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## FISCAL UPDATE Article

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### IOWA PUBLIC INFORMATION BOARD MEETING — JULY 17, 2025

**Meeting.** The Iowa Public Information Board met on July 17, 2025, at the Jessie Parker Building in Des Moines and took the following actions:

- **Approved Minutes.** The Board accepted the meeting minutes from the June 19, 2025, Board meeting and the meeting minutes from the July 1, 2025, special meeting.
- **Chair and Vice-Chair Elections.** The Board nominated and confirmed Catherine Lucas as the new chair of the Board and Barry Lindahl as the new vice-chair of the Board.
- **Introduction of New Executive Director.** The Board announced Charlotte Miller as the new Executive Director of the Board, beginning on July 18, 2025.
- **Advisory Opinion.** The Board accepted one advisory opinion regarding the extent to which materials submitted in response to a request for proposal (RFP) can be withheld as confidential trade secrets.
- **Training Provider Approved.** The Board approved the Iowa Association of School Boards for training pursuant to 2025 Iowa Acts, [House File 706](#) (Public Records, Education, and Enforcement Act).
- **Accepted Cases.** The Board accepted 12 complaint allegations. The Board found that the allegations fall under the Board's jurisdiction, are legally sufficient, and could have merit pursuant to Iowa Code section [23.8\(1\)](#).
- **Dismissed Cases.** The Board dismissed nine complaint allegations. The Board found that the allegations 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).
- **Investigative Reports.** The Board took action on the following six investigative reports:
  - A complaint alleging a violation of Iowa Code chapter [22](#) by Osceola County for not complying with a public records request to the complainant due to the public records being confidential. The Board found that probable cause exists that a violation occurred but dismissed the allegation as a matter of administrative discretion.
  - A complaint alleging a violation of Iowa Code chapter 22 by the Iowa Department of Revenue (IDR) for withholding public records the IDR claims to be attorney-client privilege. The Board found that probable cause exists that a violation occurred and directs the IDR to release additional public records to the complainant.
  - A complaint alleging a violation of Iowa Code chapter [21](#) by the city of Sidney for improperly posting an open position for a public works director. The Board found that a lack of probable cause exists that a violation occurred and dismissed the complaint allegation.
  - A complaint alleging a violation of Iowa Code chapter 22 by Kirkwood Community College for charging unreasonable fees for producing public records. The Board found that a lack of probable cause exists that a violation occurred and dismissed the complaint violation.
  - A complaint alleging a violation of Iowa Code chapter 22 by the city of Davenport for not providing a public records request to the complainant. The Board found that a lack of probable cause exists that a violation occurred as the records in question are confidential and dismissed the complaint violation.
  - A complaint alleging a violation of Iowa Code chapters 21 and 22 by the Pisgah City Council (Council). The complainant alleges the Council illegally held a meeting to sign a letter seeking the complainant's resignation and withheld requested public records. The Board found that a lack of probable cause exists that a violation occurred and dismissed the complaint allegation with a recommendation to provide training to the Council.

- **Status Report.** The Board took action on a status report regarding a complaint alleging a violation of Iowa Code chapter 22 by the Keokuk Police Department. The complainant requested body camera footage of an arrest as a public record. The Keokuk Police Department claimed the record should not be released as part of an investigation. The Board found that the record is to be released to the complainant by August 15, 2025.

**Next Meeting.** The next Board meeting will be held August 21, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the Jessie Parker Building in Des Moines.

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