



MINUTES

State Government Efficiency Review

Monday, November 17, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Ken Rozenboom, Co-chairperson
Senator Jason Schultz
Senator Cindy Winckler

Representative Jane Bloomingdale, Co-chairperson
Representative Charley Thomson [by teleconference]

Public members

Ray Barkley, Department of Management
Laura Book, Governor's Office
Jill Stuecker, Department of Inspections, Appeals, and
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I. Procedural Business

Call to Order and Adjournment. The meeting of the State Government Efficiency Review Committee was called to order by temporary Co-chairperson Representative Bloomingdale at 11:05 a.m., November 17, 2025, in Room 103 of the State Capitol, Des Moines. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Introduction. Members of the committee and public members made brief introductions.

Election of Permanent Co-chairpersons. Members of the committee unanimously elected Senator Rozenboom and Representative Bloomingdale as permanent co-chairpersons.

Adoption of Rules. Members of the committee unanimously adopted the proposed rules.

II. Questionnaire for State Boards and Commissions

Co-chairperson Bloomingdale introduced a proposed questionnaire to be distributed to the boards and commissions of state government for the purpose of evaluating their activities and solicited proposed changes to the questionnaire from members of the committee.

Senator Winckler proposed adding a question regarding how the board or commission operates efficiently and effectively within the department in which it is housed, if applicable. Ms. Laura Book, a representative from the Governor's office, suggested that the questionnaire should ask about any federal mandates requiring that the board or commission exist, as well as a citation to the Iowa Code section creating the board or commission. Co-chairperson Bloomingdale recommended adding a question to learn how boards and commissions fill vacancies, including how boards and commissions provide notice of vacancies. Senator Schultz proposed adding a question covering challenges faced by boards and commissions.

During the discussion of the questionnaire, Senator Winckler questioned whether the four-year review cycle was the most efficient use of the committee's time and suggested that it might be preferable to review each board and commission every year. Members of the committee discussed the suggestion and determined that reviewing each board and commission every year might not be feasible or desirable.

Following the discussion of the substance of the questionnaire, the committee discussed a proposed timeline for the submission and return of the questionnaire. The committee decided to submit the questionnaire to the boards and commissions by April 1, 2026, to require the return of the questionnaire by November 1, 2026, and to meet in December as necessary to complete the review of the boards and commissions. Representative Charley Thomson moved that the committee accept the proposed changes to the proposed questionnaire as well as the proposed dates for the sending and returning of the questionnaire. Senator Winckler questioned how the committee was to decide in what order to send out the proposed questionnaire and suggested starting with those boards and commissions that have not internally reviewed their administrative rules recently.

III. Future Meeting

Co-chairperson Bloomingdale suggested that the committee meet again on Wednesday, January 21, at 12:00 p.m. to approve the amended proposed questionnaire and to discuss the boards and commissions proposed to be reviewed during the next legislative interim. Senator Schultz moved that the committee meet at that date and time and the motion was adopted.



IV. Materials Filed with the Legislative Services Agency

Materials were distributed at or in connection with the meeting and are filed with the Legislative Services Agency. The materials may be accessed from the “Committee Documents” link on the committee’s Internet site accessible at the following address:

www.legis.iowa.gov/committees/meetings/documents?committee=41017&ga=ALL