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BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MEETING — JULY 2026

Meeting. The Board of Corrections met virtually on July 10, 2026. Meeting materials and a recording of the meeting are available through the Department of Corrections (DOC) [website](#).

Board of Corrections Update. Randel Ponce joined as a new board member for the Board of Corrections.

Director Update. Director Beth Skinner provided updates on the following topics:

- The DOC visit to Washington, D.C., for the Correctional Leaders Association.
- Prison capacity. The DOC is currently 27.0% over capacity. The DOC is working on managing the population.
- The Compete Program and the Backpack Program.
- Habitual Offender Legislation ([HF 2542](#)). The DOC is in the planning phase and tracking prison population.

Budget Update. Steve Dick, Financial Manager, provided a budget update. The DOC is closing out the FY 2026 budget and is in the transition to FY 2027. The FY 2027 budget has been finalized.

Judicial District Director Update. Joel McAnulty, Deputy Director, introduced Drew Konicek as the candidate for the position of Director of the First District and Jennifer Reynoldson as the candidate for the position of Director of the Sixth District. The Board approved Konicek and Reynoldson as District Directors.

Legislative Update and Administrative Rule Review. Jen Rathje, Legislative Liaison, provided the administrative rule review and legislative update.

Public Comments. A member of Church Ambassador Network spoke regarding Iowa's foster care system.

Open Discussion by Board of Corrections. The Board voted for Chair and Vice Chair. Trent Keller was voted in as Chair and Jim Kersten as Vice Chair.

Next Meeting. The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

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