

441—61.18(217) Iowa refugee services foundation. An Iowa refugee services foundation is established to engage in refugee resettlement activities to promote the welfare and self-sufficiency of refugees who live in Iowa and are not citizens of the United States. The structure and authority of the foundation shall be as prescribed in Iowa Code section 217.41 and in the bylaws adopted by the board of directors.

61.18(1) Board of directors. The foundation board of directors shall perform the duties and functions necessary and proper to carry out the foundation's responsibilities.

a. Composition. The board shall consist of five members, one appointed by the governor and four appointed by the director of the department of human services.

b. Term. Members of the board shall be appointed to three-year terms, except as described in paragraph "c." Terms shall begin on July 1 and end on June 30.

c. Initial term. The initial term of the members appointed by the director of the department of human services shall be as follows:

- (1) One member appointed for three years.
- (2) Two members appointed for two years.
- (3) One member appointed for one year.

d. Equity. Not more than two members appointed by the director of the department of human services shall be of the same gender or of the same political party.

e. Vacancy. A vacancy on the board shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the term.

61.18(2) Board meetings. The board of directors shall meet at least once each year to elect one of its members as chairperson.