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IOWA PUBLIC INFORMATION BOARD MEETING — AUGUST 20, 2026

Meeting. The Iowa Public Information Board (Board) met on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at the Jessie Parker Building in Des Moines. The Board took the following actions:

- **Minutes.** The Board approved the minutes from the July 16, 2026, Board meeting.
- **Accepted Cases.** The Board accepted 25 consent agenda complaint allegations. The Board found that these complaint 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 four consent agenda complaint allegations. The Board found that these complaint 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 12 investigative reports:
 - A complaint alleging a violation of Iowa Code chapter [22](#) by the Hamburg Community School District for withholding public records requested by the complainant. The Board determined the respondent had complied with the request for public records and dismissed the complaint for a lack of probable cause that a violation had occurred.
 - A complaint alleging a violation of Iowa Code chapter [21](#) by the Bettendorf Community School District for providing inadequate notice of a meeting agenda and discussing official business outside of a meeting. The Board determined that the respondent did violate Iowa Code chapter 21 but took mitigating efforts to correct the violation and dismissed the complaint as a matter of administrative discretion.
 - A complaint alleging a violation of Iowa Code chapters 21 and 22 by the Delaware County Conference Board for improperly holding a meeting and for not providing public records requested by the complainant. The Board determined that there is insufficient evidence to find the respondent improperly held a meeting and determined that the respondent is willing to comply with the request for public records. Therefore, the Board dismissed the complaints for a lack of probable cause that violations had occurred.
 - A complaint alleging a violation of Iowa Code chapter 22 by the South Iowa Area Crime Commission for withholding public records for confidentiality purposes and for charging unreasonable fees. The Board determined that there is insufficient evidence that the respondent did not comply with Iowa Code chapter 22 and dismissed the complaint for a lack of probable cause that a violation had occurred.
 - A complaint alleging a violation of Iowa Code chapter 22 by the Dubuque Police Department, the Iowa Department of Public Safety (DPS), and the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) for not complying with a request for records regarding a police officer-involved shooting. The Board determined that the requested records in question are confidential and dismissed the complaint for a lack of probable cause that a violation had occurred.
 - A complaint alleging a violation of Iowa Code chapter 21 by the Harvey City Council for providing inadequate notice of a meeting agenda. The Board determined that a violation of Iowa Code chapter 21 by the respondent had occurred and determined the respondent took mitigating efforts to correct the violation and dismissed the complaint as a matter of administrative discretion.
 - A complaint alleging a violation of Iowa Code chapter 22 by the DPS for withholding public records that were requested by the complainant. The Board found that the public records in question are confidential and that the public records received by the complainant are sufficient pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 22. Therefore, the Board dismissed the complaint for a lack of probable cause that a violation had occurred.

- A complaint alleging a violation of Iowa Code chapters 21 and 22 by the Cedar Rapids City Council for improperly posting an agenda and for charging unreasonable fees regarding a public records request. The Board found that there is insufficient evidence that the respondent improperly posted a meeting agenda and determined the respondent did not request an unreasonable fee estimate for public records. As a result, the Board dismissed the complaints for a lack of probable cause that violations had occurred.
- A complaint alleging a violation of Iowa Code chapter 22 by the City of Runnells for providing incomplete public records requested by the complainant. The Board found that the respondent provided all public records requested by the complainant and dismissed the complaint for a lack of probable cause that a violation had occurred.
- A complaint alleging a violation of Iowa Code chapter 21 by the Gilbert Community School District for improperly noticing an agenda item for a meeting. The Board found that the respondent did not violate Iowa Code chapter 21 because the agenda did not name the individual being discussed during the meeting and dismissed the complaint for a lack of probable cause that a violation had occurred.
- A complaint alleging a violation of Iowa Code chapter 22 by the Johnston School District for withholding public records requested by the complainant regarding a meeting where a school district board member took a photo of the complainant with a personal device. The Board found that the records in question were provided to the complainant and dismissed the complaint for a lack of probable cause that a violation had occurred.
- A complaint alleging a violation of Iowa Code chapter 21 by the Gilbert Community School District for holding a meeting regarding the hiring of personnel that was not noticed properly. The Board found that there is insufficient evidence that an unnoticed meeting took place and dismissed the complaint for a lack of probable cause that a violation had occurred.
- **Informal Resolution Report.** The Board accepted an informal resolution report alleging a violation of Iowa Code chapter 22 by the Waukee Police Department for withholding nonconfidential public records requested by the complainant. As part of the informal resolution, the parties involved agreed to the following conditions:
 - The respondent agreed to acknowledge the police department's public records policy is in need of updating to ensure compliance with Iowa Code chapter 22.
 - The respondent agreed to create an updated public records request policy and fee schedule.
 - The respondent agreed to provide the updated policy to the Board for review.
 - The respondent agreed to provide evidence to the Board that the new policy has been adopted.
 - Personnel handling public records requests for the police department agreed to attend Iowa Code chapter 22-approved training.
 - The parties involved agreed to revisit the complaint after the informal resolution process has been completed, with the Board providing further guidance if a resolution is not found.

Next Meeting. The next Board meeting will be held on September 17, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the Jessie Parker Building in Des Moines.

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