

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Ch 7D

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Type of Appointment</i>
Terry E. Branstad, Governor .....	Statutory
Matt Schultz, Secretary of State .....	Statutory
Michael L. Fitzgerald, Treasurer of State .....	Statutory
Bill Northey, Secretary of Agriculture .....	Statutory
David A. Vaudt, Auditor of State .....	Statutory
GeorgAnna Madsen, Executive Secretary	

The Executive Council was created by the adoption of the Code of 1860. The Secretary of State acted as secretary of the council until the enactment of the Code of 1897, which provided for a secretary. Among the duties placed upon the Executive Council by the Code of Iowa are the following responsibilities, which in some instances are limited to specific situations or cases: to approve real estate transactions, to approve leases of public land, to authorize condemnation proceedings, to authorize and pay special assessments, to appoint legal counsel and special counsel, to authorize and pay court costs and litigation expenses, to settle or compromise legal claims, to approve bank depositories, to provide anticipatory and emergency funding, to administer funds, to act as the governing body for state employee insurance and benefit plans, and to canvass votes cast and required to be filed with the State Commissioner of Elections.

**Report of Executive Council Secretary**

Section 7D.6, Code of Iowa, provides that a report of the secretary of the Executive Council may be published in the Iowa Official Register.

The Council held 42 regular meetings in 2009 and convened two times as the Official Board of Canvass, and held 40 regular meetings and convened two times as the Official Board of Canvass in 2010.

There were no corporations authorized to issue stock in exchange for property or out of surplus in 2009 or 2010.