

IOWA PUBLIC INFORMATION BOARD

November 16, 2023

Unapproved Minutes

The Board met on November 16, 2023 for its monthly meeting at 1:00 in the 3rd floor E/W Conference Room in the Wallace Building with the following members participating: Daniel Breitbarth, Des Moines (arrived 1:09pm); Joan Corbin, Pella (phone); E. J. Giovannetti, Urbandale; Barry Lindahl, Dubuque; Joel McCrea, Pleasant Hill; Julie Pottorff, Des Moines. Absent: Jackie Schmillen, Urbandale; Monica McHugh, Zwingle. Also present were IPIB Executive Director Erika Eckley; Brett Toresdahl, Deputy Director; Daniel Strawhun, Legal Counsel. A quorum was declared present.

Others identified present or by phone: Scott Williamson, Chad Miller, Christi Latta, Pauletta Cox, Taylor Johnson, Adam McCall.

On a **motion** by McCrea, **second** by Pottorff, the agenda was unanimously adopted 5-0.

On a **motion** by Giovannetti, **second** by McCrea, to approve the October 19, 2023 minutes. Unanimously adopted 5-0.

Public Forum – none

Board Chair Comments – none

Advisory Opinions –

1. 23AO:0008 Debra Schiel-Larson – Chapter 22 - Draft documents confidentiality exception. 10/11/23 - pending

The board was briefed on cases and took action as indicated:

1. 22FC:0118 Dakota Sellers - Chapter 22- City of Vinton 11/14/2022 – A motion by Giovannetti and second by Pottorff to accept the informal resolution final report and to dismiss the complaint as being satisfactorily resolved. Unanimously approved, 5-0.

Note: *Brietbarth arrived at 1:09pm*

2. 23FC:0060 Dina Raley - Chapter 22- Delaware County Sheriff 6/16/2023 - A motion by Giovannetti and second by McCrea to table the matter for further review. Unanimously approved 5-0.

Note: *Lost phone communication/restored phone communication.*

3. 23FC:0072 Don Benedict – Chapter 22 – City of Sidney – 7/11/23 – A motion by McCrea and second by Brietbarth to accept the informal resolution report. Unanimously approved, 6-0.
4. 23FC:0074 Chad Miller - Chapter 21- Scott County Board of Review 7/18/2023 – Chad Miller spoke. A motion by Brietbarth and second by Giovannetti to accept the informal resolution report. Unanimously approved, 6-0.

Note: *Corbin disconnected from the meeting.*

5. 23FC:0081 Elijah Mathern – Chapter 21 – GMG Community School District – 8/10/23 and 23FC:0085 Jackie Stonewall – Chapter 21 – GMG Community School Board – 8/22/23 – Christi Latta spoke. A motion by Giovannetti and second by Brietbarth to consolidate the complaints and approve the dismissal order. Unanimously approved, 5-0.
6. 23FC:0082 Mellisa Mattingly – Both Chapters – McCallsburg City Council – 8/3/23 – A motion by Brietbarth and second by Pottorff to approve the acceptance order. Unanimously approved, 5-0.
7. 23FC:0091 Michelle Hillman – Chapter 21 – Grand Junction City Council 9/14/23 – A motion by Pottorff and second by Giovannetti to approve the dismissal order. Unanimously approved, 5-0.
8. 23FC:0094 Matthew Jensen – Chapter 22 – Pottawatamie Co. Treasurer 9/28/23 – A motion by Giovannetti and second by McCrea to approve the dismissal order. Unanimously approved, 5-0.
9. 23FC:0096 Leslie Wiles – Chapter 21 – Redfield Public Library 10/9/23 – and 23FC:0097 Pauletta Cox – Chapter 21 – Redfield Public Library 10/9/23 – Pauletta Cox spoke. A motion by Pottorff and second by Giovannetti to consolidate the complaints and approve the acceptance order. Unanimously approved, 5-0.
10. 23FC:0100 Travis Johnson – Chapter 21 – Eddysville Blakesburg Fremont CSD Board 10/18//23 – Travis Johnson and Scott Williamson spoke. A motion by Brietbarth and second by Giovannetti to approve the acceptance order. Unanimously approved, 5-0.
11. 23FC:0103 Crystl McCall – Both Chapters – Elk Horn City Council 10/23/23 – Adam McCall spoke. A motion by Brietbarth and second by Pottorff to approve the dismissal order. Unanimously approved, 5-0.

Matters Withdrawn. No Action -

1. 23FC:0065 Neetu Arnold - Chapter 22 – University of Northern Iowa 6/14/23 Withdrawn
2. 23FC:0099 Steve Kirby – Chapter 22 – Warren County Auditor 10/17/23 – Withdrawn
3. 23FC:0069 Roger Hurlbert – Chapter 22 – Montgomery County Assessor 6/26/23 – Withdrawn

Pending complaints that required no board action. Informational

1. 22FC:0069 Mari Radtke - Chapter 22- City of Paulina 7/25/2022 - Probable Cause Report Pending
2. 23FC:0053 Debra Schiel-Larson – Both Chapters – Indianola Community School District – 5/1/23
3. 23FC:0056 Ruth Bolinger - Chapter 21- Creston City Council 5/22/2023 – Pending Informal Resolution
4. 23FC:0063 Laurie Kramer - Chapter 21- City of Delhi 6/19/2023; & 23FC:0063 Greg Preussner – Chapter 21– City of Delhi – Pending Informal Resolution
5. 23FC:0083 Brendan Chaney – Chapter 21 – City of Iowa Falls – 8/14/23 – Information Gathering
6. 23FC:0086 Todd Banner – Chapter 22 – Iowa State University – 8/23/23 – Information Gathering

7. 23FC:0093 Randy Phelps – Chapter 22 – Boone Police Department 9/27/23 – Information Gathering
8. 23FC:0098 Joseph Foran – Chapter 21 – Audubon City Council 10/10/23 – Information Gathering
9. 23FC:0101 Braxton Morrison – Chapter 21 – Benton Co. Supervisors 10/18/23 – Information Gathering
10. 23FC:0102 Maggie Mangold – Chapter 21 – Benton Co. Supervisors 10/19/23 – Information Gathering
11. 23FC:0104 Hendrik van Pelt – Chapter 22 – City of West Des Moines 10/25/23 – Information Gathering
12. 23FC:0105 Jeff Law/Kourtnee Mammen – Chapter 21 – River Valley School Board 10/29/23 – Information Gathering
13. 23FC:0106 Clint Fichter – Chapter 22 – Iowa Ethics and Campaign Board 11/3/23 – Information Gathering
14. 23FC:0107 Dana Sanders – Both Chapters – Benton Co. Board of Supervisors 10/31/23; 23FC:0108 Kurt Karr 11/1/23; 23FC:0109 Valerie Close 11/3/23; 23FC:0110 Maggie Mangold 11/3/23; 23FC:0111 Kaitlin Emrich 11/4/23; 23FC:0112 Lu Karr 11/4/23; 23FC:0113 Molly Rach 11/5/23 – Consolidating & Information Gathering
15. 23FC:0114 John Bandstra – Chapter 21 – South Central Regional Airport Agency 11/6/23 – Information Gathering
16. 23FC:0115 Bert Bandstra – Chapter 21 – South Central Regional Airport Agency 11/10/23 – Information Gathering
17. 23FC:0116 Jacob Ballard – Chapter 21 – Perry Community School Board 11/8/23 – Information Gathering
18. 23FC:0117 Ellen O’Mally – Chapter 21 – Pleasant Grove Trustees 11/9/23 – Information Gathering

Committee Reports

1. Communications – No report
2. Legislative – No report
3. Rules – The next meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2023.

Updates for the board.

- a. Eckley provided an office update and current statistics.
- b. Toresdahl shared the FY24 financials.
- c. Upcoming presentations:
 - Iowa Municipal Attorneys Association
 - Floyd County officials
 - Creston City Council
 - Sidney City Council
- d. A district court case:
 - Ward appeal – an answer has been filed.
 - Swarm case – hearing scheduled for January 25, 2024.

The next IPiB meeting will be in the Wallace Building, **3rd Floor, E/W Conference Room**, December 21, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

At 2:27 p.m. the meeting adjourned on a motion by Pottorff and a second by Brietbarth. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted
Brett Toresdahl, Deputy Director

IPIB, Chair
Approved