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IOWA PUBLIC INFORMATION BOARD MEETING — NOVEMBER 2024

Meeting. The Iowa Public Information Board (Board) met on November 21, 2024, at the Wallace State Office Building in Des Moines and took the following actions:

- **Approved Minutes.** The Board approved the meeting minutes from the October 17, 2024, meeting.
- **Adopted Advisory Opinion.** The Board adopted one advisory opinion regarding whether a requestor can be directed to a social media post for the requested information and whether the requestor can obtain media in other formats, if available.
- **Accepted Final Reports.** The Board accepted the following three final reports:
 - A final report for a complaint against the Indianola Community School District alleging that the district violated Iowa Code chapter [22](#) by not providing all requested records to the complainant. The complaint allegation was dismissed as successfully resolved.
 - A final report for a complaint against the Pekin Community School District alleging that the district violated Iowa Code chapter 22 by not providing all requested public records that were stored on private devices to the complainant. The complaint allegation was dismissed as successfully resolved.
 - A final report for a complaint against the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors alleging that the Board of Supervisors violated Iowa Code chapter [21](#) by conducting open session requirements within a closed session. The complaint allegation was dismissed as successfully resolved.
- **Accepted Informal Resolution Reports.** The Board accepted the following two informal resolution reports:
 - A complaint was filed against the city of Eagle Grove alleging that the city violated Iowa Code chapter 22 by not providing all requested records to the complainant. As part of the informal resolution, the city will review all documents provided to the complainant to determine whether all requested records have been provided and will provide justification to the Board for any records the city refuses to turn over to the complainant. After the city provides all records that were requested, the complainant will review and provide a list of records the complainant believes are still needed and provide this list to the Board, and the city will provide the complainant with a detailed invoice for fees. A copy of the invoice will also be provided to the Board for review.
 - A complaint was filed against the Page County Board of Supervisors alleging that the Board of Supervisors violated Iowa Code chapter 21 by not accurately providing meeting minutes and not amending the minutes correctly. As part of the informal resolution, the Board of Supervisors will acknowledge the violation at an open meeting and in the meeting minutes and provide the minutes to the Board; the Board of Supervisors will approve the informal resolution at an open meeting and in the minutes and provide the minutes to the Board; training will be conducted at an open meeting regarding Iowa Code chapter 21, with all members of the Board of Supervisors and the Page County Auditor serving as the clerk required to attend the training; a policy or procedure will be created for developing and approving meeting minutes and will be provided to the Board; and a single designated set of official meeting minutes will be adopted.
- **Tabled Case.** The Board tabled one complaint allegation for future discussion.
- **Accepted Cases.** The Board accepted 12 complaint allegations. The Board found that these allegations fall under the Board's jurisdiction, are legally sufficient, or could have merit pursuant to Iowa Code section [23.8\(1\)](#).

- **Dismissed Cases.** The Board dismissed 12 complaint allegations. The Board found that the dismissed cases did not fall under the Board's jurisdiction, were legally insufficient, were harmless error, or did not have merit pursuant to Iowa Code section 23.8(2).

Next Meeting. The next Board meeting will be held on December 19, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the Wallace State Office Building in Des Moines.

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