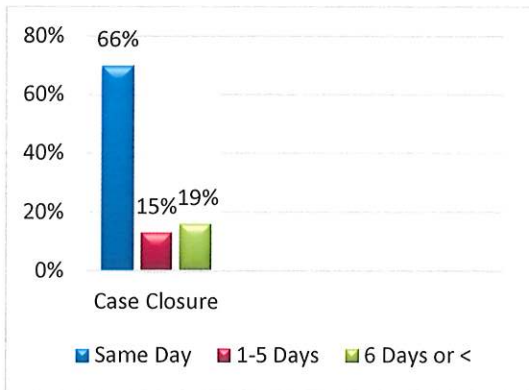
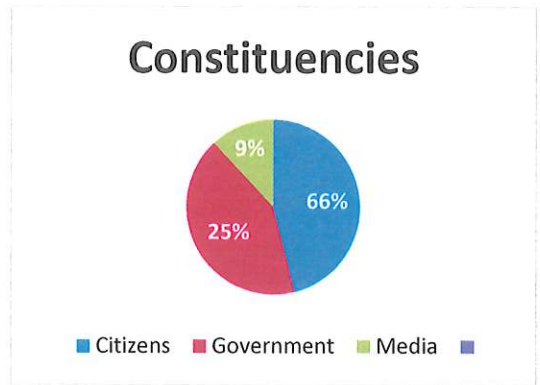


Iowa Public Information Board FY23

- The mission of the Board is to further state and local government transparency and foster informed citizen participation through education, training, dispute resolution, and enforcement activities concerning Iowa Code Chapters 21 and 22.
- To accomplish this goal, the Board was established in 2012 to receive and seek resolution to complaints alleging violations of open meetings and public records laws.
- Each year the IPIB receives inquiries and complaints from Iowa citizens, government bodies at the state and local levels, and from the media. Before the IPIB was created the only option to address these issues was to file a case in district court.



➤ Iowa's citizens make the most contact with the IPIB. Statistics show that in FY22, 66% of inquiries were from citizens and 25% were from governmental bodies, while 9% were from the media.

➤ This past fiscal year the IPIB saw the number of complaints remain steady compared to the previous year. There were 128 formal complaints filed with the Board.

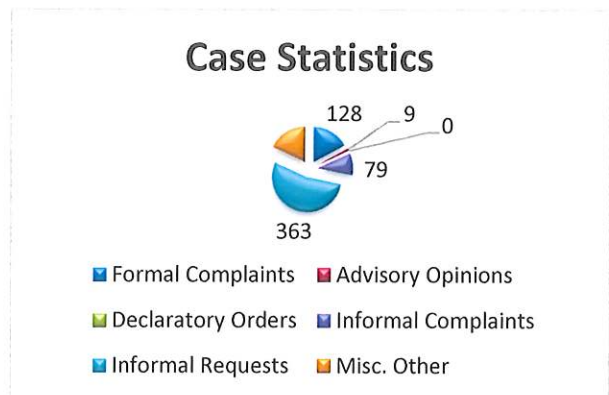
➤ The IPIB projects that it will handle nearly 800 cases in FY23 which far exceeds the estimated 250 cases when the Board was established in 2012. The caseload at the IPIB ranges from telephone inquiries to complex legal matters and opinions.

➤ The efficiency of service at the IPIB is commendable with 81% of cases in FY22 responded to and resolved in five calendar days or less.

➤ The IPIB budget request for FY24 is \$358,039. This is a status quo request to FY23 appropriation of \$358,039. At this funding level, the IPIB will be able to support its staffing needs of three FTE's (two attorneys and one non-attorney administrator).

➤ The IPIB is able to accomplish its mission with a tight budget, allowing for minimum staffing and overhead. Less than twelve cents per year, per Iowan, provides each citizen with a promise of government transparency and the pledge to uphold it.

➤ **IPIB Annual Report available at: IPIB.Iowa.gov**



Board Members

Dan Brietbarth • Joan Corbin • E. J. Giovannetti • Barry Lindahl • Joel McCrea
 Monica McHugh • Julie Pottorff • Jackie Schmillen • Vacant

Iowa Public Information Board Table of Organization



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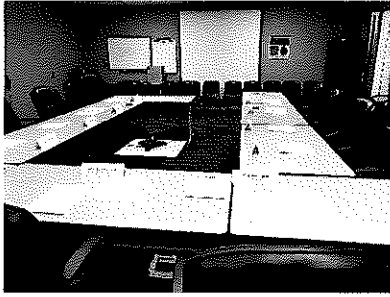
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No bureaus or divisions. 3 FTE

The Board

The first Board was appointed by Governor Branstad in July, 2012. Since then the Board has met at least bi-monthly. The Board achieved operational status on July 8, 2013, with the opening of an office on the third floor of the Wallace Building in the Capitol Complex.



Iowa Code chapter 23 states no more than three members of the nine-member board shall represent the media and not more than three shall represent cities, counties, or other local governments. The members serve staggered four-year terms. The Board must be balanced by political party and gender. The Board appoints a chair and vice chair from among its members. The Board is an

independent agency. In 2022, the Board met for twelve monthly meetings.

Current board membership:

- **Daniel Brietbarth, JD**, Des Moines – (Government Representative) (Republican) (2022-2026) – Dan is currently the Assistant Attorney General for Legislative Affairs with the newly elected Attorney General, Brenna Bird. He previously was an Assistant County Attorney in Boone, and a graduate of Iowa State University and Drake Law School.
- **Joan Corbin**, Pella – (Government Representative) (Democrat) (2020-2024) – Joan is a community volunteer and serves on the Pella Community School District Board. She currently serves as the President of the school board and is in her fifth term with the district. She served on the Iowa Association of School Boards for 12 years, including two years as President, just completing her last year in December of 2022.
- **E.J. Giovannetti, JD**, Urbandale – (Public Representative) (Republican) (2022-2026) – E.J. is currently active as an attorney for Hopkins & Huebner, P.C. and has been a public servant for the past 40 years, including being Mayor of the City of Urbandale (20 years) and member of the Board of Supervisors (10 years).
- **Barry A. Lindahl, JD**, Dubuque – (Government Representative) (Democrat) (2020-2024) - Barry served in the City of Dubuque City Attorney's Office from 1975 to the present. He was City Attorney from 1983 to 2016. He is now Senior Counsel. Barry was a University of Iowa College of Law Adjunct Faculty Member from 1978-2018. Barry is the author of West Publications Iowa Practice: vol.9-10 Civil Practice Forms and vol.11-12 Civil and Appellate Procedure.
- **Joel McCrea**, Pleasant Hill – (Media Representative) (Republican) (2022-2026) – Joel is Market President of iHeartMedia Des Moines since 2000. Past President of the Iowa Broadcasters Association (2010) and currently a member of the board of directors of the IBA.
- **Monica McHugh, CPA**, Zwingle, (Vice Chair) (Public Representative) (Republican) (2022-2026) – Monica is Regional Controller for Sonac USA LLC in Maquoketa, IA and owns JM Farm Accounting, a small tax and accounting practice. She also serves as chair of the Jackson County Zoning Board of which she has been a member of since 2010.
- **Julie Pottorff, JD**, Des Moines, (Chair) (Public Representative) (Democrat) (2020-2024) – Julie worked in the Iowa Department of Justice over thirty years. She joined the Department in 1979 as a staff attorney, was appointed as the Division Director for the Administrative Law Division in 1990, and then appointed as a Deputy Attorney General in 1994. She retired from the Department in 2013.
- **Jackie Schmillen**, Urbandale (Media Representative) (Democrat) (2022-2026) -
- **Vacant**, (2020-2024), since January 2022 due to the resignation of a Board member. Governor appoints replacement.

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