
FISCAL UPDATE Article

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IOWA PUBLIC INFORMATION BOARD MEETING — SEPTEMBER 2024

Meeting. The Iowa Public Information Board met on September 19, 2024, at the Wallace State Office Building in Des Moines.

The Board took the following action:

- **Approved Minutes.** The Board approved the meeting minutes from the Board meeting held on August 15, 2024.
- **Elected Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.** The Board nominated and elected the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the Board.
- **Adopted Advisory Opinion.** The Board adopted one advisory opinion regarding what constitutes a reasonable delay in a records request.
- **Status Report.** The Board took action on one status report. A complaint was filed against the Indianola School District for failure to provide a satisfactory records request pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 22. The Board determined that additional records will be turned over by the Indianola School District to the complainant.
- **Accepted Informal Resolution Report.** The Board accepted one informal resolution report. A complaint was filed against the city of Eldora for a violation of Iowa Code chapter 22 alleging failure to provide a records request. As part of the informal resolution, the city of Eldora will acknowledge and respond to the complainant; provide public records free of charge if the city is the lawful custodian of the public records requested by the complainant; provide an explanation of records that are not public if records cannot be provided by the city; and direct the complainant to the lawful custodian of the records, if known.
- **Tabled Cases.** The Board tabled two cases for future discussion.
- **Dismissed Cases.** The Board dismissed a total of eight complaint allegations. The Board found that the dismissed cases were legally insufficient, harmless error, or without merit pursuant to Iowa Code section 23.8.
- **Accepted Cases.** The Board accepted the following three complaint allegations:
 - A complaint allegation was filed against the city of Eagle Grove pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 22 for failure to provide a completed records request to the complainant.
 - A complaint allegation was filed against the Pekin Community School District pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 22 for failure to provide a records request.
 - A complaint allegation was filed against the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 21 and 22 for conducting open-session business during a closed session and for failure to maintain accurate meeting minutes.

Next Meeting. The next Board meeting will be held on October 17, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the Wallace State Office Building in Des Moines.

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