



# Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board

An Independent Agency of the Executive Branch

## ***BUDGET PRESENTATION FY 2024***

*House Administration and Regulation Appropriations Subcommittee*

*February 20, 2023*

ZACH GOODRICH

Executive Director and Legal Counsel

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

James Albert, Chair

Elaine Olson, Vice Chair

Jonathan Roos • Mary Rueter

Leah Rodenberg • Daniel Jessop

# OUR MISSION

***The mission of the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board is to promote the public's trust and confidence in government by ensuring the integrity of political campaigns, the ethical standards for officials and employees of the executive branch of state government, and the lawful conduct of executive branch lobbyists.***

The Board enforces the statutes and rules under its jurisdiction, guided by the principles of fairness and consistency. This enforcement should not discourage individuals from being involved in the political process or state government. At all times the Board will seek to educate those individuals and entities that come under its jurisdiction concerning the requirements of Iowa law and will continue to embrace technological changes to better serve the public.

In order to accomplish its Mission, the Board will enforce the provisions of the "Campaign Disclosure Act" in Iowa Code chapter 68A, the "Government Ethics and Lobbying Act" in Iowa Code chapter 68B, the reporting of gifts and bequests received by agencies under Iowa Code section 8.7, and the Board's administrative rules in Chapter 351 of the Iowa Administrative Code.



# OUR ORGANIZATION

## BOARD MEMBERS

Appointed by Governor and confirmed by Senate  
Politically balanced pursuant to Iowa Code section 69.16

**James Albert, Chair**  
Urbandale  
4/30/2027

**Elaine Olson, Vice Chair**  
Bettendorf  
4/30/2027

**Jonathan Roos**  
Polk City  
4/30/2023

**Mary Rueter**  
DeWitt  
4/30/2023

**Leah Rodenberg**  
Marion  
4/30/2028

**Daniel Jessop**  
Williamsburg  
4/30/2028

## BOARD STAFF

**ZACH GOODRICH**

**Executive Director and Legal Counsel**

Appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Board

**NANCY WOOD**  
Executive Secretary

**TIM ANNEE**  
Campaign Auditor  
Local & County  
Committees

**JASON HACKER**  
Campaign Auditor  
PAC & County Central  
Committees

**VANESSA SAYASANE**  
Campaign Auditor  
Legislative Committees

**MARIE SPILMAN**  
Campaign Auditor  
Legislative & Statewide  
Committees



# OUR ACTIVITIES

- Investigating complaints
- Providing legal information and guidance
- Drafting advisory opinions
- Assisting candidates/campaigns to ensure compliance
- Auditing campaign finance reports for compliance
- Reviewing ethics reports (dual-compensation, gifts, personal financial disclosures, etc.)
- Serving as a resource for Iowa's ethics/campaign laws



# OUR RECOMMENDED BUDGET



## Top Expenses:

1) Salaries/Benefits: 88%

2) Reimbursements to Other Agencies: 6%

3) Outside IT Services: 4%

## Other Expense Categories:

- Office Supplies
- Travel
- Communications
- Postage



# YEAR TO YEAR CHANGES

- Status Quo Budget
- Decrease of **-\$1,356\*** from General Fund
- Special appropriation from Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund
  - \$66,000 for:
    - Office Security
    - Office Repairs/Improvements

\*due to restructuring the OCIO's Cybersecurity Office from fee-based funding to a General Fund appropriation.



# AGENCY TECHNOLOGY

- **New Web Reporting System (WRS) launched last March**
  - Continue to work to refine and improve system for all users
    - Fixing bugs
    - Adding new features and enhancements
- **Used FY23 surplus to futureproof agency technology**
- **Using new technology to streamline agency operations**



# 2023 PRIORITIES

Review and improve agency operations by:

- Enforcing past penalties
- Launching redesigned website
- Improving Web Reporting System
- Additional outreach and education
- Prioritizing customer service







## Questions?

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*Thank you!*