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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING — JULY 2025

Meeting. The Board of Corrections met virtually on July 18, 2025. Meeting materials and a recording of the meeting are available through the Department of Corrections (DOC) [website](#).

Director Update. Director Beth Skinner provided the following updates:

- The DOC conducted site visits in the third district, fourth district, and Anamosa State Penitentiary.
- The DOC is engaging in an implementation science academy with the Alliance for Community and Justice Innovation (ACJI).
- The DOC had its first Community-Based Corrections new employee training graduation on May 2, 2025.
- Correctional Workers Week was May 4 through May 10, 2025.
- A central office employee recognition ceremony was held on July 11, 2025.
- A request for proposal was released on July 9, 2025, and closes on September 26, 2025. The request for proposal is meant to explore how to enhance and support health services and health records systems.
- The statewide employee recognition event is taking place in August.
- Iowa Prison Industries (IPI) will be celebrating 75 years since recognition by the State.

Budget Update. Steve Dick, Financial Manager, provided a budget update. The DOC is moving forward with all major projects funded through the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) and Technology Reinvestment Fund (TRF).

Transitional Housing. Paul Cornelius, Chief of Staff, provided an update on transitional housing. The eighth district is establishing new transitional housing in the Burlington area.

Red Tape Review. Jen Rathje, Legislative Liaison, provided an update on Executive Order No. [10](#) and administrative rules. The full review is due by December 31, 2026.

Public Comments. Members of the public expressed concerns about the multidisciplinary team evaluation process, the Attorney General's Office, civil commitment, solitary confinement, DOC health care privatization, substance abuse treatment, staff assaults, prisoner education, and air conditioning and hot water within the institutions. Board members expressed appreciation for the public comments.

Next Meeting. The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2025.

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