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Fiscal Update Article

Iowa Commission for the Blind — Special Meeting

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Meeting
The Iowa Commission for the Blind (Commission) held a special meeting virtually on September 29, 2026. This meeting is a continuation of the previous meeting held on September 15 to review and approve the Iowa Department for the Blind's (IDB's) FY 2028 budget proposal.

Director Resignation
Director Stacy Cervenka resigned from the IDB as director on September 16, 2026. Sarah Willeford will serve as the interim director until a new director is appointed and confirmed.

Revised FY 2028 Budget
Interim Director Sarah Willeford presented the revised FY 2028 budget proposal. The updated proposal includes a requested increase of $438,878 from the General Fund, which is $142,991 less than the previously requested increase of $581,869. According to the IDB, the required increase would be used for critical service delivery functions.

After reviewing the previously approved budget item increases, additional savings were identified, reducing the overall State appropriation requested increases. Items that were removed from the previous request will be addressed through other funding sources, removed, or shifted to a future budget year.

The IDB's FY 2028 federal grant has been fully utilized in the proposed budget.

Next Meeting
The next Commission meeting will be held virtually on December 15, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.

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