

EXECUTIVE BRANCH  
ELECTED OFFICIALS



Chapter 1



## GOVERNOR

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### KIM REYNOLDS

*Governor  
Osceola (R)*

**Term:** Expires January 2023. **Profession:** Elected Governor in November 2018. Sworn in as Governor on May 24, 2017. Elected Lieutenant Governor in November 2010 and reelected in November 2014. Served in the Iowa State Senate from 2009–2010. Prior to being elected to the Iowa Senate, Reynolds served 14 years as the Clarke County Treasurer, from 1995 – 2009. During her tenure as treasurer, she took an active role at the local, state, and national levels. In 2000, she served as president of the Iowa State Treasurers Association. Reynolds continued her statewide leadership through her work on a three-person policy team that was instrumental in the implementation of the Iowa State County Treasurers Association Internet site, which offered online service at no or minimal cost to Iowans. In 2004, Reynolds received the Victor Martinelli “Outstanding County Treasurer in the United States” award. Reynolds was also a member of the Iowa Public Employees’ Retirement System’s Investment Board. She also worked as a motor vehicle clerk and pharmacist assistant. **Education:** Graduated from Interstate 35 High School in 1977. Received her bachelor’s degree from Iowa State University in 2016. **Memberships and Activities:** Governor Reynolds co-chairs the Governor’s Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Advisory Council, Future Ready Iowa, and the Iowa Partnership for Economic Progress (IPEP). She also chaired the Iowa Energy Plan. She is honorary chair of Million Women Mentors (national and state) and the Epic Corporate Challenge and chair of Yankee Doodle Drive Against Hunger. Governor Reynolds is on the executive committee of the National Governors Association and is a member of the President’s Task Force on Apprenticeship Expansion, the Governors’ Biofuels Coalition, the Midwestern Governors Association, the Iowa Women’s Hall of Fame, Nexus Executive Women’s Alliance, Business Record’s Women of Influence, and STEMconnector “100 Women Leaders in STEM.” In 2017, Reynolds received the first-ever national “Stand Up for STEM” award. She is also a member of Lutheran Church of Hope in West Des Moines. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1959 in St. Charles. Resides in Des Moines. **Family Members:** Husband, Kevin Reynolds; three daughters and nine grandchildren.

**Governorship:**

The supreme executive power of the state is vested in the Governor, whose term of office is four years.

A person is eligible for the governorship who is a citizen of the United States and a resident of Iowa for two years preceding the next election, and has attained the age of 30 years at the time of said election.

The Governor appoints all principal officers of the state not elected by the people and certain other officers connected with the state government, subject to confirmation by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Senate. When any office, from any cause, becomes vacant, and no mode is provided by the Constitution and laws for filling such vacancy, the Governor has the power to fill such vacancy.

The chief executive is also responsible for taking final action on all laws enacted by the General Assembly. The Governor may approve, by signing, or disapprove, by veto, a bill passed by both houses of the Legislature or the Governor may allow a bill received before the last three days of a legislative session to become law without signing it. A bill received during or after the last three days of a legislative session must be signed by the Governor in order to become law.

The Governor may also call a special session of the General Assembly when there is necessity of action and may order adjournment of the Legislature if the members cannot reach agreement when to adjourn. The Governor must report to the Legislature the financial condition of the state and a recommendation for any appropriate action concerning the financial status.

The Governor has the task of granting or denying executive clemency in the form of restoration of voting rights, commutation of sentences, pardons, remissions of fines and forfeitures, and gun license privileges.

The specific statutory duties of the Governor include serving as commander-in-chief of the military forces of Iowa, acting as chairperson of the Executive Council, and granting or denying extradition whenever there is a request for a fugitive from justice.

The Governor, as chief executive, has many obligations to the people of Iowa. These include meeting different groups or individuals to discuss problems which in some way involve government; conferring with Iowa's congressional delegation to discuss national issues which affect Iowa; promoting Iowa and its manufactured and agricultural products; answering correspondence from the electorate; and endeavoring to meet visitors who wish to visit the Capitol and the Governor's Office.

Primarily, the Governor is the chief executive of the state government and is held responsible by the citizenry for the effective and efficient administration of the various state departments and agencies in Iowa.

**Governor Reynolds**

Governor Kim Reynolds, a former state senator and county treasurer, serves as Iowa's 43rd Governor. Prior to taking office on May 24, 2017, she served as Iowa's 46th Lieutenant Governor. Governor Reynolds truly understands the importance of fiscal responsibility, job creation, education, and technology.

Since 2011, Governor Reynolds has helped attract more than \$15 billion in private investment to the state. Companies like Apple, Facebook, Google, Microsoft, CJ Bio America, Cargill, Mid-American Energy, Alliant Energy, CF Industries, and Valent Biosciences, have chosen to locate or expand in the state. During her tenure as Lieutenant Governor, Governor Reynolds used her in-depth understanding of Iowa's small towns and urban communities to continually move Iowa forward with bold economic development initiatives.

Governor Reynolds' international trade missions have taken her to China, Germany, Brazil, South Korea, Vietnam, the Philippines, Israel, Argentina, Uruguay, and Thailand. These efforts to establish long-term relationships overseas have resulted in increased exports, more foreign direct investment, and new jobs for Iowans.

Governor Reynolds has committed to visiting all of Iowa's 99 counties each year to learn how Iowa can become an even stronger state. Whether it is meeting with business owners or rural farmers, she embraces the opportunity to gain insights into their concerns and to encourage their collaboration.

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

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### ADAM GREGG

*Lieutenant Governor  
Johnston (R)*

**Term:** Expires January 2023. **Profession:** Appointed Lieutenant Governor in May 2017 and elected in November 2018. State Public Defender, 2014–2017; Governor’s Office, legislative liaison and policy advisor, 2013–2014; BrownWinick law firm, Des Moines, 2009–2013. **Education:** Graduated from West Sioux High School; received B.A. in political science and history from Central College in 2006; graduated from Drake University Law School in 2009. **Memberships and Activities:** Lieutenant Governor Gregg currently serves on the Iowa State Fair Board and on the Executive Committee of the National Lieutenant Governors Association. Gregg and his family are members and volunteers at Johnston River of Life United Methodist Church. He also coaches his son’s flag football team. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1983 in Hawarden. Resides in Johnston. **Family Members:** Wife, Cari Gregg; one daughter and one son.

#### **Lieutenant Governorship:**

The role of Lieutenant Governor is not statutorily defined in the Iowa Code; under the Iowa Constitution, the Lieutenant Governor of Iowa performs those duties assigned to the Lieutenant Governor by the Governor. Lieutenant Governor Gregg’s office adjoins the Governor’s on the first floor of the Iowa Statehouse.

#### **Lieutenant Governor Gregg**

Adam Gregg, the former State Public Defender, grew up in Hawarden and resides in Johnston. As Lieutenant Governor, he travels to all 99 counties each year.

On May 25, 2017, Governor Kim Reynolds appointed Adam Gregg as Lieutenant Governor of the state of Iowa, in an acting capacity, not in line of succession to the Office of Governor. In November 2018, Gregg was elected Lieutenant Governor.

*See chapter 4 for information regarding the Executive Office of the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor.*



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## SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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iowaagriculture.gov*



### MIKE NAIG

*Secretary of Agriculture  
Urbandale (R)*

**Term:** Expires January 2023. **Profession:** Early in his life, Secretary Naig learned the value of hard work from his dad and uncle on their crop and livestock century farm near Cylinder. He has spent his entire career working in agriculture and is the fourth generation to work on his family's farm. Naig understands rural Iowa and the importance of caring for the land while ensuring that Iowa farms provide a great living for farmers. Naig joined the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship in 2013 as Deputy Secretary to former Secretary Bill Northey. As Deputy, Naig was responsible for the operations of the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, specifically policy, budget, and personnel. Naig has led multiple trade missions around the world, advocating for Iowa agriculture. Naig was appointed to the position of Secretary by Governor Kim Reynolds on March 5, 2018, when his predecessor, Bill Northey, was appointed to serve as Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Naig was elected to his first term as Iowa Secretary of Agriculture in November 2018. **Education:** Graduated from Emmetsburg High School in 1996. Graduated from Buena Vista University in 2000 with bachelor degrees in biology and political science. **Memberships and Activities:** Throughout his career, Naig has been a leader in a variety of agribusinesses and associations, including the National Association for State Departments of Agriculture. Secretary Naig chairs the Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia Task Force, and serves on several commodity group boards and the Iowa State Fair board. Secretary Naig is Active in Zion Lutheran Church, having served as Sunday school teacher and chairman for various committees. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1978 in Emmetsburg. Resides in Urbandale. **Family Members:** Wife, Jaime; three sons.

The Iowa Secretary of Agriculture is elected by the people of Iowa every four years to lead the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. Iowa is a national leader in agriculture, leading the nation in production of corn, pork, eggs, ethanol, and biodiesel. The Secretary of Agriculture is a spokesman for this vital industry.

In addition, the Secretary leads the department, which is responsible for a wide range of programs that affect the daily quality of life of every Iowan.

As part of that responsibility, the department works with Iowa farmers who provide Iowa and the world with safe, abundant food grown in an environmentally responsible way. The Division of Soil Conservation and Water Quality provides farmers with expertise and resources to help them install practices that preserve our highly productive soil, prevent soil erosion, and protect our critical waterways. These efforts make sure future Iowans can experience the same high quality of life that past generations have enjoyed. The Animal Industry Bureau within the department runs screening programs and provides safeguards to protect the health of Iowa's livestock and companion animals. Detection and eradication of animal diseases is vital to keeping the state's livestock and economy healthy.

The department also plays a vital role in consumer protection and in protecting public health. It tests animal feeds, fertilizers, seeds, pesticides, meat, poultry, and dairy products to ensure public health and safety. It inspects dairy farms and plants, meat and poultry processing facilities, weight and measuring devices, and grain warehouses to ensure compliance with state regulations. The department strives for consumer safety and confidence in Iowa agricultural products.

To support the continued growth in diversified agricultural production, the department publishes a variety of directories, including a list of farmers markets and commercial fertilizer licensees. A statewide organic certification program within the department also assists Iowa organic producers in marketing their organically grown crops and livestock.

The Secretary of Agriculture also participates in trade missions throughout the world to support expanding markets for Iowa agricultural products.

*See chapter 4 for information regarding the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.*

## ATTORNEY GENERAL

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www.iowaattorneygeneral.gov*



### THOMAS J. MILLER

*Attorney General  
Des Moines (D)*

**Term:** Expires January 2023. **Profession:** Served as Iowa Attorney General, 1979–1991 and 1995–present. **Education:** Graduated valedictorian from Dubuque Wahlert High School, 1962; B.A., Loras College, 1966; J.D., Harvard Law School, 1969. **Memberships and Activities:** Served in VISTA, 1969–1970. Legislative assistant to U.S. Representative John C. Culver (D-Iowa), 1970–1971. Worked in the Baltimore Legal Aid Bureau as legal education director and taught part-time at the University of Maryland School of Law, 1971–1973. Practiced law and served as city attorney in McGregor, 1973–1978. Partner in the firm of Faegre and Benson, Des Moines, 1991–1994. Member: Iowa State Bar Association, American Bar Association, and the Sierra Club. Honorary degree from Loras College, 1979. Distinguished Alumnus Award from Loras College, 1983. Past president of National Association of Attorneys General. Recipient of Wyman Award for distinguished service to the National Association of Attorneys General. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1944 in Dubuque. Resides in Des Moines. **Family Members:** One son.

The Attorney General is a constitutional officer elected by popular vote every four years. The Attorney General is the chief legal officer of the state and is head of the Department of Justice.

The powers and duties of the Office of Attorney General include legally representing the departments and agencies of state government, taking action for citizens in consumer protection and other areas, enforcing the state's environmental protection laws, playing a central role in the criminal justice system, and providing assistance and advocacy for the victims of crime. The Attorney General defends all tort claim actions against the state.

The Attorney General represents state agencies in court and provides legal advice on questions of law. The Attorney General also represents the state in other actions and proceedings when, in the Attorney General's judgment, the best interests of the state require it, or when requested to appear by the Governor or Executive Council.

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division enforces state consumer protection statutes and works to inform citizens, so they can avoid being cheated out of their property or money. The

Department of Justice also includes the Office of Consumer Advocate, which represents the interests of consumers in regulated utility cases before the Iowa Utilities Board.

The Attorney General plays a key role in criminal law on several fronts: handling all criminal appeals from the 99 counties to the Supreme Court or Court of Appeals, prosecuting cases at the request of county attorneys, providing training to prosecuting attorneys, and proposing changes in state criminal statutes.

The Attorney General's Crime Victim Assistance Division is the primary state-level agency responsible for aiding and advocating for victims of crime. The division's Crime Victim Compensation and Sexual Abuse Examination Payment programs award over \$6 million per year to victims of violent crimes such as rape, assault, and drunk driving, and to survivors of homicide victims. The funds come entirely from fines and penalties paid by criminals. The division also distributes about \$30 million each year to local victim service programs throughout Iowa, administers the Iowa Crisis Response Team, and operates IowaVINE, an automated victim information and notification system.

Attorney General Miller has led multistate actions and working groups on tobacco, mortgage, for-profit colleges, antitrust enforcement, agriculture, and consumer protection issues.

Attorney General Miller was a leader in the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement with 46 states and the tobacco industry. The \$206 billion agreement returned billions of dollars to the states.

Attorney General Miller is a state and national leader on mortgage foreclosure issues. He was the lead state attorney general in the historic 2012 National Mortgage Settlement with the nation's five largest mortgage servicers. The joint state-federal settlement resulted in more than \$50 billion in relief to borrowers nationwide and fundamental changes to the mortgage servicing industry.

Attorney General Miller was also the lead state attorney general in two significant consumer fraud mortgage cases (Household Finance in 2002, \$484 million nationwide; and Ameriquest in 2006, \$295 million nationwide).

*See chapter 4 for information regarding the Department of Justice.*

## AUDITOR OF STATE

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### **ROB SAND**

*Auditor of State  
Des Moines (D)*

**Term:** Expires January 2023. **Profession:** Lawyer and former Assistant Attorney General. **Education:** Graduated Decorah High School in 2001. B.A. from Brown University in 2005 and J.D. from University of Iowa College of Law in 2010. **Memberships and Activities:** Former board member, Greater Des Moines Botanical Garden and Children and Family Urban Movement. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1982 in Decorah. Resides in Des Moines. **Family Members:** Wife, Christine Lauridsen Sand; two sons.

The Auditor of State is the “taxpayer’s watchdog.” As provided by the Iowa Constitution, the Auditor is elected to a four-year term.

The Auditor is required to annually audit each department of state government and report its financial condition. The Auditor is also to report whether funds were expended for the intended purposes, whether department activities were efficiently conducted, and whether any illegal or unbusinesslike practices were identified. The Auditor also makes recommendations for greater simplicity, accuracy, and efficiency in the operations of state government. Results are reported in the State’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and in reports of recommendations to individual departments. A single audit report is also issued to cover all federal funds expended by the state and to report on compliance with federal requirements governing those expenditures.

School districts, cities, counties, community colleges, public hospitals, and other local governments may request an audit of their activities by the Auditor, and certain cities may request an examination of their activities by the Auditor. When audits or examinations of local governments are performed by CPA firms, those reports must be filed with the Auditor and are subject to review by the Auditor. Based on the results of reviews performed by the Auditor, reaudits may be conducted by the Auditor. In addition, citizens of local governments may petition for an audit or reaudit. All reports issued by the Auditor or filed with the Auditor are available for public inspection in the Auditor’s Office and on the Auditor’s Internet site ([www.auditor.iowa.gov/reports/audit-reports](http://www.auditor.iowa.gov/reports/audit-reports)).

The office is organized into three divisions, with duties and responsibilities as follows:

Administration Division – Responsible for general management of the office, which includes fiscal management, data processing, human resource management, and audit report printing and distribution.

Financial Audit Division – Responsible for performance of the annual audits included in Iowa's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and in its Single Audit report, of all state departments and agencies, as well as audits of counties, cities, school districts, and other governmental subdivisions as requested. Also responsible for performing city examinations. The division reviews audits and examinations of governmental subdivisions performed by CPA firms, performs reaudits as needed, and provides technical assistance to private citizens, CPA firms, government officials, and other governmental agencies.

Performance Investigation Division – Responsible for conducting comprehensive performance audits of state agencies and the programs they administer. The division also investigates suspected embezzlements and conducts special studies assigned by the Auditor or requested by the Legislature.

By virtue of the office, the Auditor is a member of the State Executive Council, the State Appeal Board, the Iowa Telecommunications and Technology Commission, and the City and County Finance Committees.

*See chapter 4 for information regarding the Office of the Auditor of State.*

## SECRETARY OF STATE

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sos.iowa.gov*



### PAUL D. PATE

*Secretary of State  
Cedar Rapids (R)*

**Term:** Expires January 2023. **Profession:** President of the National Association of Secretaries of State. President and owner of Pate Asphalt Systems, based in Marion. Recognized as a Patriotic Employer by the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. Former Republican State Senator for Linn, Buchanan, and Delaware counties from 1989 – 1994. Co-chaired the Interim Committee for Juvenile Crime and Prevention and sponsored anti-stalking legislation that was enacted. Served first term as Iowa Secretary of State from 1995 – 1999. Initiated registry system reforms, including the Biennial Corporate Report. Developed the educational outreach program ‘Kids Caucus’, reaching over 100,000 Iowa youth. Served two terms as mayor of Cedar Rapids, Iowa’s second largest city, from 2002 – 2006. While mayor, was elected President of the Iowa League of Cities. Elected to a second term as Secretary of State in November 2014. Reelected to a third term in November 2018. Led efforts to institute Safe at Home, an address confidentiality program that protects survivors of sexual assault, domestic abuse, trafficking, and stalking. Program has expanded to more than 550 participants across 60 counties in just three years. Launched an online voter registration system in January 2016, helping Iowa break several voter registration records, with more than 150,000 Iowans having utilized the system. Launched the Fast Track Filing system in June 2018 for new business filings, reducing the processing time from three weeks down to a few minutes. Won a national award for voter education with the Iowa Youth Straw Poll/Iowa Youth Caucus programs and a national award for poll worker training from the Election Center. Recognized by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission with a 2018 ‘Clearie’ Award for his “Helping Veterans and Iowans with Disabilities Vote” initiative. **Education:** Graduated from Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School. Received Associate Arts Degree from Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids. **Memberships and Activities:** Former Squadron Commander for the Iowa Civil Air Patrol, an auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. Received National State Boards of Education Award for Outstanding Leadership in Voter Education in March 2017. Past Chairman of the Hiawatha Chamber of Commerce, the Kirkwood College Alumni Association, and the Hawkeye Area Council Eagle Scout Association. Member of the National Association of Secretaries of State and the First United Methodist Church in Marion. Past

member of the U.S. Small Business Administration District Advisory Board. Alumni Hall of Fame inductee for Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School and Kirkwood Community College. Earned the Iowa Young Entrepreneur Award from the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Small Business Guardian Award from the National Federation of Independent Business, and the Top 10 Outstanding Young Men of America Award from the Iowa Jaycees. Achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest ranking attainable in the Boy Scouts of America program. **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1958 in Ottumwa and resides in Cedar Rapids. **Family Members:** Wife, Jane Pate; three adult children and five grandchildren.

The Secretary of State is a constitutional officer elected every four years. Paul Pate is the 32nd Iowa Secretary of State. The secretary's responsibilities have grown dramatically since the position was first established in 1846. The Office of the Secretary of State oversees elections in Iowa and is a service center for businesses in the state.

Secretary Pate manages the Secretary of State's Office utilizing three guiding principles: service, participation, and integrity. As a successful small businessman, Secretary Pate knows first-hand the challenges that small businesses in Iowa face. The Secretary of State's Business Services Division serves as a portal for Iowa's business community. The Office helps nearly 150,000 companies annually with start-ups, corporate filings, and assisting with biennial reports. It also administers more than 125,000 Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) filings each year and maintains a registry of the commissions for more than 59,000 notaries public. More than 478,000 business filings were handled by the Secretary of State's Office in 2018.

Secretary Pate is the Chief Elections Officer for Iowa. Candidates for all statewide offices, federal offices, legislative offices, and certain judicial offices file their nomination papers with the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State's Office coordinates with the auditors of all 99 Iowa counties to ensure elections run in a smooth, fair, and transparent manner.

Protecting the integrity of Iowa's elections is a top priority for Secretary Pate. His cybersecurity efforts have been recognized as a model for other states to follow by the National Association of Secretaries of State. He has partnered with a variety of county, state, and federal entities to protect Iowa's elections at every level. Secretary Pate is also the chairman of the bipartisan Voter Registration Commission. The commission oversees policies and procedures related to Iowa's voter registration system.

The Safe at Home program is administered by the Secretary of State's Office. Safe at Home is an address confidentiality program for survivors of sexual abuse, domestic violence, trafficking, and stalking. The program has grown to 550 participants across 60 counties since its launch in January 2016. Secretary Pate and his staff continue to travel across the state to conduct outreach with various stakeholders and agencies to promote the resources available to survivors.

The historic and beautifully designed Secretary of State's Office is one of the main attractions for visitors touring the Capitol. The original draft of the Iowa Constitution is encased in the office. Visitors from across the state, the country, and even the other side of the world visit the office. All Iowans who are eligible to register to vote are encouraged to do so, on top of the case that maintains the Iowa Constitution, when they visit Secretary Pate's office. Along with the Iowa Constitution, the Office of the Secretary of State maintains many original official documents, some dating back to the early 1800s.

*See chapter 4 for information regarding the Office of the Secretary of State.*

## TREASURER OF STATE

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*www.iowatreasurer.gov*



### MICHAEL L. FITZGERALD

*Treasurer of State*

*Waukee (D)*

**Term:** Expires January 2023. **Profession:** Serving tenth term as Treasurer of Iowa. Previously employed as a marketing analyst for Massey Ferguson Company, Des Moines, for eight years. **Education:** B.S. in business administration, University of Iowa, 1974. **Memberships and Activities:** Past president of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers (NASACT), National Association of State Treasurers (NAST), College Savings Plan Network (CSPN), Midwest Treasurers Association, and the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators (NAUPA). **Birth and Residence:** Born in 1951 in Marshalltown. Resides in Waukee. **Family Members:** Wife, Susan Fitzgerald; one daughter and one son.

The Treasurer of State plays a primary role in the management of state resources. As the state's cash manager, the Treasurer coordinates the financial services used by state agencies and maintains custody of state funds. The Treasurer processes receipts, makes disbursements, and invests all state funds. The Treasurer accounts for state funds on a cash basis and balances the state's funds regularly with financial institutions and the Department of Administrative Services. The office also coordinates the issuance of debt by state agencies and authorities, invests bond proceeds, and manages lease-purchase financing for state agencies. The Treasurer administers the investment of two state pension funds: the Peace Officers' Retirement Fund and the Judicial Retirement Fund, serving as custodian for these funds, as well as the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System Fund. The Treasurer is a voting member of the following governing bodies: State Executive Council, State Appeal Board, Peace Officers' Retirement Board, Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System Board, Tobacco Settlement Authority, State Records Commission, Iowa Centennial Memorial Foundation, Iowa Comprehensive Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Fund Board, Flood Mitigation Board, Public Funds Interest Rates Committee, and the Iowa Grain Indemnity Fund Board. In addition, the Treasurer serves as a nonvoting member on all state finance authority boards.

The Treasurer is responsible for a variety of consumer programs. The Treasurer administers Iowa's 529 College Savings Plans under the Iowa Educational Savings Plan Trust. The Trust was created

in 1998 to provide Iowa families with a way to save for future educational expenses while providing state and federal tax incentives. Iowa has two 529 college savings plans: College Savings Iowa, sold directly; and the Iowa Advisor 529 Plan, sold through advisors. Additionally, the Treasurer administers the Iowa ABLE Savings Plan Trust, which has one program, IAble, under it. The Trust was created in 2015 to provide Iowans with disabilities and their families with a way to save for future disability related expenses while protecting their ability to maintain certain federal and state benefits. The program also provides similar federal and state tax benefits as the 529 Plans. The Treasurer also manages unclaimed property reported to the office from companies across the country. Treasurer Fitzgerald created the Great Iowa Treasure Hunt in 1983 to locate owners, and has returned millions of dollars to Iowans each year. The Treasurer also prepares an annual report of bonded indebtedness of state and local governments in Iowa.

*See chapter 4 for information regarding the Office of the Treasurer of State.*

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## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

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<i>Name</i>	<i>Type</i>
Kim Reynolds, Governor .....	Statutory
Michael L. Fitzgerald, Treasurer of State .....	Statutory
Mike Naig, Secretary of Agriculture .....	Statutory
Paul D. Pate, Secretary of State .....	Statutory
Rob Sand, Auditor of State .....	Statutory

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 33 regular meetings and convened five times as the Official Board of Canvass in 2017, and held 31 regular meetings and convened four times as the Official Board of Canvass in 2018.

There were no corporations authorized to issue stock in exchange for property or out of surplus in 2017 or 2018.

