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## Iowa Public Information Board

# PERFORMANCE REPORT

### Performance Results Achieved

**Fiscal Year 2020**

#### Board Members

Joan Corbin • E. J. Giovannetti • Barry Lindahl • Keith Luchtel • Monica McHugh  
Frederick Morain • Julie Pottorff • Suzan Stewart • Stan Thompson

## **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 2020:

Joan Corbin, Pella  
E.J. Giovannetti, Urbandale  
Keith Luchtel, Clive  
Frederick (Rick) Morain, Jefferson  
Monica McHugh, Zwingle  
Julie Pottorff, Des Moines  
Suzan Stewart, Sioux City  
Stan Thompson, Clive

## **Board Staff**

The following staff was serving at the pleasure of the Board at the end of fiscal year 2020:

Margaret E. Johnson, Executive Director  
Brett J. Toresdahl, Deputy Director  
Zach Goodrich, 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 FY20, staff processed 791 matters as outlined below:

Formal Complaints - 135  
Informal Complaints - 79  
Advisory Opinions - 7  
Declaratory Orders/Petitions for Rule Making - 1  
Informal Requests for Information/Action - 425  
Miscellaneous Requests - 144

## **Board Proceeding**

All Iowa Public Information Board meeting minutes for the past year are available on the Board's website ([www.ipib.iowa.gov](http://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 20,991 times in FY20. 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 2020, resolution of the 791 matters brought before the Board were resolved in the following time frame:

Same Day:	69%
1-5 Calendar Days:	15%
6 Calendar Days or more:	16%

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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