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Iowa Public Information Board

PERFORMANCE REPORT

Performance Results Achieved

Fiscal Year 2022

Board Members

Daniel Breitbarth • Joan Corbin • E. J. Giovannetti • Barry Lindahl • Monica McHugh
Joel McCrea • Julie Pottorff • Jackie Schmillen • vacant

Board Members

Iowa Code chapter 23 establishes the Board and provides that no more than three members of the nine-member board shall represent the media and not more than three represent cities, counties, or other local governments. The members serve staggered four-year terms, and the Board must be balanced by political party and gender. The Board elects a chair and vice chair from among its members. The Board is an independent agency of the executive branch. The following individuals were serving on the Board at the end of fiscal year 2022:

Daniel Breitbarth, Des Moines
Joan Corbin, Pella
E.J. Giovannetti, Urbandale
Barry Lindahl, Dubuque
Joel McCrea, Pleasant Hill
Monica McHugh, Zwingle
Julie Pottorff, Des Moines
Jackie Schmillen, Urbandale
vacant

Board Staff

The following staff were serving at the pleasure of the Board at the end of fiscal year 2022:

Margaret E. Johnson, Executive Director
Brett J. Toresdahl, Deputy Director
Hannah Fordyce, Legal Counsel

The Board's Vision

The goal of the Iowa Public Information Board is to facilitate participatory democracy in Iowa through education and training of its citizens and government officials in the provisions and applications of the state's open meetings and open records laws, chapters 21 and 22. The Board is to provide an alternative means of securing compliance and enforcement of the open meetings and open records laws through the provision of an efficient, informal, and cost-effective process.

Complaints and Rulings

In FY22, staff processed 688 matters as outlined below:

Formal Complaints - 128
Informal Complaints - 79
Advisory Opinions - 9
Declaratory Orders/Petitions for Rule Making - 0
Informal Requests for Information/Action - 363
Miscellaneous Requests - 109

Board Proceeding

All Iowa Public Information Board meeting minutes for the past year are available on the Board's website (www.ipib.iowa.gov).

Board Outreach and Training

The Board continues to provide training and outreach as requested and as part of the informal resolution of complaints. The IPIB training curriculum is posted on the IPIB website. The website was accessed 32,277 times in FY22. The Board has also adopted administrative rules to provide guidance to the public and regulated community with uniform policies, procedures, and interpretations.

Future Goals

The Board has been operational since July 2013. For fiscal year 2022, the 688 matters brought before the Board were resolved in the following time frame:

Same Day:	67%
1-5 Calendar Days:	15%
6 Calendar Days or more:	18%

The Board will continue to resolve as many issues as possible in an expeditious manner, while ensuring that the issues are given proper consideration and due diligence.

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