
FISCAL UPDATE Article

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IOWA PUBLIC INFORMATION BOARD SEPTEMBER 2017 MEETING

Meeting. The Iowa Public Information Board (IPIB) met on September 21, 2017, in Des Moines. The Board reviewed the \$75,000 reduction applied to the agency during FY 2017, followed by a \$41,000 [transfer](#) from the Department of Management on August 31, 2017. Additionally, the Board discussed filling an Attorney 2 vacancy at the agency.

The Board took the following actions:

- **Accepted Cases:** The Board voted to defer action on one complaint until the November Board meeting. The complainant alleged that the City of Fruitland violated Iowa Code chapter [21](#) (Open Meetings) when a majority of the city council members met privately prior to a noticed council meeting and engaged in conversations outside of the open meeting.
- **Dismissed Cases:** The Board dismissed two complaint allegations. The Board found that the dismissed cases were legally insufficient.
- **Withdrawn Complaints:** Two complaints were withdrawn by the complainants and required no action from the Board.
- **Ombudsman Request:** The Board voted against waiving the right to attorney-client privilege, which restricts access to closed-session tapes from the Board's August meeting. This vote led to a denial of the Ombudsman request. The closed-session meeting reviewed an open records request for body camera video footage from a 2015 fatal shooting by a police officer in Burlington, Iowa.
- **Case Statistics:** The Board received an update on the total number of complaints received in August 2017. The Board received 61 formal complaints, eight requests for an advisory opinion, one declaratory order, 87 informal complaints, 297 informal requests, and 41 miscellaneous requests. According to data collected by the Board, 17.0% of these complaints and requests were filed by the media, 48.0% were filed by private citizens, and 35.0% were filed by governmental entities.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for October 19, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in the Wallace Building.

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