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IOWA PUBLIC INFORMATION BOARD MEETING — MARCH 2025

Meeting. The Iowa Public Information Board met on March 20, 2025, at the Jessie Parker Building in Des Moines and took the following actions:

- **Approved Minutes.** The Board approved the minutes of the February 20, 2025, Board meeting.
- **Accepted Cases.** The Board accepted five 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 three 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\(2\)](#).
- **Tabled Cases.** The Board tabled two complaint allegations for future consideration.
- **Adopted Advisory Opinions.** The Board adopted the following two advisory opinions:
 - An advisory opinion regarding whether county attorneys can charge fees for the retrieval of public records as the lawful custodian of the public records.
 - An advisory opinion regarding whether a records request can be made for mixed-use or personal social media accounts.
- **Accepted Probable Cause Reports.** The Board accepted three probable cause reports:
 - A probable cause report regarding the Pleasant Grove Township Trustees for a violation of Iowa Code chapter [21](#), alleging ongoing internal conflicts that are affecting the Trustees' ability to conduct business. The Board accepted the probable cause report with a recommendation for a contested case proceeding.
 - A probable cause report regarding the Franklin County Sheriff's Office for a violation of Iowa Code chapter [22](#), alleging the Sheriff's Office denied a request for records related to body camera footage. The Board dismissed the complaint allegation for lack of probable cause due to an informal resolution agreement between the parties involved.
 - A probable cause report regarding the Ames Community School District for a violation of Iowa Code chapter [22](#), alleging the School District denied a request for video recordings. The Board dismissed the complaint allegation for a lack of probable cause due to there being no evidence of the video recording existing.
- **Accepted Final Report.** The Board accepted a final report for a complaint allegation that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors violated Iowa Code chapter [21](#) by discussing topics as a quorum and Iowa Code chapter [22](#) by not providing a completed request for records to the complainant. The complaint allegation was dismissed as successfully resolved.

Next Meeting. The next Board meeting will be held on April 17, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the Jessie Parker Building in Des Moines.

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