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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING — JANUARY 2025

Meeting. The Board of Corrections met virtually on January 10, 2025. Meeting materials and a recording of the meeting are available through the Department of Corrections (DOC) [website](#).

Director's Update. Director Beth Skinner provided the following updates:

- There have been multiple graduations and new staff members. Additionally, vacancies have been decreasing.
- The DOC received a three-year grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance to look at population management, program inventory, and early discharge.
- In early December, the Director visited the Iowa Medical Classification Center (IMCC) and conducted a feedback forum.
- Innovation forums are being conducted.

Budget Update. Steve Dick, Fiscal Manager, gave a budget update. The DOC budgetary situation is as expected, and several capital projects are underway.

5JD District Director Hire. Sally Kreamer, Deputy Director, introduced Darin Cox as the candidate for the position of Director of the Fifth District. The Board approved Cox as District Director.

Prison Forecast. Sarah Fineran, Research Director, gave a presentation on the Annual Prison Population Forecast publication produced by the Division of Data, Planning, and Improvement within the Department of Management. The published report is available on the Department of Management's [website](#).

Legislative Changes. Jen Rathje, Legislative Liaison, gave the following report on legislative changes:

- The legislative session began in January.
- A weekly email will be sent regarding legislative changes.
- The DOC submitted two pre-filed bills. Pre-filed bills are available on the legislative [website](#).

Public Comments. Members of the public expressed concerns about the multidisciplinary team evaluation process, civil commitment, the Attorney General's Office, human rights and overcrowding, and solitary confinement. Board members expressed appreciation for the public comments.

Next Meeting. The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2025.

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