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## FISCAL UPDATE Article

Fiscal Services Division

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### IOWA PUBLIC INFORMATION BOARD MEETING — AUGUST 21, 2025

**Meeting.** The Iowa Public Information Board met on August 21, 2025, at the Jessie Parker Building in Des Moines and took the following actions:

- **Minutes.** The Board approved the minutes from the July 17, 2025, meeting.
- **Training Providers.** The Board approved plans submitted by Ahlers & Cooney, P.C.; Iowa State Extension and Outreach Community and Economic Development; and Linn County to provide training pursuant to 2025 Iowa Acts, [House File 706](#) (Public Records, Education, and Enforcement Act).
- **Accepted cases.** The Board accepted four complaint allegations that fall under the Board's jurisdiction, are legally sufficient, and could have merit pursuant to Iowa Code section [23.8\(1\)](#).
- **Dismissed Case.** The Board dismissed one complaint allegation as the complaint did not fall under the Board's jurisdiction, was legally insufficient, was a harmless error, or did not have merit pursuant to Iowa Code section 23.8(2).
- **Tabled Cases.** The Board tabled two cases for future discussion.
- **Advisory Opinion.** The Board accepted one advisory opinion regarding who is required to complete the mandatory training regarding Iowa Code chapters [21](#) and [22](#) pursuant to HF 706.
- **Investigative Report.** The Board dismissed one investigative report regarding a complaint alleging a violation of Iowa Code chapter 22 by the Henry County Sheriff's Office for an undue delay and failing to release certain public records claiming to be confidential. The Board dismissed the complaint allegation in two portions. The Board found that probable cause exists to believe a violation occurred regarding the undue delay but dismissed the complaint as a matter of administrative discretion. The Board found a lack of probable cause exists regarding failing to release certain records as confidentiality of the records is justified.
- **Informal Resolution Report.** The Board accepted one informal resolution report regarding a complaint that was filed alleging the City of Indianola violated Iowa Code chapter 21 by considering candidates for an at-large council member position by using an anonymous ballot process where official business was conducted while the meeting was in recess. As part of the terms of the informal resolution, the city council will formally approve the informal resolution at a city council meeting with the terms read into record, the informal resolution will be included in the minutes of the meeting and a copy will be provided to the Board for approval, acknowledgement will be made that a violation of Iowa Code chapter 21 occurred, an official policy for conduct for future appointments to the city council will be developed and a copy will be provided to the Board, and all members of city council will be required to attend training on public meetings and records at an open meeting.
- **Final Report.** The Board accepted a final report for a complaint alleging Osceola County violated Iowa Code chapter 22 for not complying with a public records request. The Board found that probable cause exists that a violation occurred but dismissed the complaint after the Board was informed the public records were provided to the complainant.

**Next Meeting.** The next Board meeting will be held on September 18, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the Jessie Parker Building in Des Moines.

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