

### **Iowa Commission of Persons with Disabilities**

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JIM CHALSTROM, chair, Ames; term expires 1995  
 PAT SIMMONS, vice chair, Atlantic; term expires 1995  
 CHRIS WILSON, secretary, Indianola; term expires 1995  
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 DAVID BOYD, Waterloo; term expires 1995  
 NINA BRICKMAN, Westgate; term expires 1996  
 PAUL BRODIGAN, Glenwood; term expires 1995  
 ROBERT L. BURKGREN, LaPorte City; term expires 1996  
 RONALD GROOMS, Ames; term expires 1996  
 MAX MATTHIESEN, DeWitt; term expires 1996  
 KATHLEEN O'LEARY, Des Moines; term expires 1996  
 MITCHELL L. O'NEEL, Ankeny; term expires 1996  
 VICTORIA RAY, Des Moines; term expires 1996  
 DON REINEKE, Slater; term expires 1996  
 ELAINE SMITH, Fairfield; term expires 1995  
 MERLE SMITH, Sioux City; term expires 1996  
 MARIS SNIDER, Iowa City; term expires 1995  
 JANET STEFFY, Clarion; term expires 1995  
 LYDIA WATTS, Des Moines; term expires 1995  
 LEONA WESTPHAL, Corning; term expires 1996  
 EDWARD WINTER, Cedar Rapids; term expires 1995

### **Latino Affairs, Division of**

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OLGA ARELLANO, chair, Council Bluffs; term expires 1995  
 THOMAS GUZMAN, vice chair, Des Moines; term expires 1995  
 REYNALDO CARDENAS, West Liberty; term expires 1995  
 ROSA MARIA DE FINDLAY, Cedar Falls; term expires 1995  
 SISTER CAROL HAWKINS, Storm Lake; term expires 1995  
 MARIA NESBIT, Des Moines; term expires 1995  
 ROBERT MATA, Marshalltown; term expires 1995  
 ALMO HAWKINS, Director, Department of Human Rights; Des Moines

In 1976, the Spanish Speaking Peoples Commission was created by the General Assembly to act as an advocacy and advisory agency for Spanish-speaking Iowans in certain areas of concern, including education, employment, health, housing, administration of justice, welfare, and recreation.

The nine-member commission, appointed by the governor, sets policy and direction for the staff. As of July 1, 1986, the staff support for the commission is provided by the Division of Latino Affairs, part of the Department of Human Rights. The division administrator is appointed by the governor with Senate confirmation. Its mandate set forth in Chapter 601K, *Code of Iowa* was amended assigning additional responsibilities for recommending interpreters for use by Iowa courts.

### **Status of African-Americans, Division of**

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RONALD N. LANGSTON, chair, Des Moines; term expires 1996  
 LAMETTA WYNN, vice chair, Clinton; terms expires 1996  
 ANDRE PEERY, recorder, Cedar Rapids; term expires 1998  
 DR. SCHARRON CLAYTON, commissioner, Waterloo; term expires 1998  
 GERALD FIELDS, commissioner, Sioux City; term expires 1996  
 JIM HESTER, commissioner; Davenport; term expires 1998  
 REV. MARVIN JENKINS, commissioner; Waterloo; term expires 1996  
 MYRT LEVIN, commissioner, Des Moines; terms expires 1996  
 MAUDE WHITE, commissioner; Des Moines; term expires 1995

The Commission on the Status of African-Americans, formerly known as the Commission on the Status of Blacks, was created by statute in 1988. The nine member commission is appointed by the governor. The commission sets policy and direction for the staff who compromise the Division of the Status of African-Americans within the Department of Human Rights. The Division Administrator is appointed by the governor with Senate confirmation.