

Iowa Public Information Board Budget

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Iowa Public Information Board

Year Highlights



New executive director in March

In July, upgraded case management system to allow for electronic records

State-wide website upgrade

All Board materials posted to the website beginning summer 2023

Focus on formal complaint and questions tracking rather than informal communications

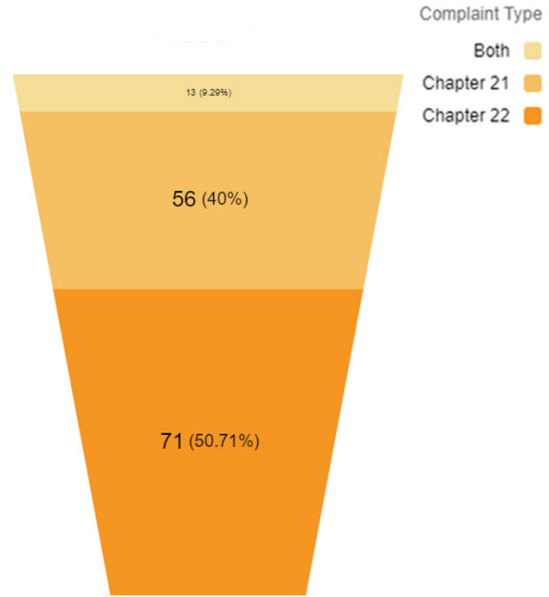
- 137 formal complaints filed

Focus on providing official guidance via advisory opinions

More outreach and training

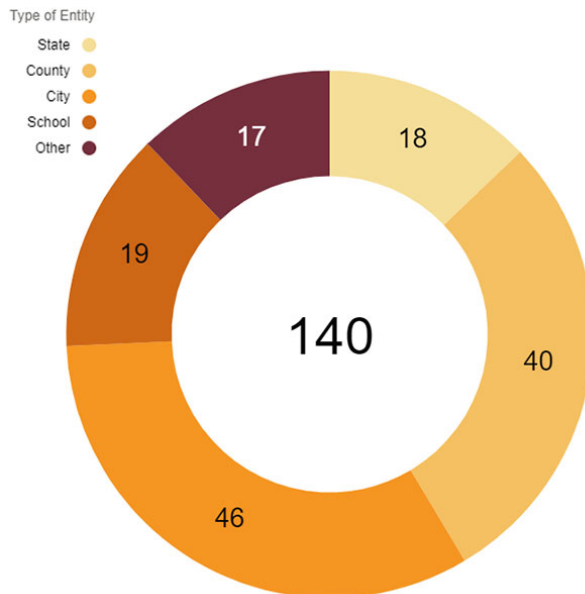
Cases

- 51% were public records
- 40% were open meetings
- 9% were both



Entities

- 18 against state entities
- 40 against counties
- 46 against cities
- 19 against schools
- 17 against others, such as libraries, conservation, etc.

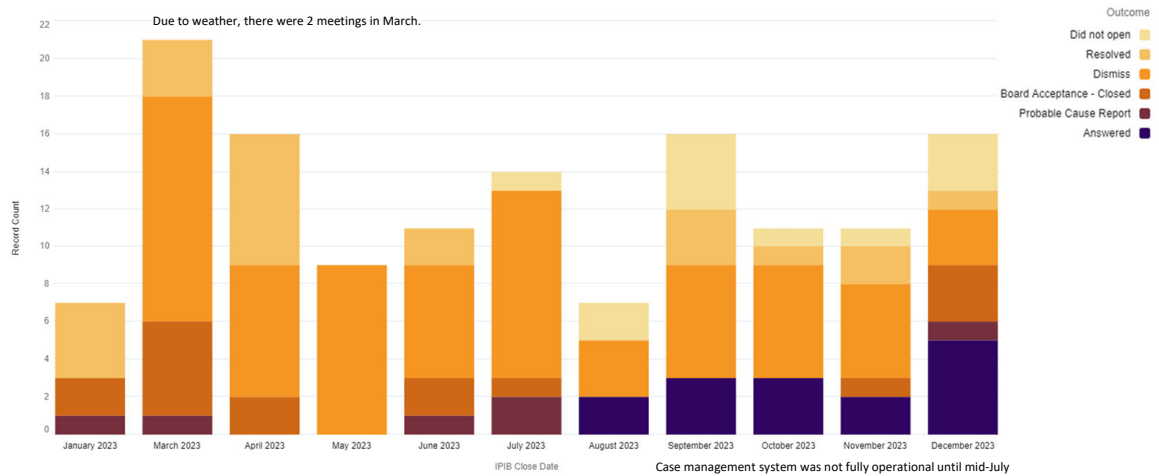


Some cases were consolidated. There were 137 formal complaints.

Subject matter

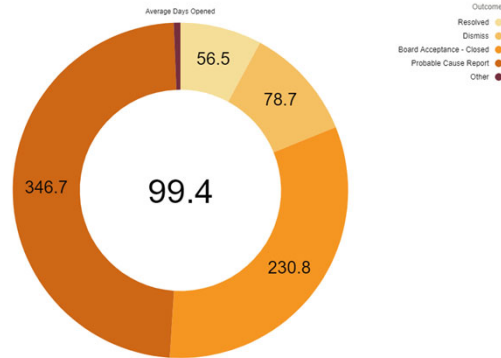


Outcome of closed cases



Average days to close a file by outcome

- 57 days to resolve
- 78 days to dismiss
- 231 days for informal resolution completion
- 347 days for probable report
- Average days per case= 100.



Cases are not closed until Board action.

FY2025 Budget

Status quo budget of \$362,101.

Increase of \$4,694

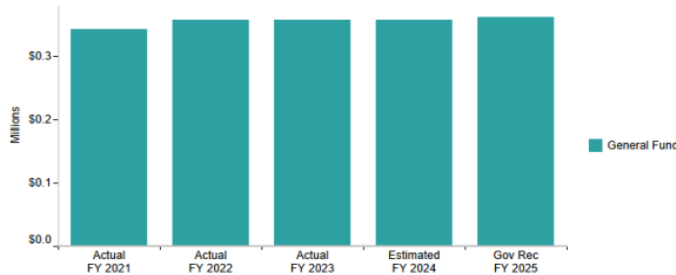
General Fund Recommendations

	Actual FY 2023 (1)	Estimated FY 2024 (2)	Gov Rec FY 2025 (3)	Gov Rec vs Est FY 2024 (4)
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Iowa Public Information Board	\$ 358,039	\$ 357,407	\$ 362,101	\$ 4,694
Total Public Information Board	\$ 358,039	\$ 357,407	\$ 362,101	\$ 4,694

Governor's Recommendations FY 2025

Iowa Public Information Board **\$4,694**

Funding History



FY2025 Goals



Upgrading transparency-

- Livestreaming and posting all board meetings

Providing more training opportunities

- Short videos on common issues and advisory opinions
- Updating training materials and FAQs

Increase resources for the public regarding open meetings and public records

- Work on handbook

Continue to collaborate with groups with common interests in open meetings and public records

Challenges



More formal complaints this year, expect this trend to continue

Small staff, so wear multiple hats:

- investigation, legal analysis, mediation, administration, technology, communications