PBS.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. The Board will meet again at 12:00 p.m. on the same day in joint session with Iowa PBS Foundation Board of Directors.

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