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Executive Director
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IOWA ETHICS AND CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE BOARD

An Independent Agency of the Executive Branch

OPERATIONAL PLAN FY2027

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

2026 IECDB BOARD MEMBERS*

James Albert, *Chair*

term ends 4/30/2027

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term ends 4/30/2028

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term ends 4/30/2027

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term ends 4/30/2028

Jonathan Roos, *Board Member*

term ends 4/30/2029

*at the close of 2024, the Board had one vacancy

2026 IECDB STAFF

Erika Eckley, *Executive Director and Legal Counsel**

Tim Annee, *County & Local Auditor*

Jason Hacker, *PAC & County Central Committee Auditor*

Alexander Lee, *Ethics Counsel*

Kimberly Murphy, *Assistant Legal Counsel*

Marie Spilman, *Statewide & Legislative Auditor*

Nancy Wood, *Legislative Auditor*

*The Executive Director is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Board. This position has been combined with the Board's Legal Counsel for decades. All other staff are hired by the Executive Director to serve the agency.

AGENCY PROGRAMS

Agency programs can be broken down into two broad categories, based on the agency's jurisdiction: Iowa Code Chapter 68A (campaign finance) and 68B (government ethics). Below is a table that breaks down agency programs/functions based on these two chapters.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Compliance: the agency's auditors routinely examine campaign finance reports for inaccuracies and prohibited expenditures or contributions

EXECUTIVE BRANCH ETHICS

Education: the agency consistently provides support to Iowa's executive branch agencies with regard to training on the state's government ethics laws that are applicable to them

Enforcement: the agency’s attorneys follow up with committees and candidates to enforce the provisions of chapter 68A, whether that be through ensuring reports are amended, money is returned, or penalties are assessed at the behest of the Board

Education: the agency consistently provides support to Iowa’s state agencies and outside organizations with regard to training on campaign finance laws in the state

Routine advice: the agency, including agency attorneys, is available to the public and other stakeholders as questions arise

Enforcement: the agency’s attorneys contact executive branch elected officials and employees to enforce the provisions of chapter 68B. This includes, but is not limited to, the assessment of penalties at the instruction of the Board.

Routine advice: the agency, including agency attorneys, is available to the public and other stakeholders as questions arise

OPERATIONAL GOALS, MEASURES, AND METRICS

All of the following operational goals, including measures and targets, contribute to Governor Reynolds’ 2026 priority of serving Iowans and ensuring public safety through transparency, as it aligns with the Board’s mission to preserve the integrity of government and serve the public. As an independent agency of the executive branch, the Board’s mission “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.”

SPA	OPERATIONAL GOAL	MEASURE/METRIC	IGOV
Audits	% filed reports filed timely	Target: 97%, shows progress to decreased staff time	5
Audits	% of reports and statements audited within 1 year	Target: 80%, shows progress to decreased staff time	5
Education	# of trainings provided	Target: 12, increases awareness amongst regulated parties	5
Education	% of educational materials updated and available	Target: 100%, increases awareness amongst regulated parties	5
Investigation	% of investigations completed within 1 year	Target: 100%, promotes public trust	5
Hearings	% of hearings completed within one year	Target: 100%, promotes public trust	5
Inquiries	% of inquiries responded to within three business days	Target: 100%, promotes public trust	5