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IOWA PUBLIC INFORMATION BOARD MEETING — JULY 2024

Meeting. The Iowa Public Information Board met on July 18, 2024, at the Wallace State Office Building in Des Moines.

The Board took the following actions:

- **Approved Minutes.** Approved the minutes from the June 27, 2024, meeting.
- **Discussion and Approval of Raise.** The Board discussed and approved a 6.0% raise for Executive Director Erika Eckley as a continuation of the evaluation process.
- **Accepted Advisory Opinion.** The Board accepted one advisory opinion. The advisory opinion stated that private email communications sent from government email addresses are not public records. Discussion on the matter suggested that the content of the email, not the origin, determines whether it qualifies as a public record.
- **Accepted Probable Cause Report.** The Board accepted one probable cause report. The Board found that probable cause exists to believe that the Benton County Board of Supervisors violated Iowa Code chapter [22](#) during a closed session. The complaint was dismissed as a matter of administrative discretion.
- **Dismissed Cases.** The Board dismissed nine complaint allegations. The Board found that the dismissed cases either were legally insufficient, did not fall under the Board's jurisdiction pursuant to Iowa Code chapters [21](#) and [22](#), or were successfully resolved.
- **Accepted Informal Resolution Report.** The Board accepted one informal resolution report. The informal resolution report was filed against the city of Leland for a violation of Iowa Code chapter 22, alleging the city charged an unreasonable fee for the production of records. The informal resolution requires the complainant to provide the specifics of and payment for their records request, and requires the city to provide the records, conduct training on Iowa open meetings and public records law, review the city's policies and procedures for records requests, and approve the informal resolution during an open meeting.

Next Meeting. The Board's next meeting will be held on August 15, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the Wallace State Office Building in Des Moines.

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