



MINUTES

JUNE 2026 MEETING ADMINISTRATIVE RULES REVIEW COMMITTEE

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Kara Warme, Chair
Senator Mike Bousselot
Senator Dan Dawson
Senator Cindy Winckler

Representative Chad Ingels, Vice Chair
Representative Rick L. Olson

EX OFFICIO, NONVOTING MEMBER: Stan Thompson, Administrative Rules Coordinator, Office of the Governor

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BULLETINS NEEDED FOR THIS MEETING: 5/13/26, 5/27/26

Procedural Business

Senator Warme convened the regular, statutory meeting of the Administrative Rules Review Committee (ARRC) at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, in Room 116, State Capitol, Des Moines, Iowa. The minutes of the May 11, 2026, meeting were approved. The next meeting was scheduled for 10 a.m. on Monday, July 13, 2026, in Room 116, State Capitol, Des Moines, Iowa. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Fiscal Overview

Mr. Chris Ubben, Division Editor/Supervisor, presented the LSA fiscal report.

INSURANCE DIVISION

Representing the agency: Angela Burke Boston

ARC 0304D (NOIA), Licensing of Public Adjusters — Financial Responsibility, Rule 55.10, also Filed Emergency ARC 0308D

Committee members asked how the rulemaking affects prior division guidelines on the same subject. Ms. Burke Boston explained that the guidelines would now be contained in division rules rather than a division bulletin.

No action taken on ARC 0304D or ARC 0308D.

Rulemaking type is indicated in parentheses following the ARC number. The acronyms have the following meanings: Regulatory Analysis (RA), Notice of Intended Action (NOIA), Amended Notice of Intended Action (ANOIA), Notice of Termination (NOT), Adopted and Filed Emergency (AFE), Filed Emergency After Notice (FEAN), and Adopted and Filed (AF).

INSPECTIONS AND APPEALS DEPARTMENT

Representing the agency: Mitchell Mahan

ARC 0256D (NOIA), Boiler and Pressure Vessel Board—Waivers, Contested Cases, Rules 380.5-380.7, also Filed Emergency ARC 0255D
No discussion on 0256D or ARC 0255D.

RACING AND GAMING COMMISSION

Representing the agency: Tina Eick

ARC 0297D (NOIA), Declaratory Orders—Modifications to Uniform Rules; Contested Cases—Modifications to Uniform Rules, Chs. 2503, 2506, also Filed Emergency ARC 0296D
Committee members asked who might seek to intervene in a proceeding on a declaratory order as described in the rulemaking. Ms. Eick stated municipalities might do so.
No action taken on ARC 0297D or ARC 0296D.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Representing the agency: Jeffrey Koncsol

ARC 0298D (NOIA), Contested Cases, Ch. 2506, also Filed Emergency ARC 0299D
No discussion on 0298D or ARC 0299D.

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION

Representing the agency: Travis Baker

ARC 0267D (AF), Endangered and Threatened Plant and Animal Species, Ch. 77
Committee members asked for more information about the special concern list that was removed from the rules but would remain on the department's internet site. Mr. Baker explained that the department's efforts regarding species on the list would not be changed and that the department has more tools at its disposal for implementation of the list than when it was initially adopted by rule. He further explained the department's process for making changes to the list.
No action taken on ARC 0267D.

IOWA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Representing the agency: Elizabeth Hennessey

Emergency Filing, Approval Required: Protection Occupations, Rule 4.6(3)
Ms. Hennessey summarized the draft emergency rulemaking document provided to the committee.

Emergency Rulemaking Authorized

A motion to approve emergency rulemaking carried by a 6-0 vote.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Representing the agency: Victoria Daniels, Randy Lane

ARC 0289D (AF), Radon Testing and Analysis Requirements, Ch. 43
Note: ARC 0289D and 0290D were reviewed and discussed collectively.

Committee members asked for more information about certification requirements for radon testing. Mr. Lane explained the certification requirements, which only apply to commercial testing, such as home inspectors, and not to testing one's own home. Members asked why the department had not made changes suggested in the public comments. He explained that the commenter had misunderstood the new standards adopted in the rulemaking, which are broader consensus standards that are more open to public input. Members noted a recently enacted requirement for radon mitigation in single home construction and asked for more information about radon mitigation. He explained that mitigators must be certified by the department, but the Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing would oversee implementation of the legislation through the State Building Code. He further explained the certification requirements for mitigators and noted there is a shortage of mitigators in Iowa, who would see higher demand as a result of the legislation. He stated that mitigators are typically persons already employed in a trade, such as plumbing, although there are persons who work solely in mitigation. No action taken on ARC 0289D.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Representing the agency: Victoria Daniels, Kate Penland, Rebecca Curtiss

ARC 0254D (NOIA), Child Care Center Employees—Physical Examination, Training Credits, Rule 109.9(1)“b”

Committee members asked why the rules restate language from the Iowa Code rather than using a cross reference. Ms. Daniels stated she would follow up with additional information after the meeting. No action taken on ARC 0254D.

ARC 0303D (NOIA), Uniform Rules on Agency Procedure, Chs. 9, 2504-2506, also Filed Emergency ARC 0300D

Committee members noted the rulemaking imposes certain deadlines on the public, such as reasonable promptness, but does not impose similar deadlines on the department itself. Members asked if the department tracks its own efficiency in responding to deadlines. Ms. Penland explained the department does track such things, but was unsure of the background on the reasonable promptness standard. She stated the rulemaking aligns with federal and state timelines where applicable and otherwise defers to the timelines in the uniform rules on agency procedure. No action taken on ARC 0303D or ARC 0300D.

ARC 0313D (AF), Iowa Health and Wellness Plan, Ch. 74

Committee members asked for more information on the change in payment date for the plan from the end of the month to the fifteenth of the month. Ms. Daniels stated she would follow up with additional information after the meeting. Members asked how affected individuals would be made aware of the change. Ms. Daniels noted the rulemaking provides awareness, and Ms. Curtiss explained the department sent letters to impacted individuals. No action taken on ARC 0313D.

ARC 0316D (AF), Other Policies Relating to Providers of Medical and Remedial Care, Ch. 79

Committee members asked for a layperson's description of how the funding is structured for reimbursement of specific provider categories as described in the chart in the rulemaking. Ms. Daniels stated she would follow up with additional information after the meeting. Members asked for more information about how reimbursement for allowable costs is calculated. Ms. Curtiss explained that annual cost reports are submitted to the department and examined by department staff, then the reported costs are compared to the relevant appropriation to the department. The department attempts to predict the amount of reimbursement that will be requested when making its annual budget request, and the amount appropriated impacts the reimbursement rate. Members asked for clarification on language in the chart such as: “Fee schedule in effect 6/30/13 plus 1%.” She explained that this reflects the last time there was an appropriation to change the fee schedule in 2013, plus an additional appropriation for a 1 percent increase beyond the fee schedule. No action taken on ARC 0316D.

ARC 0318D (AF), Medicaid Waiver Services, Ch. 83

Committee members asked why the department changed the assessment tool for level of care assessments. Ms. Curtiss explained the new tool replaces five assessments used for different populations and is nationally accredited. Members asked for an update on the department's reduction in the number of waivers. She explained that the department is taking a phased approach that will reduce the number of waivers from seven to two, as well as services for the elderly, but was unsure of the timeline. She further explained that the biggest obstacle to merging the waivers is the different information technology (IT) systems for each waiver. She was unsure if an allocation for additional IT services for the department enacted in the 2026 Legislative Session would impact the merger process.

No action taken on ARC 0318D.

ARC 0315D (AF), Amount, Duration and Scope of Medical and Remedial Services, Ch. 78

Committee members asked how many Iowans would be impacted by reduced services as a result of the \$7.7 million in savings from the rulemaking. Ms. Curtiss explained that the rulemaking only changed billing practices and would hopefully not result in reduced services. Members asked the department to request data from rehabilitation agencies, including data on waiting lists, brain injuries, and intellectual disabilities, in order to determine what services would be reduced as a result of the decreased funding.

No action taken on ARC 0315D.