



IOWA PUBLIC INFORMATION BOARD MEETING - JULY 2017

Meeting. The Iowa Public Information Board (IPIB) met on July 20, 2017, in Des Moines. The Board took the following actions:

- **Accepted Cases.** The Board accepted three complaints for further review. In two cases, the respective complainant alleged the local school board violated open meeting laws by failing to provide agendas pursuant to the requirements of Iowa Code chapter [21](#). The Board also accepted a complaint against Marion Independent School District, which allegedly violated Iowa Code chapter [22](#) by failing to provide requested e-mail between staff, parents, and local law enforcement regarding the alleged sexual assault of a minor. The complaints will be investigated by the Board and presented at the September 2017 meeting.
- **Dismissed Cases.** The Board dismissed six complaint allegations, including two cases contending a violation of open meeting laws by the city of Fontanelle. The Board found that these two cases, as well as the remainder of the dismissed cases, were either legally insufficient or did not fall under the Board's jurisdiction pursuant to Iowa Code chapters [21](#) and [22](#).
- **Closed Session, Burlington Case.** Prior to moving into a closed session, the Board heard oral arguments from the Division of Criminal Investigation of the Department of Public Safety (DPS), the City of Burlington, and Michael McCormick, counsel for the IPIB, regarding a recent administrative law judge ruling on the open records request pertaining to the 2015 police shooting and consequent death of a Burlington woman. Both the DPS and the City of Burlington asked the Board for an interlocutory appeal and requested a stay in the matter of providing an index of all case records to the Board's counsel.

Upon the close of oral arguments, the Board entered into a closed session. After returning from closed session, the Board unanimously granted the DPS and the City of Burlington an interlocutory review, allowing the Board to further investigate the open records complaint. An administrative law trial is scheduled to be heard by a judge next month, but may be delayed as the Board continues to investigate.

- **Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair.** At its July meeting, the Board elected Mary Ungs-Sogaard of Dyersville as Board Chair, and Renee Twedt of Story City as Vice Board Chair. Board members, including the Chair and Vice Chair, serve staggered four-year terms and represent government entities and the media.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for September 21, 2017, in Des Moines.

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