



MINUTES

JULY 2026 MEETING ADMINISTRATIVE RULES REVIEW COMMITTEE

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Kara Warme, Chair
Senator Mike Bousselot
Senator Dan Dawson
Senator Janet Petersen

Representative Chad Ingels, Vice Chair
Representative Austin Harris
Representative Amy Nielsen

EX OFFICIO, NONVOTING MEMBER: Brad Horn, General Counsel, Department of Management, appearing on behalf of Stan Thompson, Administrative Rules Coordinator, Office of the Governor

LSA CONTACTS: Organizational staffing provided and minutes prepared by Jack Ewing, Administrative Code Editor, 515.281.6048, and Natalie Sherman, Legal Counsel, 515.725.2299

BULLETINS NEEDED FOR THIS MEETING: 6/10/26, 6/24/26

Procedural Business

Senator Warme convened the regular, statutory meeting of the Administrative Rules Review Committee (ARRC) at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 13, 2026, in Room 116, State Capitol, Des Moines, Iowa. The minutes of the June 16, 2026, meeting were approved. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2026, at 11 a.m. Mr. Ewing noted that Mr. Brad Horn, General Counsel, Department of Management, was attending the meeting on behalf of Mr. Thompson. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Fiscal Overview

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

APPEAL BOARD, STATE

Representing the agency: Brad Horn

ARC 0341D (NOIA), Contested Cases, Ch. 2506, also Filed Emergency ARC 0340D

No discussion on 0341D or ARC 0340D.

PUBLIC DEFENSE DEPARTMENT

Representing the agency: Michael Wunn

Emergency Filing, Approval Required: Uniform Rules on Agency Procedure, Chs. 2, 2506

Mr. Wunn summarized the draft emergency rulemaking document provided to the committee.

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).

Emergency Rulemaking Authorized

A motion to approve emergency rulemaking carried by a 7-0 vote.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Representing the agency: Dan Breitbarth, Tracey Bearden

ARC 0342D (NOIA), National Opioid Settlement Distribution, Ch. 39

Committee members asked about the notification requirement, and why applicants would not receive notification if their proposal was approved or denied. Mr. Breitbarth explained that the program utilized a rolling application process, such that an applicant could apply for an award but not be approved until a later date, and the program did not want to deny applicants before it was necessary. Members asked whether notification of denial or a proposal could allow applicants to edit and resubmit proposals. He responded that a team reviewed questions and comments received by applicants and helped with proposals.

Committee members asked about the application process and the decision-making criteria for approval or denial of applications. Mr. Breitbarth responded that a notice of funding opportunity had been published on the attorney general's website outlining the application process, and the website and application portal listed program criteria. He noted that the program included criteria such as the sustainability of a project's success and the potential impact of a project across the state.

Committee members asked how many dollars had been released for the program. Mr. Breitbarth responded that there had not been any release of funds to applicants since the program's launch in July 2025. He stated that the number of dollars set to be received for use by the program was \$20 million total, and the program currently had \$9 million in the fund.

Committee members asked whether there was an individual award cap, and what proposal amounts had been requested thus far. Mr. Breitbarth replied in the negative, and stated that applications ranged anywhere from \$50,000 to \$4 million.

No action taken on ARC 0342D.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION

Representing the agency: Keith Wilken, Theresa Stiner, Charlotte Richards

ARC 0355D (ANOIA), Sanitary Disposal Projects, Chs. 101, 106, 113-115

Note: ARC 0355D and 0356D were reviewed and discussed collectively.

Committee members asked about the challenges related to monitoring the composting of dead animals, noting that the Department of Natural Resources monitored farms. Ms. Stiner responded that the rulemaking is intended to meet the regulatory authority that the commission currently has. Members asked about Department of Natural Resources representatives that monitor farms and whether they make notes on animal disposal facilities. She responded that representatives do monitor animal disposal facilities currently, but with the new rules it would not be under the commission's authority. Members asked about the exemption in the rulemaking that composting of exclusively dead animals would not involve the Department of Natural Resources, and what might make the exemption inapplicable. She responded that there are facilities that compost dead animals with wood, feed, and industrial wastes, and such facilities would not be exempt just because an animal is part of the compost.

No action taken on ARC 0355D.

ARC 0357D (ANOIA), Technical Standards and Corrective Action Requirements for Owners and Operators of Underground Storage Tanks, Ch. 135

Committee members asked about the need to amend the notice, and what is new or different about the process of moving sites to close. Mr. Wilken responded that under the amended notice, the standard would allow for a tier-3 process, which would speed up the process for assessment to move a site to close, and would require fewer reports.

No action taken on ARC 0357D.

HUMAN RIGHTS DEPARTMENT

Representing the agency: Victoria Daniels

ARC 0382D (NOIA), Agency Realignment, Chs. 1, 20-23, 25

Committee members asked what commissions related to human rights would remain after the government reorganization and staffing changes. Ms. Daniels responded that she would provide that information to the committee at a later date.

No action taken on ARC 0382D.

CHILD ADVOCACY BOARD

Representing the agency: Victoria Daniels

ARC 0343D (AF), Court Appointed Special Advocate Program, Ch. 4

Note: ARC 0343D, 0344D, 0345D, and 0346D were reviewed and discussed collectively.

Committee members asked whether the board had received additional feedback since previously appearing before the committee. Ms. Daniels responded that no additional feedback had been received regarding the rulemaking.

No action taken on ARC 0343D.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Representing the agency: Victoria Daniels, Lorie Easter

ARC 0379D (NOIA), Individual Development Account (IDA), Ch. 64

Committee members asked whether any Iowans still had IDAs since federal funds had not been provided since 2016. Ms. Easter responded in the negative. Members asked how IDAs overlap with IABLE accounts. She responded that there was likely no overlap. Members asked if the department was maintaining rules on this subject only due to a statutory rulemaking requirement. She responded in the affirmative.

No action taken on ARC 0379D.

ARC 0380D (NOIA), IV-A Emergency Assistance Program, Ch. 133

Committee members asked about the change to the definition of “child” under the rulemaking. Ms. Daniels responded that she would provide follow-up information to the committee at a later date. Members asked about the discontinuance of funds in the rulemaking. She responded that there is no anticipation that funding will be discontinued.

No action taken on ARC 0380D.