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Agenda

October 15, 2026, 1:00 p.m.
Conference Room
Jessie Parker Building, East
510 East 12th Street, Des Moines

1:00 PM – IPIB Meeting

- I. Approval of agenda***
- II. Approval of the September 17, 2026 minutes ***
- III. Public Forum (5-minute limit per speaker)**
- IV. Comments from the board chair. (Lucas)**
- V. Advisory Opinion – Deliberation/Action.**
- VI. Cases involving Board Deliberation/Action.* (Miller)**
 - 1. 25FC:0055 (Justin Cole - Chapter 21- Mount Union Benefited Fire District) 5/21/2025 – Status Report
 - 2. 25FC:0166 (James Possehl - Chapter 21- City of Parnell - city council) 10/27/2025 -Final Report
Board Approval of Final Report
 - 3. 26FC:0030 (Anthony Teninty - Chapter 22- Wapello County) 1/29/2026 -Informal Resolution
Board Approval of Informal Resolution Report
 - 4. 26FC:0065 (Kari Friedmann - Both- City of Sac City) 3/5/2026 -Informal Resolution Board
Approval of Informal Resolution Report
 - 5. 26FC:0066 (Michael Dyer - Both- Decatur city council) 3/23/2026 - Informal Resolution Board
Approval of Informal Resoultion Report
 - 6. 26FC:0095 (Sean Canto - Chapter 22- Wapello County) 3/31/2026 -Informal Resolution Board
Approval of Informal Resolution Report
 - 7. 26FC:0110 (Claire Logsdon - Chapter 22- Davenport police department) 4/24/2026 -
Investigative Report Board Approval of Investigative Report

8. 26FC:0123 (Claire Logsdon - Chapter 22- Iowa City Police Department) 5/11/2026 -Informal Resolution Board Approval of Informal Resolution Report
9. 26FC:0147 (Jeremy Anderson - Chapter 22- City of Bettendorf / Bettendorf Police Department, 1609 State Street, Bettendorf, IA 52722.) 6/4/2026 -Investigative Report Board Approval of Investigative Report
10. 26FC:0163 (John Smith - Chapter 22- City of Eldon) 6/25/2026 -Investigative Report Board Approval of Investigative Report
11. 26FC:0178 (Mark Milligan - Chapter 21- Wapello County Board of Supervisors) 7/12/2026 - Informal Resolution Board Approval of Informal Resolution Report
12. 26FC:0180 (Stephen Allen - Chapter 22- City of Soldier, Iowa) 7/14/2026 -Investigative Report Board Approval of Investigative Report
13. 26FC:0184 (Blankenship - Chapter 21- Iowa Valley Community College Board of Directors) 7/16/2026 -Investigative Report Board Approval of Investigative Report
14. 26FC:0186 (Addison Delong - Chapter 22- City Of Runnells City Council) 7/16/2026 - Investigative Report Board Approval of Investigative Report
15. 26FC:0197 (Dale Leslein - Chapter 22- Dubuque County Board of Supervisors) 7/27/2026 - Investigative Report Board Approval of Investigative Report
16. 26FC:0229 (Jill Boyle Kenyon - Chapter 22- Council Bluffs Police Department) 8/19/2026 - Investigative Report Board Approval of Investigative Report
17. 26FC:0238 (Wade Robinson - Chapter 22- Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC)) 8/25/2026 -Investigative Report Board Approval of Investigative Report

VII. Consent Agenda *

1. Dismissals

- 1.Dismiss 26FC:0299 (Michelle Nord - Chapter 21- Clinton county city council) 6/11/2026 - Board Approval of Facial Dismissal
- 2.Dismiss 26FC:0300 (Emily Thomas - Chapter 21- Clinton Mayor and City Council) 6/11/2026 - Board Approval of Facial Dismissal
- 3.Dismiss 26FC:0301 (Stevie Sachsenmaier - Chapter 22- Clinton Iowa City Council) 6/12/2026 - Board Approval of Facial Dismissal
4. Dismiss 26FC:0241 (Chad Faichney - Chapter 22- Waterloo City Clerks Office) 8/26/2026 - Board Approval of Facial Dismissal
- 5.Dismiss 26FC:0286 (Sholly - Chapter 21- Postville public library) 10/1/2026 - Board Approval of Facial Dismissal

2. Acceptance

- 1.Accept 26FC:0146 (Phil - Chapter 21- City of Shellsburg) 6/4/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
- 2.Accept 26FC:0155 (Smith - Chapter 22- City of Runnells) 6/8/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
3. 26FC:0167 (Summer Schooler - Chapter 22- City of Windsor Heights and the Windsor Heights Police Department) 7/2/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
- 4.Accept 26FC:0185 (JoAnn Bohn - Chapter 22- City of Runnells IA) 7/16/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
- 5.Accept 26FC:0194 (Michael Benson - Chapter 21- City of Merville) 7/23/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
- 6.Accept 26FC:0208 (Michael Merritt - Chapter 22- Iowa Department of Public Safety) 8/3/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
- 7.Accept 26FC:0212 (Kacie Meyer - Chapter 21- Iowa City School Board) 8/3/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
- 8.Accept 26FC:0225 (Naveen Kalia - Chapter 22- Iowa City Assessor's Office) 8/15/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
- 9.Accept 26FC:0231 (Naveen Kalia - Chapter 22- City of Iowa City — City Attorney's Office (City Legal)) 8/20/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance

10. Accept 26FC:0237 (Reuben Neff Fonseca - Chapter 22- Madrid Community School District) 8/25/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
11. Accept 26FC:0249 (Randy Laughlin - Both- Centralia city council) 8/27/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
12. Accept 26FC:0253 (Layne Pieri - Chapter 22- Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce, City of Marshalltown) 8/31/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
13. Accept 26FC:0254 (Eric Delaney - Chapter 22- City of De Soto) 8/31/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
14. Accept 26FC:0255 (Benton Cloke - Both- Cardinal Community School District) 9/3/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
15. Accept 26FC:0257 (Anonymous - Chapter 21- Henry County Conservation Board) 9/3/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
16. Accept 26FC:0258 (Mason Smith - Chapter 22- City of Johnston — Johnston Police Department) 9/5/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
17. Accept 26FC:0260 (Josh Patterson - Chapter 22- Greenfield Municipal Utilities (GMU) Greenfield, IA 50849) 9/9/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
18. Accept 26FC:0264 (Kimberly Koehlhoeffer - Both- Jefferson County Board of Supervisors Fairfield, Jefferson County, Iowa) 9/10/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
19. Accept 26FC:0265 (William Daggett - Chapter 22- City of Baxter, Iowa) 9/14/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
20. Accept 26FC:0268 (Ann Ewoldt - Chapter 22- City of Spencer, Iowa) 9/15/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
21. Accept 26FC:0269 (Vicky Brenner - Chapter 21- Madison County Board of Health) 9/16/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
22. Accept 26FC:0270 (Bj James Editor of Iowa Civic record - Chapter 21- City of De Soto) 9/17/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
23. Accept 26FC:0271 (Matt Loffer - Chapter 22- Marengo Police Department) 9/17/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
24. Accept 26FC:0272 (Matt Ring - Chapter 22- Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS)) 9/17/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
25. Accept 26FC:0274 (Billy Frazier - Chapter 22- Kelli Albert Utilities Communications Specialist City of Cedar Rapids Iowa) 9/23/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
26. Accept 26FC:0275 (Kevin Hackett - Chapter 22- Story County Sheriff's Office) 9/23/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
27. Accept 26FC:0276 (Paige Petek - Both- Urbandale Community School District) 9/24/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
28. Accept 26FC:0277 (Ryan Renze - Chapter 22- City of Urbandale / Urbandale Police Department) 9/24/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
29. Accept 26FC:0278 (Vaughn Gross - Chapter 22- Wapsie Valley CSD) 9/24/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
30. Accept 26FC:0279 (Stephen Figg - Chapter 22- Clinton city council) 9/24/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
31. Accept 26FC:0280 (Wade Robinson - Chapter 22- Des Moines Area Community College) 9/25/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
32. Accept 26FC:0281 (Malcolm Suttle - Chapter 22- Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) / Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner (IOSME)) 9/25/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
33. Accept 26FC:0282 (Theresa Tucker - Chapter 22- Cedar Rapids Community School District) 9/25/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance

34. Accept 26FC:0285 (Zachary Gomez - Chapter 22- Council Bluffs Police Department) 9/30/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance

VIII. Matters Withdrawn, No Action Necessary. (Miller)

1. 26FC:0002 (Lori White - Chapter 22- Harrison County Sheriff) 1/2/2026 -Withdrawn
Withdrawn
2. 26FC:0230 (Gabriel Bouzard - Chapter 22- County Auditor, County Board of Supervisors) 8/20/2026 - Withdrawn
3. 26FC:0244 (Rene Castillo - Chapter 22- The University of Iowa.) 8/26/2026 -Withdrawn
Withdrawn
4. 26FC:0273 (Leonardo Nava - Chapter 22- Adams county sheriff office) 9/19/2026 -Withdrawn
Withdrawn

IX. Pending Complaints. Informational Only (Miller)

1. 25FC:0054 (Tim Ferguson - Chapter 22- City of Davenport) 5/19/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
2. 25FC:0061 (Dylan Southall - Chapter 22- Cedar Falls Utilities - Cedar Falls, Iowa) 5/23/2025 - Investigation
3. 25FC:0058 (Rachel Doyle - Both- City of Rolfe) 5/27/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
4. 25FC:0076 (Ken Allsup - Both- Oskaloosa School Board) 6/17/2025 - Board Approval of Informal Resolution Report
5. 25FC:0082 (Tim Ferguson - Chapter 22- Davenport Police Department) 6/24/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
6. 25FC:0089 (Charlie Comfort - Chapter 22- Oskaloosa Community School District) 7/7/2025 - Board Approval of Informal Resolution Report
7. 25FC:0092 (Keith Wieland - Chapter 21- Buchanan County Solid Waste Commission) 7/9/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
8. 25FC:0099 (Mount Pleasant Municipal Utilities - Chapter 21- Resale Power Group of Iowa) 7/28/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
9. 25FC:0104 (Tim Ferguson - Chapter 22- City of Davenport and Davenport Police Department) 8/13/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
10. 25FC:0109 (Jaicy Skaggs - Chapter 21- City of Kellogg) 8/18/2025 - Contested Case
11. 25FC:0119 (Tim Ferguson - Chapter 22- City of Davenport custodian) 8/21/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
12. 25FC:0120 (Tim Ferguson - Chapter 22- Davenport Police Department & City of Davenport) 8/26/2025 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
13. 25FC:0121 (Tim Ferguson - Chapter 22- Scott County) 8/26/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
14. 25FC:0126 (Don McGregor - Chapter 22- Kossuth County Board of Supervisors) 9/11/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
15. 25FC:0127 (Vince Johnson - Chapter 22- Kossuth County board of supervisors and trustees of Drainage district DD4) 9/11/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
16. 25FC:0151 (Gregory Armstrong - Chapter 22- Hamburg Community School Board) 10/8/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
17. 25FC:0176 (Mikayla Simpson - Chapter 22- Madison County Board of Supervisors) 11/6/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
18. 25FC:0187-2 (Mikayla Simpson - Chapter 22- Madison County Board of Supervisors) 11/19/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
19. 25FC:0187-1 (Mikayla Simpson - Chapter 22- Madison County) 11/19/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
20. 25FC:0202 (Lori White - Chapter 22- City of Missouri Valley) 12/9/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process

21. 25FC:0214 (Shannon Martinez - Chapter 22- Wilton Police Department) 12/18/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
22. 26FC:0001 (Coltin Hatfield - Chapter 21- City of Kellerton) 1/1/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
23. 26FC:0005 (Stephen Swanson - Chapter 21- Madison County Board of Supervisors) 1/5/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
24. 26FC:0010 (Jennifer Benbow - Chapter 22- Marshall County Sheriff's Office) 1/8/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
25. 26FC:0027 (Tim Ferguson - Both- Scott County and Scott County Attorney's Office) 1/21/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
26. 26FC:0015 (James Phillips - Chapter 22- Madison County Board of Supervisors) 1/22/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
27. 26FC:0023 (Jacquelynn Zugg - Chapter 22- City of Centerville) 1/23/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
28. 26FC:0021 (Tim Ferguson - Both- City of Davenport and Davenport Police) 1/26/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
29. 26FC:0037 (Shane Martinson - Chapter 22- City of Stuart, Stuart, Iowa) 1/30/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
30. 26FC:0039 (Wellington - Chapter 22- Henry County) 2/2/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
31. 26FC:0040 (Jacquelynn Zugg - Chapter 22- City of Centerville) 2/2/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
32. 26FC:0035 (Judith Lee - Chapter 22- City of Davenport) 2/6/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
33. 26FC:0045 (Vendetta CeCe-Jackowiak - Chapter 22- Davenport Police Department City of Davenport, Iowa) 2/12/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
34. 26FC:0047 (Tim Ferguson - Both- Scott County and Scott County Attorney's office) 2/15/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
35. 26FC:0053 (Lori White - Chapter 22- Harrison County Sheriff and Harrison county attorney) 2/19/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
36. 26FC:0052 (Justin Scott - Chapter 22- Denver Community School District) 2/24/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
37. 26FC:0051 (Matthew Rollinger - Chapter 22- Iowa Department of Education) 2/25/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
38. 26FC:0058 (Laura Johnston - Chapter 21- Story County Board of Health) 2/27/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
39. 26FC:0068 (Nicholas Bargren - Chapter 22- Iowa City Police Department) 3/6/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
40. 26FC:0070 (Henkel - Chapter 22- Henry County supervisors@henrycountyiowa.us) 3/10/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
41. 26FC:0074 (Rachel Doyle - Chapter 22- City of Rolfe) 3/12/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
42. 26FC:0077 (Gregory Armstrong - Chapter 22- Hamburg Community School District) 3/15/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
43. 26FC:0084 (Mark Beardmore - Both- City of Carroll) 3/20/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
44. 26FC:0087 (Citizen of Iowa - Chapter 22- Melcher Dallas Public Library, Melcher Dallas City Council) 3/23/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
45. 26FC:0076 (Kaylene Jackson - Chapter 21- Okoboji Community School District School Board) 3/25/2026 - Informal Resolution Board Approval of Informal Resolution Report
46. 26FC:0088 (Thomas Colnot - Chapter 22- Waterloo Police Department) 3/26/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process

47. 26FC:0091 (Gustoff Carlson - Chapter 22- Marshalltown Police Department and the Marshall County Communications Commission) 3/26/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
48. 26FC:0072 (Elaine Webb - Chapter 21- City of Mitchellville) 3/26/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
49. 26FC:0094 (Daniella Jensen - Chapter 22- City of Mitchellville) 3/28/2026 - Investigation
50. 26FC:0100 (Claire Logsdon - Chapter 22- West Des Moines Police Department) 4/8/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
51. 26FC:0101 (Andrew Hansen - Chapter 22- City of Tabor Police Department) 4/10/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
52. 26FC:0100-2 (Claire Logsdon - Chapter 22- West Des Moines Police Department) 4/10/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
53. 26FC:0107 (Claire Logsdon - Chapter 22- Perry Police Department) 4/10/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
54. 26FC:0108 (Claire Logsdon - Chapter 22- Waukee Police Department) 4/10/2026 - Board Approval of Informal Resolution Report
55. 26FC:0105 (Thomas Green - Chapter 22- Fort Dodge Police Department & City of Fort Dodge) 4/14/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
56. 26FC:0106 (David Raymond - Both- City of Lewis Iowa) 4/15/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
57. 26FC:0111 (Gustoff Carlson - Chapter 22- City of Ames Police Department) 4/23/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
58. 26FC:0113 (Joshua James Burkholder - Chapter 22- Johnson County Sheriff's Office) 4/23/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
59. 26FC:0115 (Justin Crawford - Chapter 21- Shellsburg, IA) 4/23/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
60. 26FC:0103 (Vendetta CeCe-Jackowiak - Chapter 22- Scott Emergency Communications Center) 4/23/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
61. 26FC:0112 (Kristin Steele - Chapter 21- City of Runnells) 4/28/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
62. 23FC:0104-2 (Hendrik van Pelt - Chapter 22- City of West Des Moines / West Des Moines Police Department) 4/30/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
63. 26FC:0121 (Tim Brown - Chapter 21- Conference Realignment Committee - Department of Education) 5/7/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
64. 26FC:0117 (Erin Latona - Chapter 22- Iowa Department of Transportation and the Iowa Department of Administrative Services) 5/7/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
65. 26FC:0124 (Stephanie Gabriel - Chapter 22- City of West Des Moines) 5/7/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
66. 26FC:0127 (Tyler Hunt - Chapter 22- Anamosa) 5/11/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
67. 26FC:0132 (Richard Francis - Chapter 22- Dave Anderson Mayor of Manson Iowa. Jessica Hammen Police Chief of Manson Iowa) 5/19/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
68. 26FC:0129 (Claire Logsdon - Chapter 22- Cedar Rapids Police Department) 5/22/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
69. 26FC:0137 (Mary Clark - Chapter 22- Dallas County Sheriff's Office) 5/26/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
70. 26FC:0134 (JoAnn Bohn - Chapter 21- Runnells City Council) 5/26/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
71. 26FC:0136 (Kira Werstein - Chapter 22- Ames Public School District) 5/26/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
72. 26FC:0126 (Michael Benson - Chapter 22- City of Moville) 5/26/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process

73. 26FC:0142 (Samantha Edgerton - Both- Clarke County Board of Public Health) 5/28/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
74. Dismiss 26FC:0143 (Melissa Duffield - Both- City of Cedar Rapids) 6/1/2026 - Board Approval of Facial Dismissal
75. 26FC:0144 (Lynne Chalfant - Both- Hamilton County, Brigg's Woods Conference Center) 6/2/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
76. 26FC:0145 (Kelly Goodwin-Ackerman - Both- Linn County Board of Supervisors) 6/2/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
77. 26FC:0148 (Kristin Steele - Chapter 21- City Council of Runnells, Iowa) 6/4/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
78. 26FC:0140 (Tiffany Seward - Both- City of Clinton) 6/4/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
79. 26FC:0162 (Jenny Hartman-Mendoza - Chapter 21- City of Westfield) 6/4/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
80. 26FC:0125 (Justin Crawford - Chapter 22- City of Shellsburg) 6/4/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
81. 26FC:0149 (Paige Smith - Chapter 21- Iowa City Community School Board Members) 6/5/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
82. 26FC:0154 (AL WELLS - Chapter 22- City of Solon, Iowa) 6/9/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
83. 26FC:0131 (Summer Schooler - Chapter 22- City of Windsor Heights) 6/11/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
84. 26FC:0135 (Navarre Sissel - Chapter 22- Marengo police department) 6/12/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
85. 26FC:0156 (Stephen Figg - Chapter 21- Clinton Iowa; Grow Clinton) 6/12/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
86. 26FC:0161 (Anthony Wynkoop - Chapter 22- Clinton PD) 6/15/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
87. 26FC:0160 (Tyler McGhghy - Chapter 21- Keokuk Community School District Board of Education) 6/16/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
88. 26FC:0157 (Stephen Peters - Chapter 21- Clinton City Council; Clinton County Board of Supervisors) 6/17/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
89. 26FC:0168 (Naveen Kalia - Chapter 22- Iowa City Assessor's Office) 6/24/2026 - Investigation
90. 26FC:0122 (Emily Schinstock - Both- Mt Pleasant Community School District) 6/24/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
91. 26FC:0165 (J Richards - Chapter 21- Des Moines County Iowa) 6/29/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
92. 26FC:0169 (Mark Harting - Chapter 21- Zwingle City Council) 6/29/2026 - Investigation
93. 26FC:0171 (Kathy Butler - Chapter 22- Oskaloosa Community School District) 6/30/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
94. 26FC:0174 (Agnitsch - Chapter 22- Iowa Valley Community College District) 7/1/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
95. 26FC:0166 (Ben Ward - Chapter 22-) 7/2/2026 - New / Complaint Information Reviewed
96. 26FC:0176 (Scott Wilson - Chapter 21- Fruitland City Council) 7/6/2026 -Informal Resolution Board Approval of Informal Resolution Report
97. 26FC:0177 (Kerry Stewart - Chapter 22- Albia, Iowa, Police Department) 7/9/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
98. 26FC:0182 (Rachel Doyle - Chapter 22- City of Rolfe) 7/14/2026 - New / Complaint Information Reviewed
99. 26FC:0187 (Austin Gillis - Chapter 22- Marshall County Sheriff's Office) 7/20/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process

100. 26FC:0188 (Clint Fichter - Chapter 22- City of Avoca) 7/20/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
101. 26FC:0189 (Summer Schooler - Chapter 22- Iowa Office of Civil Rights / Iowa Civil Rights Commission) 7/22/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
102. 26FC:0190 (David Johnson - Chapter 22- Mills County Sheriff's Office) 7/22/2026 - Investigation
103. 26FC:0192 (Rachel Doyle - Chapter 22- City of rolfe) 7/22/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
104. 26FC:0195 (White - Chapter 22- City of Iowa city Iowa city police department) 7/23/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
105. 26FC:0196 (Mark Beardmore - Chapter 21- Carroll County Conference Board) 7/27/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
106. 26FC:0201 (Judi Wheeldon - Chapter 22- City of Council Bluffs Legal Department) 7/28/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
107. 26FC:0203 (Polina Shumanova - Chapter 22- City of Mason City, Iowa) 7/29/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
108. 26FC:0206 (Alex Woodruff - Chapter 22- City of Shambaugh, Iowa) 7/31/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
109. 26FC:0207 (Marco Yepez-Gomez - Chapter 21- City of Marshalltown) 7/31/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
110. 26FC:0210 (DeVeon Harris - Chapter 22- Iowa Department of Education) 8/3/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
111. 26FC:0209 (Brittany Mullin - Chapter 22- ECICOG) 8/3/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
112. 26FC:0211 (Lynne Flynn - Both- City of Montrose) 8/3/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
113. 26FC:0213 (Lynne Flynn - Chapter 21- City of Montrose, Montrose City Council, Amy Barnes - City Clerk) 8/4/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
114. 26FC:0215 (David Dunakey - Chapter 22- SCOTT COUNTY RECORDER) 8/6/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
115. 26FC:0216 (Citizen of Iowa - Both- Pleasantville City Council/Sheriff) 8/10/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
116. 26FC:0217 (Joseph Buffington - Chapter 21- Henry County Board of Supervisors) 8/10/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
117. 26FC:0222 (Rhonda Smith - Both- City of De Soto) 8/12/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
118. 26FC:0224 (Austin Becker - Chapter 21- Davenport iowa city council members) 8/13/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
119. 26FC:0228 (Chad Brewbaker - Chapter 22- City of Ankeny) 8/18/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
120. 26FC:0232 (Kara Kearns - Both- City of Hazleton,Iowa) 8/20/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
121. 26FC:0233 (John Johnson - Chapter 22- Cerro Gordo County. Planning & Zoning. Cerro Gordo County Engineer. Sheriff's office) 8/23/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
122. 26FC:0234 (Kacie Meyer - Chapter 21- ICCSD School Board) 8/23/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
123. 26FC:0235 (Timothy Iverson - Chapter 21- City of Salix, Iowa) 8/24/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
124. 26FC:0236 (Chris Kearns - Both- City of Hazleton Iowa) 8/24/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
125. 26FC:0240 (Charisma Abbey - Chapter 22- Davenport Police Department/Internal Affairs (Incident# 2026-00052239)) 8/25/2026 - New / Complaint Information Reviewed

126. 26FC:0242 (Jay Waddell - Chapter 22- North Cedar Community School District) 8/26/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
127. 26FC:0243 (Margie Stewart - Chapter 21- City of Cincinnati) 8/26/2026 - New / Complaint Information Reviewed
128. 26FC:0245 (Ann Ewoldt - Chapter 22- City of Spencer, Iowa & Contracted Municipal Impound Provider: People for Pets (Clay County Humane Society Inc.)) 8/26/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
129. 26FC:0246 (Andrew Wake - Chapter 22- Fremont County Sheriff's Office) 8/27/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
130. 26FC:0247 (Mitchell Bowden - Chapter 22- Fremont County Sheriff's Office) 8/27/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
131. 26FC:0248 (Sungho Park - Chapter 22- Office of the Treasurer of State of Iowa (Lucas State Office Building, 321 E. 12th St., Des Moines, IA 50319; treasurer@tos.iowa.gov)) 8/27/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
132. 26FC:0250 (Ann Ewoldt - Chapter 22- City of Spencer, Iowa) 8/27/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
133. 26FC:0251 (Svenn Bilsten - Chapter 22- Crawford County Attorney) 8/28/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
134. 26FC:0252 (Darryl Strode - Chapter 22- Ankeny Police Department) 8/31/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
135. 26FC:0256 (Rhonda Smith - Chapter 22- City of De Soto) 9/3/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
136. 26FC:0259 (Josh Patterson - Chapter 22- Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (DIAL)) 9/9/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
137. 26FC:0261 (Timothy Iverson - Chapter 21- City of Salix, Iowa) 9/10/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
138. 26FC:0262 (Timothy Iverson - Chapter 21- City of Salix, Iowa) 9/10/2026 - New / Complaint Information Reviewed
139. 26FC:0263 (Joseph Fitzgerald - Chapter 22- Mason City, Mason City Police Department) 9/10/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
140. 26FC:0266 (Naveen Kalia - Chapter 22- Johnson County, Iowa / Johnson County Attorney's Office) 9/15/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
141. 26FC:0267 (Nancy Janssen - Chapter 21- City of Callendar) 9/15/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
142. 26FC:0283 (Luciano I. de Castro - Chapter 21- Executive Committee of the Advisory Council of the Center for Intellectual Freedom) 9/28/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
143. 26FC:0284 (De Von Welty - Both- City of Peosta - City Council / Mayor) 9/30/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
144. 26FC:0287 (Tom Trandel - Both- State of Iowa) 10/1/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
145. 26FC:0289 (Brandon Martim - Chapter 22- Muscatine County Attorney / Iowa DPS/DCI) 10/1/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
146. 26FC:0290 (Molly Rogalla - Chapter 22- Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB)) 10/2/2026 - New / Complaint Information Reviewed
147. 26FC:0291 (White - Chapter 22- City of Iowa city police department) 10/3/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
148. 26FC:0293 (Kevin Howard - Chapter 22- Newton Iowa police Department) 10/5/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
149. 26FC:0292 (Melonee Clark - Chapter 22- City of Humeston Iowa) 10/5/2026 - New / Complaint Information Reviewed
150. 26FC:0294 (Josh Ferkel - Chapter 21- City of Buffalo, IA) 10/5/2026 - New / Complaint Information Reviewed

151. 26FC:0295 (Scott Stover - Chapter 22- City of Winterset) 10/8/2026 - New / Complaint
Information Reviewed

152. 26FC:0296 (Dana Brandenburg - Both- Clinton City Council) 10/8/2026 - Complaint
Opened/Acknowledged

X. Committee Reports

1. Training – (Miller)
2. Legislative – (Miller)
3. Rules – (Miller)

XI. Office status report.

1. Office Update * (Miller)
2. Financial/Budget Update (FY25) * (Miller)
3. Presentations/Trainings (Miller)
4. District Court Update (Miller)

XII. Next IPIB Board Meeting will be held on November 19, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

XIII. Adjourn

*** Attachments**

IOWA PUBLIC INFORMATION BOARD

MEMBERS

Althea Cole, Cedar Rapids (Media Representative, 2026-2030)
Joan Corbin, Pella (Government Representative, 2024-2028)
E. J. Giovannetti, Urbandale (Public Representative, 2026-2030)
Barry Lindahl, Dubuque (Government Representative, 2024-2028)
Catherine Lucas, Johnston (Government Representative, 2024-2028)
Luke Martz, Ames (Public Representative, 2024-2028)
Monica McHugh, Zwingle (Public Representative, 2026-2030)
Jackie Schmillen, Urbandale (Media Representative, 2026-2030)
Vacant

STAFF

Charlotte Miller, Executive Director
Charissa Flege, Deputy Director
J.T. Harris, Staff Attorney

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DRAFT MINUTES

September 17, 2026, 1:00 p.m.

Conference Room

Jessie Parker Building, East

510 East 12th Street, Des Moines

The Iowa Public Information Board (IPIB) met on September 17, 2026, for a board meeting at 1 p.m. at the offices of the Iowa Public Information Board located at 510 East 12th Street, Des Moines. **The following members participated: Catherine Lucas, Barry Lindahl (remote), Jackie Schmillen (remote), Althea Cole (remote), E.J. Giovannetti (remote).** Also present was IPIB staff: Executive Director, Charlotte Miller; Deputy Director, Charissa Flege; and Staff Attorney, J.T. Harris. A quorum was declared present.

1:00 PM – IPIB Meeting

- I. Approval of agenda.** On a motion by Lindahl, second by Giovannetti, to approve agenda. **Approved 5-0.**
- II. Approval of the August 20, 2026 minutes.** On a motion by Lindahl, second by Giovannetti, to approve the minutes. **Approved 5-0.**
- III. Public Forum** (5-minute limit per speaker). Public provided comments.
- IV. Comments from the board chair.** N/A.
- V. Consent Agenda.**
On a motion by Lindahl, second by Giovannetti, to move 26FC:0209 (*Brittany Mullin - Chapter 22- ECICOG*) from the dismissal consent agenda to the acceptance consent agenda. **Approved 5-0.**

On a motion by Lindahl, second Cole, to approve the consent agenda as amended.

Approved 5-0.

1. Dismissals.

1. Dismiss 26FC:0219 (Chad Brewbaker - Chapter 22- Office of the Iowa Attorney General) 8/11/2026 - Board Approval of Facial Dismissal
2. Dismiss 26FC:0221 (Joe Larison - Chapter 22- Joel Jensen, Iowa Judicial Branch) 8/12/2026 - Board Approval of Facial Dismissal
3. Dismiss 26FC:0226 (Gregory Armstrong - Chapter 22- Fremont county attorney , clerk of court , Fremont County sheriff department) 8/15/2026 - Board Approval of Facial Dismissal
4. Dismiss 26FC:0227 (Leslie Espinoza - Both- Hamilton County Courthouse, Hamilton County Department of Human Services & Hamilton County Health & Human Services) 8/18/2026 - Board Approval of Facial Dismissal

2. Acceptance

1. Acceptance 26FC:0209 (Brittany Mullin - Chapter 22- ECICOG) 8/3/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
2. Accept 26FC:0106 (David Raymond - Both- City of Lewis Iowa) 4/15/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
3. Accept 26FC:0167 (Summer Schooler - Chapter 22- City of Windsor Heights and the Windsor Heights Police Department) 7/2/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
4. Accept 26FC:0215 (David Dunakey - Chapter 22- Scott County Recorder) 8/6/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
5. Accept 26FC:0216 (Citizen of Iowa - Both- Pleasantville City Council/Sheriff) 8/10/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
6. Accept 26FC:0217 (Joseph Buffington - Chapter 21- Henry County Board of Supervisors) 8/10/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
7. Accept 26FC:0218 (Josh Patterson - Chapter 22- Polk County Public Works Department.) 8/11/2026 -Investigative Report Board Approval of Investigative Report
8. Accept 26FC:0220 (Chritine Antinori - Chapter 22- Iowa Secretary of State - Election Office) 8/12/2026 -Investigative Report Board Approval of Investigative Report
9. Accept 26FC:0222 (Rhonda Smith - Both- City of De Soto) 8/12/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
10. Accept 26FC:0224 (Austin Becker - Chapter 21- Davenport iowa city council members) 8/13/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
11. Accept 26FC:0228 (Chad Brewbaker - Chapter 22- City of Ankeny) 8/18/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
12. Accept 26FC:0229 (Jill Boyle Kenyon - Chapter 22- Council Bluffs Police Department) 8/19/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
13. Accept 26FC:0232 (Kara Kearns - Both- City of Hazleton,Iowa) 8/20/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance

14. Accept 26FC:0230 (Gabriel Bouzard - Chapter 22- County Auditor, County Board of Supervisors) 8/20/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
15. Accept 26FC:0233 (John Johnson - Chapter 22- Cerro Gordo County. Planning & Zoning. Cerro Gordo County Engineer. Sheriff's office) 8/23/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
16. Accept 26FC:0234 (Kacie Meyer - Chapter 21- ICCSD School Board) 8/23/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
17. Accept 26FC:0235 (Timothy Iverson - Chapter 21- City of Salix, Iowa) 8/24/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
18. Accept 26FC:0236 (Chris Kearns - Both- City of Hazleton Iowa) 8/24/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
19. Accept 26FC:0238 (Wade Robinson - Chapter 22- Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC)) 8/25/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
20. Accept 26FC:0242 (Jay Waddell - Chapter 22- North Cedar Community School District) 8/26/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
21. Accept 26FC:0245 (Ann Ewoldt - Chapter 22- City of Spencer, Iowa & Contracted Municipal Impound Provider: People for Pets (Clay County Humane Society Inc.)) 8/26/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
22. Accept 26FC:0247 (Mitchell Bowden - Chapter 22- Fremont County Sheriff's Office) 8/27/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
23. Accept 26FC:0246 (Andrew Wake - Chapter 22- Fremont County Sheriff's Office) 8/27/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
24. Accept 26FC:0248 (Sungho Park - Chapter 22- Office of the Treasurer of State of Iowa (Lucas State Office Building, 321 E. 12th St., Des Moines, IA 50319; treasurer@tos.iowa.gov)) 8/27/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
25. 26FC:0250 (Ann Ewoldt - Chapter 22- City of Spencer, Iowa) 8/27/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
26. Accept 26FC:0251 (Svenn Bilsten - Chapter 22- Crawford County Attorney) 8/28/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance
27. Accept 26FC:0252 (Darryl Strode - Chapter 22- Ankeny Police Department) 8/31/2026 - Board Approval of Acceptance

VI. Cases involving Board Deliberation/Action.* (Miller)

1. 26FC:0200 (*Chad Brewbaker – Chapter 22 – Office of Auditor of State*) 8/4/2025 – *Nunc Pro Tunc Order*. Miller presented on behalf of staff. Motion by Lindahl, second by Schmillen, to approve Nunc Pro Tunc Order. **Approved 5-0.**
2. 25FC:0055 (*Justin Cole - Chapter 21- Mount Union Benefited Fire District*) 5/21/2025 -*Status Report Board Approval of Informal Resolution Report*. Flege presented on behalf of staff. Motion by Giovannetti, second by Lindahl, to direct staff discuss the matter with parties to resolve the issue. **Approved 5-0.**
3. 26FC:0071 (*Chelsea Plaster - Chapter 22- City of Davenport Public Works- Neighborhood Services*) 3/11/2026 -*Investigative Report Board Approval of Investigative Report*. Flege presented on behalf of staff. Motion by Schmillen,

second by Giovannetti, to approve investigative report and dismiss the matter for lack of probable cause. **Approved, 5-0.**

4. 26FC:0175 (*Gregory Armstrong - Chapter 22- Hamburg*) 7/4/2026 -*Investigative Report Board Approval of Investigative Report*. Harris presented on behalf of staff. Board discussion occurred. Motion by Lindahl, second by Schmillen, to approve investigative report and dismiss the matter for lack of probable cause. **Approve, 5-0.**
5. 26FC:0176 (*Scott Wilson - Chapter 21- Fruitland City Council*) 7/6/2026 - *Informal Resolution Board Approval of Informal Resolution Report*. Harris presented on behalf of staff. City of Fruitland provided comment. Motion by Cole, second by Lindahl, to approve informal resolution report. **Approved, 5-0.**
6. 26FC:0183 (*Agnitsch - Chapter 21- Iowa Valley Community College Board of Directors*) 7/16/2026 -*Investigative Report Board Approval of Investigative Report*. Harris presented on behalf of staff. Miller provided comment. Motion by Cole, second by Schmillen, to approve. **Approved, 5-0.**
7. 26FC:0186 (*Addison Delong - Chapter 22- City Of Runnells City Council*) 7/16/2026 -*Investigative Report Board Approval of Investigative Report*. Harris presented on behalf of staff. Shalee Crispen appeared on behalf of the City. Board discussion occurred. Motion by Lucas, second by Lindahl, to amend the report to change applicable law and analysis code citation and resubmit to the Board in October. **Approved, 5-0.**
8. 26FC:0196 (*Mark Beardmore - Chapter 21- Carroll County Conference Board*) 7/27/2026 -*Investigative Report Board Approval of Investigative Report*. Harris presented on behalf of staff. Mark Beardmore presented to the Board. Motion by Giovannetti, second by Lindahl, to direct staff for additional investigation. **Approved, 5-0.**
9. 26FC:0218 (*Josh Patterson - Chapter 22- Polk County Public Works Department.*) 8/11/2026 -*Investigative Report Board Approval of Investigative Report*. Flege presented on behalf of staff. Motion by Lindahl, second by Schmillen, to approve the investigative report and dismiss the matter for lack of probable cause. **Approved, 5-0.**
10. 26FC:0220 (*Chritine Antinori - Chapter 22- Iowa Secretary of State - Election Office*) 8/12/2026 -*Investigative Report Board Approval of Investigative Report*. Harris presented on behalf of staff. Staff from the Secretary of State addressed the board. Motion by Lindahl, second by Schmillen, to approve staff recommendation. **Approved, 5-0.**

VII. Matters Withdrawn, No Action Necessary. (Miller)

1. 25FC:0215 (William Daggett - Chapter 22- City of Baxter) 12/16/2025 - Withdrawn Withdrawn
2. 26FC:0036 (William Daggett - Chapter 22- City of Baxter, Iowa) 1/30/2026 - Withdrawn Withdrawn
3. 26FC:0082 (Chris Baldus - Chapter 22- City of Clinton) 3/19/2026 -Withdrawn Withdrawn
4. 26FC:0099 (Claire Logsdon - Chapter 22- Fort Dodge Police Department) 4/8/2026 -Withdrawn Withdrawn

5. 26FC:0198 (Michele Brown - Chapter 22- City of Elkhart, Public Works Department) 7/27/2026 - Withdrawn Withdrawn
6. 26FC:0214 (Tina Fischer - Chapter 22- Appeal board clerk) 8/6/2026 -Withdrawn Withdrawn
7. 26FC:0223 (Ryan Schupick - Chapter 22- Mason City Police Department) 8/12/2026 -Withdrawn Withdrawn

VIII. Pending Complaints. Informational Only (Miller)

1. 23FC:0104-2 (Hendrik van Pelt - Chapter 22- City of West Des Moines / West Des Moines Police Department) 4/30/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
2. 25FC:0054 (Tim Ferguson - Chapter 22- City of Davenport) 5/19/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
3. 25FC:0061 (Dylan Southall - Chapter 22- Cedar Falls Utilities - Cedar Falls, Iowa) 5/23/2025 – Investigation
4. 25FC:0058 (Rachel Doyle - Both- City of Rolfe) 5/27/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
5. 25FC:0076 (Ken Allsup - Both- Oskaloosa School Board) 6/17/2025 - Board Approval of Informal Resolution Report
6. 25FC:0082 (Tim Ferguson - Chapter 22- Davenport Police Department) 6/24/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
7. 25FC:0089 (Charlie Comfort - Chapter 22- Oskaloosa Community School District) 7/7/2025 - Board Approval of Informal Resolution Report
8. 25FC:0092 (Keith Wieland - Chapter 21- Buchanan County Solid Waste Commission) 7/9/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
9. 25FC:0099 (Mount Pleasant Municipal Utilities - Chapter 21- Resale Power Group of Iowa) 7/28/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
10. 25FC:0104 (Tim Ferguson - Chapter 22- City of Davenport and Davenport Police Department) 8/13/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
11. 25FC:0109 (Jaicy Skaggs - Chapter 21- City of Kellogg) 8/18/2025 - Contested Case
12. 25FC:0119 (Tim Ferguson - Chapter 22- City of Davenport custodian) 8/21/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
13. 25FC:0120 (Tim Ferguson - Chapter 22- Davenport Police Department & City of Davenport) 8/26/2025 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
14. 25FC:0121 (Tim Ferguson - Chapter 22- Scott County) 8/26/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
15. 25FC:0126 (Don McGregor - Chapter 22- Kossuth County Board of Supervisors) 9/11/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
16. 25FC:0127 (Vince Johnson - Chapter 22- Kossuth County board of supervisors and trustees of Drainage district DD4) 9/11/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
17. 25FC:0151 (Gregory Armstrong - Chapter 22- Hamburg Community School Board) 10/8/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
18. 25FC:0166 (James Possehl - Chapter 21- City of Parnell - city council) 10/27/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
19. 25FC:0176 (Mikayla Simpson - Chapter 22- Madison County Board of Supervisors) 11/6/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process

20. 25FC:0187-1 (Mikayla Simpson - Chapter 22- Madison County) 11/19/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
21. 25FC:0187-2 (Mikayla Simpson - Chapter 22- Madison County Board of Supervisors) 11/19/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
22. 25FC:0202 (Lori White - Chapter 22- City of Missouri Valley) 12/9/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
23. 25FC:0214 (Shannon Martinez - Chapter 22- Wilton Police Department) 12/18/2025 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
24. 26FC:0001 (Coltin Hatfield - Chapter 21- City of Kellerton) 1/1/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
25. 26FC:0002 (Lori White - Chapter 22- Harrison County Sherriif) 1/2/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
26. 26FC:0005 (Stephen Swanson - Chapter 21- Madison County Board of Supervisors) 1/5/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
27. 26FC:0010 (Jennifer Benbow - Chapter 22- Marshall County Sheriff's Office) 1/8/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
28. 26FC:0015 (James Phillips - Chapter 22- Madison County Board of Supervisors) 1/22/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
29. 26FC:0021 (Tim Ferguson - Both- City of Davenport and Davenport Police) 1/26/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
30. 26FC:0023 (Jacquelynn Zugg - Chapter 22- City of Centerville) 1/23/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
31. 26FC:0027 (Tim Ferguson - Both- Scott County and Scott County Attorney's Office) 1/21/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
32. 26FC:0030 (Anthony Teninty - Chapter 22- Wapello County) 1/29/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
33. 26FC:0035 (Judith Lee - Chapter 22- City of Davenport) 2/6/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
34. 26FC:0037 (Shane Martinson - Chapter 22- City of Stuart, Stuart, Iowa) 1/30/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
35. 26FC:0039 (Wellington - Chapter 22- Henry County) 2/2/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
36. 26FC:0040 (Jacquelynn Zugg - Chapter 22- City of Centerville) 2/2/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
37. 26FC:0045 (Vendetta CeCe-Jackowiak - Chapter 22- Davenport Police Department City of Davenport, Iowa) 2/12/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
38. 26FC:0047 (Tim Ferguson - Both- Scott County and Scott County Attorney's office) 2/15/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
39. 26FC:0051 (Matthew Rollinger - Chapter 22- Iowa Department of Education) 2/25/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
40. 26FC:0052 (Justin Scott - Chapter 22- Denver Community School District) 2/24/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
41. 26FC:0053 (Lori White - Chapter 22- Harrison County Sheriff and Harrison county attorney) 2/19/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
42. 26FC:0058 (Laura Johnston - Chapter 21- Story County Board of Health) 2/27/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process

43. 26FC:0065 (Kari Friedmann - Both- City of Sac City) 3/5/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
44. 26FC:0066 (Michael Dyer - Both- Decatur city council) 3/23/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
45. 26FC:0068 (Nicholas Bargren - Chapter 22- Iowa City Police Department) 3/6/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
46. 26FC:0070 (Henkel - Chapter 22- Henry County supervisors@henrycountyiowa.us) 3/10/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
47. 26FC:0072 (Elaine Webb - Chapter 21- City of Mitchellville) 3/26/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
48. 26FC:0074 (Rachel Doyle - Chapter 22- City of Rolfe) 3/12/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
49. 26FC:0076 (Kaylene Jackson - Chapter 21- Okoboji Community School District School Board) 3/25/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
50. 26FC:0077 (Gregory Armstrong - Chapter 22- Hamburg Community School District) 3/15/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
51. 26FC:0084 (Mark Beardmore - Both- City of Carroll) 3/20/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
52. 26FC:0087 (Citizen of Iowa - Chapter 22- Melcher Dallas Public Library, Melcher Dallas City Council) 3/23/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
53. 26FC:0088 (Thomas Colnot - Chapter 22- Waterloo Police Department) 3/26/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
54. 26FC:0091 (Gustoff Carlson - Chapter 22- Marshalltown Police Department and the Marshall County Communications Commission) 3/26/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
55. 26FC:0094 (Daniella Jensen - Chapter 22- City of Mitchellville) 3/28/2026 - Investigation
56. 26FC:0095 (Sean Canto - Chapter 22- Wapello County) 3/31/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
57. 26FC:0100 (Claire Logsdon - Chapter 22- West Des Moines Police Department) 4/8/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
26FC:0100-2 (Claire Logsdon - Chapter 22- West Des Moines Police Department) 4/10/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
58. 26FC:0101 (Andrew Hansen - Chapter 22- City of Tabor Police Department) 4/10/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
59. 26FC:0103 (Vendetta CeCe-Jackowiak - Chapter 22- Scott Emergency Communications Center) 4/23/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
60. 26FC:0105 (Thomas Green - Chapter 22- Fort Dodge Police Department & City of Fort Dodge) 4/14/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
61. 26FC:0107 (Claire Logsdon - Chapter 22- Perry Police Department) 4/10/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
62. 26FC:0108 (Claire Logsdon - Chapter 22- Waukee Police Department) 4/10/2026 - Board Approval of Informal Resolution Report
63. 26FC:0110 (Claire Logsdon - Chapter 22- Davenport police department) 4/24/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process

64. 26FC:0111 (Gustoff Carlson - Chapter 22- City of Ames Police Department) 4/23/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
65. 26FC:0112 (Kristin Steele - Chapter 21- City of Runnells) 4/28/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
66. 26FC:0113 (Joshua James Burkholder - Chapter 22- Johnson County Sheriff's Office) 4/23/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
67. 26FC:0115 (Justin Crawford - Chapter 21- Shellsburg, IA) 4/23/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
68. 26FC:0117 (Erin Latona - Chapter 22- Iowa Department of Transportation and the Iowa Department of Administrative Services) 5/7/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
69. 26FC:0121 (Tim Brown - Chapter 21- Conference Realignment Committee - Department of Education) 5/7/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
70. 26FC:0122 (Emily Schinstock - Both- Mt Pleasant Community School District) 6/24/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
71. 26FC:0123 (Claire Logsdon - Chapter 22- Iowa City Police Department) 5/11/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
72. 26FC:0124 (Stephanie Gabriel - Chapter 22- City of West Des Moines) 5/7/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
73. 26FC:0125 (Justin Crawford - Chapter 22- City of Shellsburg) 6/4/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
74. 26FC:0126 (Michael Benson - Chapter 22- City of Merville) 5/26/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
75. 26FC:0127 (Tyler Hunt - Chapter 22- Anamosa) 5/11/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
76. 26FC:0129 (Claire Logsdon - Chapter 22- Cedar Rapids Police Department) 5/22/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
77. 26FC:0131 (Summer Schooler - Chapter 22- City of Windsor Heights) 6/11/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
78. 26FC:0132 (Richard Francis - Chapter 22- Dave Anderson Mayor of Manson Iowa. Jessica Hammen Police Chief of Manson Iowa) 5/19/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
79. 26FC:0134 (JoAnn Bohn - Chapter 21- Runnells City Council) 5/26/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
80. 26FC:0135 (Navarre Sissel - Chapter 22- Marengo police department) 6/12/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
81. 26FC:0136 (Kira Werstein - Chapter 22- Ames Public School District) 5/26/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
82. 26FC:0137 (Mary Clark - Chapter 22- Dallas County Sheriff's Office) 5/26/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
83. 26FC:0140 (Tiffany Seward - Both- City of Clinton) 6/4/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
84. 26FC:0142 (Samantha Edgerton - Both- Clarke County Board of Public Health) 5/28/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
85. 26FC:0143 (Melissa Duffield - Both- City of Cedar Rapids) 6/1/2026 - New / Complaint Information Reviewed

86. 26FC:0144 (Lynne Chalfant - Both- Hamilton County, Brigg's Woods Conference Center) 6/2/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
87. 26FC:0145 (Kelly Goodwin-Ackerman - Both- Linn County Board of Supervisors) 6/2/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
88. 26FC:0146 (Phil - Chapter 21- City of Shellsburg) 6/4/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
89. 26FC:0147 (Jeremy Anderson - Chapter 22- City of Bettendorf / Bettendorf Police Department, 1609 State Street, Bettendorf, IA 52722.) 6/4/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
90. 26FC:0148 (Kristin Steele - Chapter 21- City Council of Runnells, Iowa) 6/4/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
91. 26FC:0149 (Paige Smith - Chapter 21- Iowa City Community School Board Members) 6/5/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
92. 26FC:0154 (AL WELLS - Chapter 22- City of Solon, Iowa) 6/9/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
93. 26FC:0155 (Smith - Chapter 22- City of Runnells) 6/8/2026 - New / Complaint Information Reviewed
94. 26FC:0156 (Stephen Figg - Chapter 21- Clinton Iowa; Grow Clinton) 6/12/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
95. 26FC:0157 (Stephen Peters - Chapter 21- Clinton City Council; Clinton County Board of Supervisors) 6/17/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
96. 26FC:0160 (Tyler McGhghy - Chapter 21- Keokuk Community School District Board of Education) 6/16/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
97. 26FC:0161 (Anthony Wynkoop - Chapter 22- Clinton PD) 6/15/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
98. 26FC:0162 (Jenny Hartman-Mendoza - Chapter 21- City of Westfield) 6/4/2026 - New / Complaint Information Reviewed
99. 26FC:0163 (John Smith - Chapter 22- City of Eldon) 6/25/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
100. 26FC:0168 (Naveen Kalia - Chapter 22- Iowa City Assessor's Office) 6/24/2026 - Investigation
101. 26FC:0165 (J Richards - Chapter 21- Des Moines County Iowa) 6/29/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
102. 26FC:0169 (Mark Harting - Chapter 21- Zwingle) 6/29/2026 - Investigation
103. 26FC:0171 (Kathy Butler - Chapter 22- Oskaloosa Community School District) 6/30/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
104. 26FC:0174 (Agnitsch - Chapter 22- Iowa Valley Community College District) 7/1/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
105. 26FC:0166 (Ben Ward - Chapter 22-) 7/2/2026 - New / Complaint Information Reviewed
106. 26FC:0177 (Kerry Stewart - Chapter 22- Albia, Iowa, Police Department) 7/9/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
107. 26FC:0178 (Mark Milligan - Chapter 21- Wapello County Board of Supervisors) 7/12/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
108. 26FC:0180 (Stephen Allen - Chapter 22- City of Soldier, Iowa) 7/14/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process

109. 26FC:0182 (Rachel Doyle - Chapter 22- City of Rolfe) 7/14/2026 - New / Complaint Information Reviewed
110. 26FC:0184 (Blankenship - Chapter 21- Iowa Valley Community College Board of Directors) 7/16/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
111. 26FC:0185 (JoAnn Bohn - Chapter 22- City of Runnells IA) 7/16/2026 - New / Complaint Information Reviewed
112. 26FC:0187 (Austin Gillis - Chapter 22- Marshall County Sheriff's Office) 7/20/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
113. 26FC:0188 (Clint Fichter - Chapter 22- City of Avoca) 7/20/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
114. 26FC:0189 (Summer Schooler - Chapter 22- Iowa Office of Civil Rights / Iowa Civil Rights Commission) 7/22/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
115. 26FC:0190 (David Johnson - Chapter 22- Mills County Sheriff's Office) 7/22/2026 - Investigation
116. 26FC:0192 (Rachel Doyle - Chapter 22- City of rolfe) 7/22/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
117. 26FC:0194 (Michael Benson - Chapter 21- City of Merville) 7/23/2026 - New / Complaint Information Reviewed
118. 26FC:0195 (White - Chapter 22- City of Iowa city/ Iowa city police department) 7/23/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
119. 26FC:0197 (Dale Leslein - Chapter 22- Dubuque County Board of Supervisors) 7/27/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
120. 26FC:0201 (Judi Wheeldon - Chapter 22- City of Council Bluffs Legal Department) 7/28/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
121. 26FC:0203 (Polina Shumanova - Chapter 22- City of Mason City, Iowa) 7/29/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
122. 26FC:0206 (Alex Woodruff - Chapter 22- City of Shambaugh, Iowa) 7/31/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
123. 26FC:0207 (Marco Yopez-Gomez - Chapter 21- City of Marshalltown) 7/31/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
124. 26FC:0208 (Michael Merritt - Chapter 22- Iowa Department of Public Safety) 8/3/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
125. 26FC:0210 (DeVeon Harris - Chapter 22- Iowa Department of Education) 8/3/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
126. 26FC:0211 (Lynne Flynn - Both- City of Montrose) 8/3/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
127. 26FC:0212 (Kacie Meyer - Chapter 21- Iowa City School Board) 8/3/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
128. 26FC:0213 (Lynne Flynn - Chapter 21- City of Montrose, Montrose City Council, Amy Barnes - City Clerk) 8/4/2026 - Information Gathering/Inf Resolution Process
129. 26FC:0225 (Naveen Kalia - Chapter 22- Iowa City Assessor's Office) 8/15/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
130. 26FC:0231 (Naveen Kalia - Chapter 22- City of Iowa City — City Attorney's Office (City Legal)) 8/20/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged

131. 26FC:0237 (Reuben Neff Fonseca - Chapter 22- Madrid Community School District) 8/25/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
132. 26FC:0240 (Charisma Abbey - Chapter 22- Davenport Police Department/Internal Affairs (Incident# 2026-00052239)) 8/25/2026 - New / Complaint Information Reviewed
133. 26FC:0241 (Chad Faichney - Chapter 22- Waterloo City Clerks Office) 8/26/2026 - New / Complaint Information Reviewed
134. 26FC:0243 (Margie Stewart - Chapter 21- City of Cincinnati) 8/26/2026 - New / Complaint Information Reviewed
135. 26FC:0244 (Rene Castillo - Chapter 22- The University of Iowa.) 8/26/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
136. 26FC:0249 (Randy Laughlin - Both- Centralia city council) 8/27/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
137. 26FC:0253 (Layne Pieri - Chapter 22- Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce, City of Marshalltown) 8/31/2026 - New / Complaint Information Reviewed
138. 26FC:0254 (Eric Delaney - Chapter 22- City of De Soto) 8/31/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
139. 26FC:0255 (Benton Cloke - Both- Cardinal Community School District) 9/3/2026 - New / Complaint Information Reviewed
140. 26FC:0256 (Rhonda Smith - Chapter 22- City of De Soto) 9/3/2026 - New / Complaint Information Reviewed
141. 26FC:0257 (Anonymous - Chapter 21- Henry County Conservation Board) 9/3/2026 - New / Complaint Information Reviewed
142. 26FC:0258 (Mason Smith - Chapter 22- City of Johnston — Johnston Police Department) 9/5/2026 - New / Complaint Information Reviewed
143. 26FC:0259 (Josh Patterson - Chapter 22- Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, and Licensing (DIAL)) 9/9/2026 - New / Complaint Information Reviewed
144. 26FC:0260 (Josh Patterson - Chapter 22- Greenfield Municipal Utilities (GMU) Greenfield, IA 50849) 9/9/2026 - New / Complaint Information Reviewed
145. 26FC:0261 (Timothy Iverson - Chapter 21- City of Salix, Iowa) 9/10/2026 - New / Complaint Information Reviewed
146. 26FC:0262 (Timothy Iverson - Chapter 21- City of Salix, Iowa) 9/10/2026 - New / Complaint Information Reviewed
147. 26FC:0263 (Joseph Fitzgerald - Chapter 22- Mason City, Mason City Police Department) 9/10/2026 - Complaint Opened/Acknowledged
148. 26FC:0264 (Kimberly Koehlhoeffer - Both- Jefferson County Board of Supervisors Fairfield, Jefferson County, Iowa) 9/10/2026 - New / Complaint Information Reviewed

IX. Committee Reports

1. *Training.* Miller provided committee update sharing that the committee approved new trainer on September 17, 2026. Bringing the total of approved trainers to 13.
2. *Legislative* – Miller provided an update to the Board.
3. *Rules* – Miller provided an update to the Board.

X. Office status report.

1. *Office Update*. Miller provided update on new staff member starting October 9, 2026.
2. *Financial/Budget Update (FY25)*. Miller submitting FY28 budget request in the next couple weeks.
3. *Presentations/Trainings*. Miller provided update on presentation trainings.
4. *District Court Update*. Miller provided updates on pending district court cases to the Board.

- XI. Next IPIB Board Meeting will be held on October 15, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.**
- XII. Adjourn at 2:14 PM.**

*** Attachments**

The Iowa Public Information Board

In re the Matter of: Justin Cole, Complainant And Concerning: Mount Union Benefitted Fire District, Respondent	Case Number: 25FC:0055 Status Report
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On May 21, 2025, Justin Cole (“Complainant”) filed formal complaint 25FC:0055, alleging the Mount Union Benefitted Fire District (“Respondent”) violated Iowa Code Chapter 21. The IPIB accepted this complaint on June 19, 2025. This Status Report is developed to update the IPIB and to seek additional guidance.

Facts

The Mount Union Benefitted Fire District is a tax-supported local fire district, located in the unincorporated community of Mount Union, in Henry County, Iowa. They are represented by three trustees, who are appointed by the Henry County Board of Supervisors.

On May 21, 2025, the complainant, Justin Cole, filed formal complaint 25FC:0055, alleging that the Board was not providing required public notice of its official meetings. Cole also alleged that he and other members of the public had been denied access to past Board meetings.

Following IPIB’s acceptance of the complaint, the Board largely acknowledged the Chapter 21 concerns described in the complaint, though the trustees indicated they were not previously aware that they were subject to open meetings laws as a governmental body.

With IPIB’s facilitation, the parties reached an informal resolution agreement, approved by the Complainant and the Respondent on February 18, 2026. The agreement was submitted to the Iowa Public Information Board and approved on March 19, 2026.

The terms included the following:

1. This Informal Resolution will be formally approved at a meeting of the Mount Union Benefitted Fire District, and the following terms shall be read into the record. The Board will include a copy of this Informal Resolution in its meeting minutes and will provide IPIB staff with a copy of the minutes demonstrating approval.

2. By adopting this Informal Resolution, the Board acknowledges that it is a governmental body subject to Chapter 21. The Board further agrees that it is required to comply with the open meetings requirements for governmental bodies in Chapter 21, including but not limited to posting a notice and agenda for each meeting at least twenty-four hours in advance of that meeting's commencement, limiting action or deliberation amongst trustees on matters within the scope of the Board's policy-making duties to open session, and producing official minutes for all future meetings.
3. Except where closed session is expressly permitted by law, all future meetings of the Board will be held in open session, meaning all members of the public are given access.
4. All trustees currently serving on the Board will complete training with IPIB staff on their responsibilities under open meetings and public records law. This term may be fulfilled by registering for and attending any of IPIB's online training sessions.

It also required the terms to be completed within 90 days of the approval. The 90 days ended on June 19, 2026.

IPIB staff worked with the parties to complete all resolution terms. On February 18, 2026, the resolution was approved by the governmental body and a copy of the agreement was read into the record as required by the agreement. A copy of those minutes were provided to IPIB in compliance with the agreement terms.

On March 23, 2026, the first trustee completed the required training course.

On June 3, 2026, staff contacted the Respondent for an update on the completion of training. The secretary responded saying she did not have an update, but would forward IPIB staff's request for an update to the trustees.

On June 17, 2026, the second trustee completed the required training course.

On July 6, 2026, staff contacted the Respondent's secretary again, explaining two trustees had completed the training, but that the remaining trustee had not completed training. Staff explained the final training certificate was the only outstanding item preventing a Final Report from being filed.

On August 6, 2026, staff again contacted the Respondent's secretary asking if an update had been received from the last trustee. The secretary responded the same day, indicating IPIB's email had been sent to him and he "indicated he would try to get the training done soon." Staff responded the same day explaining that the informal resolution was well past the deadline, but if the final individual could complete the training in August, the Final Report could be filed in September. Staff also provided the direct link to register for the August training.

On August 7, 2026, the remaining trustee emailed staff directly to notify IPIB that he has an “eye appointment on that day unless it starts after 10 it will not work for me.” Staff responded the same day, explaining the training is over the lunch hour from 12-1:30pm.

On August 10, 2026, the trustee responded saying, “ok, I will try to make it happen.” Staff responded with by sending the trustee the direct registration link again.

On August 20, 2026, three days after the training, the trustee emailed to notify staff that he forgot about the training and scheduled an appointment at the same time.

Staff followed up explaining that the parties had agreed to a 90-day timeline for completion of the terms of the informal resolution to resolve the complaint. It had been 190 days since the agreement was executed, well beyond the agreed upon timeline. Staff offered for him to find another training before the September meeting; or, alternatively, submit a Status Report to the Board to get additional direction on next steps for the matter. No response was received from the Respondent.

On September 17, 2026, the Board directed staff to contact the Respondent & notify the trustees they had thirty days to complete the training they agreed to in the informal resolution.

On September 18, 2026, staff sent the notification to all parties and received no response.

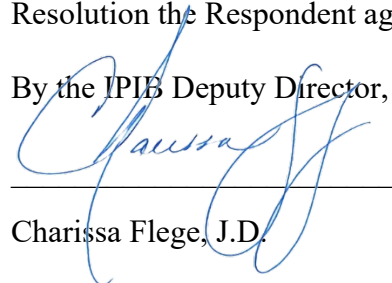
On October 8, 2026, staff again followed up to reiterate the directions provided by the Board at the September meeting. On October 8, 2026, the Respondent sent the email titled “class” that is attached in the Board packet.

Outstanding Issues

The parties were able to reach agreement regarding the status of the Respondent as a government body for the purposes of Chapter 21 and terms to resolve the concerns of the complaint. All of the agreed upon terms of the informal resolution have been completed except the training of one of the trustees. Despite repeated efforts by IPIB staff to encourage the completion of the terms of the informal resolution, the Respondent government body has not done so after more than an additional 90 days after the agreement stated the terms would be completed.

IPIB’s final free training on Chapter 21 and 22 before the thirty-day deadline will be hosted on October 14, 2026. IPIB staff request the Board’s direction as to the appropriate next steps to resolve 25FC:0055 if the Respondent trustee declines to complete the terms of the Informal Resolution the Respondent agreed to.

By the IPIB Deputy Director,



Charissa Flege, J.D.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

This document was sent on October 12, 2026, to:

Justin Cole, Complainant

Mount Union Benefitted Fire District, Respondent

class
1 message

Stephen Gerling <grrrman71@gmail.com>
To: "Flege, Charissa" <charissa.flege@iowa.gov>

Thu, Oct 8, 2026 at 10:38 PM

Dear [Recipient Name],

I will do my best to attend the upcoming meeting, but I cannot guarantee my presence as harvest season is starting. Custom combining corn and soybeans is my primary source of income, and I have several acres to complete during this critical window.

Regarding the required class, I am already proficient in Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure. I feel this training is an unproductive use of my time, particularly as it stems from an unfounded complaint. Additionally, Mr. VanTiger was in contact with the individual prior to the post-incident meeting.

While I will attempt to observe the class scheduled for October 15th, my attendance remains dependent on my work schedule.

IF NECESSARY I WILL RESIGN FROM THE BOARD. I HAVE BE A PART OF THIS BOARD FOR 27 YEARS AND I FEEL THAT I HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB FOR THE DISTRICT.

Sincerely,

Stephen Gerling

Steve Gerling
2721 Hwy 78
Mt. Union, Iowa 52644
319-759-0660

The Iowa Public Information Board

In re the Matter of:	Case Number: 25FC:0166
James Possehl, Complainant	
And Concerning:	Final Report
City of Parnell, Respondent	

On October 27, 2025, James Possehl (“Complainant”) file formal complaint 26FC:0166, alleging that the City of Parnell (“Respondent”) violated Iowa Code Chapter 21.

IPIB accepted this complaint at its meeting on November 20, 2025.

Background

This case involves improper public meetings held by the Respondent. James Possehl alleges that Respondent held improper meetings over text, including related to the sale of city property and a dispute over the Respondent’s encroachment onto Complainant’s property while chip sealing a public road.

Applicable Law

“Except as provided in subsection 3, a governmental body shall give notice of the time, date, and place of each meeting including a reconvened meeting of the governmental body, and the tentative agenda of the meeting, in a manner reasonably calculated to apprise the public of that information. Reasonable notice shall include advising the news media who have filed a request for notice with the governmental body and posting the notice on a bulletin board or other prominent place which is easily accessible to the public and clearly designated for that purpose at the principal office of the body holding the meeting, or if no such office exists, at the building in which the meeting is to be held.” Iowa Code 21.4(1)(a).

Informal Resolution

Pursuant to Iowa Code § 23.9, the parties negotiated and reached an informal resolution.

The parties agreed to the following terms:

1. This Informal Resolution will be formally approved at a meeting of the Parnell City Council. The Respondent will attach a copy of this Informal Resolution to its meeting minutes and will provide IPIB staff with a copy of the minutes demonstrating approval.
2. The Respondent acknowledges that a violation of Iowa Code Chapter 21

meeting notice requirements occurred on October 1, 2025 and October 9, 2025.

3. The Respondent agrees to ensure that future meetings of governmental bodies will be noticed and conducted in compliance with Chapter 21 requirements.
4. The Respondent will attend or hold a training session hosted by IPIB covering the requirements of Chapter 21. The training session may occur virtually or in the City of Parnell. Attendees shall include anyone legally responsible for compliance with Chapter 21 notice requirements for the City.
5. The Respondent will develop a Chapter 21 notice checklist to assist the person responsible for providing meeting notice under Chapter 21. A copy will be provided to IPIB for review and approval.
6. The Respondent will attach copies of the text messages dated October 1, 2025 and October 9, 2025 through which city council meetings were convened to the meeting minutes in which the Informal Resolution is approved. If the number of pages of messages makes it logistically impossible to post these messages at all locations where meeting minutes are posted, Respondent will attach a copy of the messages to the meeting minutes in at least one location where the meeting minutes are posted.
7. The Respondent will attach copies of the text messages between city council members that were provided by Respondent to IPIB pursuant to Iowa Code Section 23.6(6) to the meeting minutes in which the Informal Resolution is approved as set forth in this paragraph. The Respondent will first review and redact those text messages for information that is confidential or otherwise protected from disclosure by Iowa law. Due to the number of pages involved making it logistically impossible to post these messages at all locations where meeting minutes are posted, Respondent will attach a copy of the messages to the meeting minutes in at least one location where the meeting minutes are posted.

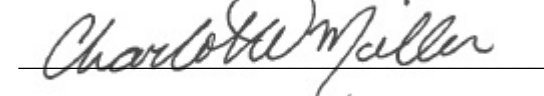
Complainant approved the informal resolution terms on October 5, 2026.

Respondents approved the terms of the informal resolution on October 6, 2026.

Respondents completed the terms of the informal resolution on October 8, 2026.

The IPIB staff recommend the IPIB approve this Final Report.

By the IPIB Executive Director,

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Charlotte J.M. Miller, J.D.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

This document was sent on October 9, 2026, to:

James Possehl, Complainant

City of Parnell, Respondent

The Iowa Public Information Board

In re the Matter of:	Case Number: 25FC:0166
James Possehl, Complainant	Informal Resolution Report
And Concerning:	
City of Parnell, Respondent	

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Background

This case involves improper public meetings held by the Respondent. Complainant alleges that Respondent held improper meetings over text, including related to the sale of city property and a dispute over the Respondent’s encroachment onto Complainant’s property while chip sealing a public road.

Applicable Law

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Analysis

The parties both expressed a desire to remedy the error through an informal agreement.

Pursuant to Iowa Code § 23.9, the parties negotiated and reached an informal resolution.

The parties agreed to the following terms:

1. This Informal Resolution will be formally approved at a meeting of the Parnell City

Council. The Respondent will attach a copy of this Informal Resolution to its meeting minutes and will provide IPIB staff with a copy of the minutes demonstrating approval.

2. The Respondent acknowledges that a violation of Iowa Code Chapter 21 meeting notice requirements occurred on October 1, 2025 and October 9, 2025.
3. The Respondent agrees to ensure that future meetings of governmental bodies will be noticed and conducted in compliance with Chapter 21 requirements.
4. The Respondent will attend or hold a training session hosted by IPIB covering the requirements of Chapter 21. The training session may occur virtually or in the City of Parnell. Attendees shall include anyone legally responsible for compliance with Chapter 21 notice requirements for the City.
5. The Respondent will develop a Chapter 21 notice checklist to assist the person responsible for providing meeting notice under Chapter 21. A copy will be provided to IPIB for review and approval.
6. The Respondent will attach copies of the text messages dated October 1, 2025 and October 9, 2025 through which city council meetings were convened to the meeting minutes in which the Informal Resolution is approved. If the number of pages of messages makes it logistically impossible to post these messages at all locations where meeting minutes are posted, Respondent will attach a copy of the messages to the meeting minutes in at least one location where the meeting minutes are posted.
7. The Respondent will attach copies of the text messages between city council members that were provided by Respondent to IPIB pursuant to Iowa Code Section 23.6(6) to the meeting minutes in which the Informal Resolution is approved as set forth in this paragraph. The Respondent will first review and redact those text messages for information that is confidential or otherwise protected from disclosure by Iowa law. Due to the number of pages involved making it logistically impossible to post these messages at all locations where meeting minutes are posted, Respondent will attach a copy of the messages to the meeting minutes in at least one location where the meeting minutes are posted.

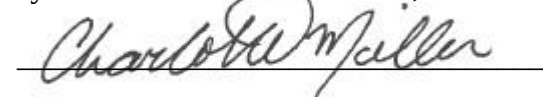
Complainant approved the informal resolution terms on October 5, 2026.

Respondents approved the terms of the informal resolution on October 6, 2026.

Respondents completed the terms of the informal resolution on October 8, 2026.

IPIB staff recommend the IPIB approves this Informal Resolution Report.

By the IPIB Executive Director,

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Charlotte J.M. Miller, J.D.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

This document was sent on October 9, 2026, to:

James Possehl, Complainant

City of Parnell, Respondent

Iowa Public Information Board

In re the Matter of: Anthony Teninty, Complainant And Concerning: Wapello County Board of Supervisors and Wapello County Secondary Roads Department, Respondents	Case Number: 26FC:0030 Informal Resolution Report
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On January 29, 2026, Anthony Teninty (“Complainant”) filed formal complaint 26FC:0030, alleging that the Wapello County Board of Supervisors (“Respondents”) violated Iowa Code Chapter 22.

The IPIB accepted this complaint at its meeting on February 19, 2026.

Facts

Complainant alleged that Respondents violated Chapter 22 by declining to provide a requested record and/or by requiring him to directly seek a record belonging to the County from the outside human resources attorney currently in possession of the document(s), rather than the legal custodian obtaining the record and determining whether it is subject to production in response to a public records request.

Law

“*Lawful custodian*’ means the government body currently in physical possession of the public record. The custodian of a public record in the physical possession of persons outside a government body is the government body owning that record.” Iowa Code 22.1(2).

“Every person shall have the right to examine and copy a public record and to publish or otherwise disseminate a public record or the information contained in a public record. Unless otherwise provided for by law, the right to examine a public record shall include the right to examine a public record without charge while the public record is in the physical possession of the custodian of the public record. The right to copy a public record shall include the right to make photographs or photographic copies while the public record is in the possession of the custodian of the public record. All rights under this section are in addition to the right to obtain a certified copy of a public record under section 622.46.” Iowa Code 22.2(1).

Analysis

The parties both expressed a desire to remedy the notice error through an informal agreement.

Pursuant to Iowa Code §23.9, the parties negotiated and reached an informal resolution.

The parties agreed to the following terms:

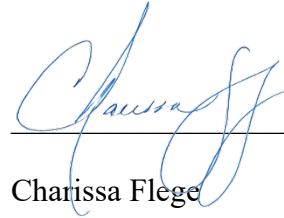
1. The County acknowledges that the Wapello County Board of Supervisors and the Wapello County Secondary Roads Department need to create public records policies to ensure compliance with Chapter 22.
2. The County agrees to designate a “particular official or employee” of each government body with responsibility for implementing the requirements of Chapter 22, as required by Iowa Code section 22.1(2). The contact information for that individual will be available to the public upon request.
3. The County agrees to provide the relevant contact information—including electronic submission, telephone, and mailing address information—for submitting a public records request to both government bodies on their respective county landing pages: the Wapello County Board of Supervisors and the Wapello County Secondary Roads Department.
4. The new or updated Chapter 22 policy will be provided to IPIB for feedback and to ensure compliance with Chapter 22 before it is approved by the government body.
5. The County will provide evidence to IPIB that the new policies have been adopted by the respective government bodies.
6. The members of the Wapello County Board of Supervisors and the Wapello County Secondary Roads Department employees responsible for complying with Chapters 21 and 22 will attend a training on the requirements of Chapters 21 and 22 that satisfies the requirement of Iowa Code 21.12. In order to satisfy this requirement, IPIB can come to the County and provide individual training, the individuals can sign up with IPIB’s monthly Lunch & Learn training, or they can complete training through another IPIB-approved training provider. Any individual who has completed such training within the previous 12 months will be exempt from this requirement, provided the County submits a copy of that individual's certificate of completion.
7. The County will provide IPIB with training certificates for the individuals who complete the training with an approved trainer outside of IPIB.
8. The County will review the requested document (currently in the possession of outside counsel) and make a determination as to whether it is a non-confidential public record. If the County determines it is confidential, they will provide the legal basis for withholding the record.

Complainant approved the informal resolution terms on October 7, 2026.

Respondents approved the terms of the informal resolution on October 6, 2026.

The IPIB staff recommend the IPIB approve the Informal Resolution Report.

By the IPIB Deputy Director



Charissa Flege

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

This document was sent on October 9, 2026, to:

Anthony Teninty, Complainant

Wapello County Board of Supervisors and Wapello County Secondary Roads Department,
Respondents

The Iowa Public Information Board

In re the Matter of:	Case Number: 26FC:0065
Kari Friedmann, Complainant	Informal Resolution Report
And Concerning:	
Kids World Inc., Respondent	

On March 5, 2026, Kari Friedmann (“Complainant”) filed formal complaint 26FC:0065, alleging that the Kids World Inc. (“Respondent”) violated Iowa Code Chapters 21 and 22.

The IPIB accepted this complaint at its meeting on April 16, 2026.

Facts

Complainant alleged that Respondent violated Chapter 21 by conducting a public meeting that discussed items not included on the public notice agenda.

Law

“Except as provided in subsection 3, a governmental body shall give notice of the time, date, and place of each meeting including a reconvened meeting of the governmental body, and the tentative agenda of the meeting, in a manner reasonably calculated to apprise the public of that information.

(1) Giving notice under this paragraph shall include all of the following:

- (a) Advising the news media who have filed a request for notice with the governmental body.
- (b) Posting the notice in a prominent and conspicuous place which is annually designated for such purposes by the governmental body, in a manner such that the notice is visible at all times.
- (c) Posting the notice on the primary internet site owned or maintained and regularly updated by the governmental body or other primary internet presence moderated by the governmental body, if applicable.” Iowa Code 21.4(1)(a).

Informal Resolution

Pursuant to Iowa Code § 23.9, IPIB presents the following terms for an informal resolution of this matter:

1. The parties agree that the Respondent is a 28E organization that qualifies as a “governmental body” under Chapter 21 and is subject to the requirements of Chapter 21.
2. The parties agree that the Respondent is not a “government body” for the purpose of Chapter 22 and is not subject to the requirements imposed on government bodies under Chapter 22.
3. The Respondent acknowledges that the notice provided for its public meeting on February 16, 2026 was inadequate to apprise the public of the matters that would be discussed during the meeting and that the discussion exceeded the scope of the posted notice in violation of Chapter 21.
4. Respondent agrees that all future meetings will be noticed and conducted in compliance with Chapter 21.
5. The Respondent agrees to create a Chapter 21 policy to govern its internal compliance with the requirements of Chapter 21. The policy will include procedures for compliance with notice requirements, open meeting requirements, and closed-session requirements, in addition to any other provisions the Respondent finds necessary to ensure future compliance with Chapter 21.
6. The new Chapter 21 policy will be provided to IPIB for feedback and to ensure compliance with Chapter 21 before it is adopted by the Respondent.
7. After the policy is finalized and adopted by the Respondent, the Respondent will provide IPIB with a copy of the minutes showing approval of the new Chapter 21 policy, updated agency policies, or another equivalent method of confirming the policy’s adoption.
8. All members of the Board of Directors and all staff responsible for posting notice or ensuring compliance with open meeting requirements will attend training that complies with the requirements of Iowa Code § 21.12. If an individual completed the required training within the twelve-month period prior to the execution of this agreement by both parties, the Respondent may provide the individual’s completion certificate, and the individual will be exempt from this requirement.
9. This Informal Resolution Agreement will be formally approved at a meeting of the Kids World Inc. Board of Directors and a copy of the terms of the Informal Resolution Agreement will be included in the Respondent’s meeting minutes. A copy of the meeting agenda and minutes will be provided to IPIB to verify compliance with this term.
10. The parties agree that upon execution of the agreement by both parties, this Informal Resolution Agreement resolves any and all claims the Complainant has against the Respondent under Chapter 21 and 22 of the Iowa Code, regardless of whether they were raised in this Complaint.

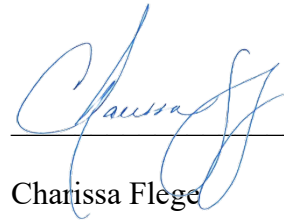
The terms of this Informal Resolution Agreement shall be completed within 60 days of the date the Informal Resolution Agreement is accepted by the Iowa Public Information Board.

Complainant approved the informal resolution terms on October 12, 2026.

Respondent approved the terms of the informal resolution on October 12, 2026.

IPIB staff recommend the IPIB approve the Informal Resolution Report.

By the IPIB Deputy Director



Charissa Flege

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

This document was sent on October 13, 2026, to:

Kari Friedmann, Complainant

Kids World Inc., Respondent

The Iowa Public Information Board

In re the Matter of:	Case Number: 26FC:0066
Michael Dyer, Complainant	Investigative Report
And Concerning:	
City of Decatur, Respondent	

COMES NOW, Charissa Flege, Deputy Director for the Iowa Public Information Board (IPIB), and enters this Investigative Report:

On March 5, 2026, Michael Dyer (“Complainant”) filed formal complaint 26FC:0066, alleging that the City of Decatur (“Respondent”) violated Iowa Code Chapter 21 and 22.

The IPIB accepted this Complaint on April 16, 2026.

Facts

The Respondent is governed by an elected five-member council. On February 12, 2026, the Complainant’s wife submitted a written complaint to IPIB including the following allegations: “Administrative corruption & willful subversion,” “Documented criminality & public safety risk,” and “Conflict of Interest.” It also included dozens of attachments. IPIB staff followed up with the contact information provided and spoke to the Complainant about the limitations of IPIB’s jurisdiction. An amended complaint was submitted through the online portal and the IPIB accepted jurisdiction to review two allegations within the agency’s jurisdiction: whether the Respondent engaged in an unnoticed meeting over text message and whether the Respondent failed to provide public records requested by the Complainant’s wife. During the course of the investigation, dozens of attachments and records were provided; however, most of them were not related to matters within the jurisdiction of IPIB.

Unnoticed Electronic or In Person Meeting

Complainant submitted copies of a text chain called “city council” which appeared to include all five members of the city council at the time. At least three individuals discussed the merits of a proposed ordinance related to a dog kennel. The screen shot of the text messages submitted to IPIB has no date, and the original conversation had been deleted by the time IPIB investigated, so no

date for the conversation could be confirmed with certainty. However, it appeared that the individuals included on the text communication included former council members that were not part of the current city council. When the Complainant looked into it further, he admitted that the communications had been sent to him more than 60 days before the filing and therefore were likely outside the 60-day window.

While the investigation was open, Complainant submitted additional allegations that unnoticed meetings were continuing to occur through the Respondent's August and September city council meetings. In support, he provided a recording stating that a complex matter before the council during a public meeting had not "been discussed in public much." In response, Respondent provided the agendas and meeting minutes for both months.

The contested agenda item for August stated: "SCRS Partnership Properties 1.6-1.7 miles southwest of the City of Decatur proposed parceling and transfer of land – Review of response letter and additional information." The minutes for the same agenda item stated:

The city clerk and council members Richard Perry and Tyler Perry discussed information they received during a conference call with City Attorney Dan Rockhold regarding an email from Axel Johnston of Civil Design Advantage. The email asked whether the city has any plans to annex land west of the city limits. The council members also discussed information received from an individual who has been calling city hall regarding a proposed slaughter facility being considered southwest of the city limits. The city believes both are the same project. The council members reviewed two options/letters for their response to Axel Johnston. The city clerk will mail letter #2, which details development plans by the Ball Park Heaven developers. Daniell Dyer stated that the city had not discussed annexation enough for her to be fully informed of the details and, therefore, abstained from the decision regarding which letter should be sent.

For the September meeting, the contested agenda item stated: "5. Ball Park Heaven Project – Voluntary Annexation & TIF Funding." The minutes for the same agenda item stated:

The developers of the Ball Park Heaven project were present with paperwork they requested the City Council members sign to voluntarily annex all 11 acres of their property into the city limits and establish TIF funding on all 11 acres which they want to keep 100 percent of funding for 20 years. The City Council took no action at this time to allow additional time to review the documents and obtain feedback from the city attorney/attorneys.

Failure to Respond to a Chapter 22 Request

Complainant also alleged that the Respondent failed to respond to a Chapter 22 request submitted by his wife – a current sitting councilmember. The record request involved policy matters before the council. IPIB requested an affidavit from the requester or copies of request to support the assertion that a refusal or delay of a legitimate Chapter 22 request had occurred. In response, the Complainant cited a city ordinance providing city government officials special access to records. However, no documentation was provided to IPIB that a Chapter 22 request had ever been made or denied by the Respondent. On the other hand, the Respondent indicated the city believed the councilmember had been acting in their official capacity when she asked for documents and not submitting a request under Chapter 22; however, they offered to process her request as a Chapter 22 request if she wanted to proceed with submitting it as a public records request. The Respondent maintained IPIB has no jurisdiction to enforce Decatur city ordinance.

Applicable Law

“‘Meeting’ means a gathering in person or by electronic means, formal or informal, of a majority of the members of a governmental body where there is deliberation or action upon any matter within the scope of the governmental body’s policy-making duties. Meetings shall not include a gathering of members of a governmental body for purely ministerial or social purposes when there is no discussion of policy or no intent to avoid the purposes of this chapter.” Iowa Code § 21.2(2).

“Meetings of governmental bodies shall be preceded by public notice as provided in section 21.4 and shall be held in open session unless closed sessions are expressly permitted by law. Except as provided in section 21.5, all actions and discussions at meetings of governmental bodies, whether formal or informal, shall be conducted and executed in open session.” Iowa Code § 21.3.

“Except as provided in subsection 3, a governmental body shall give notice of the time, date, and place of each meeting including a reconvened meeting of the governmental body, and the tentative agenda of the meeting, in a manner reasonably calculated to apprise the public of that information.

(1) Giving notice under this paragraph shall include all of the following:

- (a) Advising the news media who have filed a request for notice with the governmental body.
- (b) Posting the notice in a prominent and conspicuous place which is annually designated for such purposes by the governmental body, in a manner such that the notice is visible at all times.
- (c) Posting the notice on the primary internet site owned or maintained and regularly updated by the governmental body or other primary internet presence moderated by the governmental body, if applicable.

(2) If a tentative agenda has been posted and is amended within the time frame established in subsection 2, paragraph the governmental body shall mark the agenda "AMENDED" and identify the amended provisions. Upon amendment, the governmental body shall give notice in accordance with subparagraph (1). Iowa Code § 21.4(1)(a).

“Except as otherwise provided in paragraph “c”, notice conforming with all of the requirements of subsection 1 shall be given at least twenty-four hours prior to the commencement of any meeting of a governmental body unless for good cause such notice is impossible or impractical, in which case as much notice as is reasonably possible shall be given.” Iowa Code § 21.4(2)(a).

Analysis

Unnoticed Electronic or In Person Meeting

In communications with IPIB during the investigation, the Complainant acknowledged that the screen shots of text messages between former city council members were sent to him “out of the 60-day time frame.” IPIB staff shared the Complainant’s concern related to the recorded text message group between city council members; however, IPIB’s 60-day provision imposes a strict jurisdictional requirement the agency does not have authority to waive in order to consider the merits of an allegation outside the 60-day filing deadline.

In regard to the later allegations raised by Complainant, there is nothing in the records provided to IPIB that shows a meeting occurred outside the public meetings in August and September. The meeting minutes provided note a conversation between two council members and legal counsel, which would not constitute a meeting because no majority of members participated in the conversation. Letters and communications received by members of the city government also are not meetings because they do not involve deliberation by a majority of the governmental body. The comment made by an individual that an agenda had not been discussed publicly much, is not, as contended by Complainant, an admission that they engaged in an unnoticed meeting outside of the public meeting. There are many ways an individual could have received information about an agenda item that is not a meeting. That could include a conversation between a sub-majority of members, a conversation with members or the public or contactors working with the city, written communications received from members of the public or potential contractors, or receipt by council members of written proposals, letters, or other documents when not accompanied by deliberation. On occasion, proposed policies or ordinances could be written by a city administrator in consultation with the city attorney as a result of many conversations and communications between them, but as long as such a discussion never includes a majority of a governmental body, no meeting has occurred and no public discussion may occur until it is placed on an agenda. For these reasons, IPIB doesn’t believe there is sufficient evidence to support that the two contested agenda items were discussed in an unlawful meeting in violation of Chapter 21.

Failure to Respond to a Chapter 22 Request

Complainant was provided an opportunity to support his contention that a Chapter 22 request was either ignored or denied by the Respondent. No copies of emails or communications or even an affidavit from the individual alleged to have submitted the Chapter 22 request was provided. Instead, Complainant cited to a city ordinance granting city officials access to certain documents. A local ordinance would be outside the jurisdiction of IPIB to enforce. Similarly, the Respondent indicated they were not aware the requests by the councilmember were being made as a member of the public under Chapter 22, but instead believed her record requests to be made in her official capacity.

Based upon these facts, the available evidence indicates both parties understood the request for documents made by the councilmember was done under the city ordinance granting her special privilege as a member of the governmental body. Furthermore, the Respondent indicated their willingness to process the request as a Chapter 22 request if she would so indicate. Therefore, it does not establish that the Respondent violated Chapter 22 by denying a public records request submitted under Chapter 22.

IPIB Action

The Board may take the following actions upon receipt of a probable cause report:

- a. Redirect the matter for further investigation;
- b. Dismiss the matter for lack of probable cause to believe a violation has occurred;
- c. Make a determination that probable cause exists to believe a violation has occurred, but, as an exercise of administrative discretion, dismiss the matter; or
- d. Make a determination that probable cause exists to believe a violation has occurred, designate a prosecutor and direct the issuance of a statement of charges to initiate a contested case proceeding.

Iowa Admin. Code r. 497-2.2(4).

Recommendation

Because there is insufficient evidence that the Respondent violated Chapter 21 within the 60 days preceding the filing of this complaint, and insufficient evidence that the Respondent denied or

refused a records request submitted under Chapter 22, it is recommended that the Board dismiss the matter for lack of probable cause.

By the IPIB Deputy Director,



Charissa Flege, J.D.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

This document was sent on October 8, 2026, to:

Michael Dyer, Complainant
City of Decatur, Respondent

I Michael J. Dyer (Complainant) respectfully requests that the Iowa Public Information Board reject the Deputy Director's recommendation to dismiss Case No. 26FC:0066 and instead find probable cause that the City of Decatur violated Iowa Code Chapters 21 and 22. The record demonstrates that the City and City Attorney Dan Rockhold used standard citizen fee structures under Resolution 20230911-01 to block newly seated Council member Daniell Dyer from accessing records guaranteed to municipal officers under Decatur Municipal Code § 18.08(4). This deliberate information blockade, combined with meeting agendas regarding the Ball Park Heaven from before Council member Daniell Dyer took office in January 2026 is exactly why these laws exist. This is not a code requirement issue with the city as I have shown, but a way for the city attorney to try and shift the focus. I have included evidence to Mrs. Flege (prior council agendas) showing proof such meetings took place prior to council member Daniell Dyer taking office. Mr. Rockhold provided this review Decatur Municipal Code 18.08 that plainly states the city clerk is to provide all necessary records to officials to perform their duties. I have also provided Mrs. Flege with audio from a city meeting where a letter of intent was being sent to a business in which Mayor Travis Miller states that the Ball Park Heaven situation had not been discussed much in open meetings. In contradiction to what we now know had been discussed in city meetings nearly a year before Mr. Miller made the comment. Keeping vital records from Council Member Daniell Dyer has caused her to have to abstain from a vote concerning Ball Park Heaven for not having as much information as the other council members to rightfully do so as was also sent to Mrs. Flege in audio file. On top of all this, I have supplied a screenshot sent to Daniell Dyer and myself from a citizen of Decatur of a post Mayor Travis Miller put on the Decatur Facebook page. A page that is used to relay city information like garbage date changes and the like. A page Mayor Miller and council members Administrate. Showing that Ball Park Heaven was to hold a meeting at the Decatur community center to answer questions and give information on the project. Mayor Miller had blocked council member Daniell Dyer and myself just prior to posting it. I've also included a picture taken of a notice of the meeting and possible quorum posted on the community center board that Daniell Dyer was told nothing about. I believe that this shows how records and information are being withheld from Daniell Dyer. Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Board have the evidence provided to Mrs. Flege looked at again and I believe it falls within the IPIB authority and shows continued violations even during this review process.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Dyer

The Clerk's Duty Under City Code § 18.08(4)

- **Mandatory Provision for Officers:** The City Clerk is explicitly required to "furnish upon request to any municipal officer a copy of any record, paper, or public document under the Clerk's control when it may be necessary to such officer in the discharge of such officer's duty". [PDF](#)
- **Unconditional Access:** This duty is separate and distinct from citizen requests. It contains **no requirement** to fill out citizen Open Records Request Forms, pay commercial search fees (\$50.00/hour), or provide 100% upfront deposits. [PDF](#)
- **Separation from General Citizens:** In the very same sentence, the code differentiates this official duty from the public requirement, stating the Clerk shall also "furnish a copy to any citizen when requested upon payment of the fee set by Council resolution". [PDF](#)

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"This will be a great opportunity for the community members to come ask questions and learn all about the project. Finally putting rumors rest.

Representatives leading the Ballpark Heaven project on the southeast corner of exit 12 will be available at the Barnum Community Center from 5-7 pm on October 5th to answer questions and provide details about their project. Public is welcome to come anytime during the two hour time frame to ask questions and meet the project leaders."



City of Decatur Iowa
Notice of Possible Quorum
Monday, October 5, 2026
Barnum Community Center/City Hall
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

There is a possibility of a quorum of city council members at the town hall meeting regarding the development of the hilltop from the Ball Park Heaven developers.

No city business on any topic will be discussed by the city council members during this townhall meeting.

NOTICE OF TOWNHALL MEETING

Representatives leading the Ballpark Heaven project on the southeast corner of exit 12 will be available at the Barnum Community Center from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM on October 5th, 2026, to answer questions and provide details about their project. The public is welcome to come anytime during the two-hour time frame to ask questions and meet the project leaders.

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Iowa Public Information Board

In re the Matter of: Sean Canto, Complainant And Concerning: Wapello County Board of Supervisors and Wapello County Secondary Roads, Respondents	Case Number: 26FC:0095 Informal Resolution Report
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On March 31, 2026, Sean Canto (“Complainant”) filed formal complaint 26FC:0095, alleging that the Wapello County Board of Supervisors and the Wapello County Emergency Management (“Respondents”) violated Iowa Code Chapter 22.

The IPIB accepted this complaint at its meeting on May 21, 2026.

Facts

Complainant alleged that Respondents violated Chapter 22 by refusing to accept public records requests unless they were submitted using the County’s ‘official FOIA form.’

Law

“Every person shall have the right to examine and copy a public record and to publish or otherwise disseminate a public record or the information contained in a public record. Unless otherwise provided for by law, the right to examine a public record shall include the right to examine a public record without charge while the public record is in the physical possession of the custodian of the public record. The right to copy a public record shall include the right to make photographs or photographic copies while the public record is in the possession of the custodian of the public record. All rights under this section are in addition to the right to obtain a certified copy of a public record under section 622.46.” Iowa Code 22.2(1).

Analysis

The parties both expressed a desire to remedy the notice error through an informal agreement.

Pursuant to Iowa Code §23.9, the parties negotiated and reached an informal resolution.

The parties agreed to the following terms:

1. The County acknowledges that the Wapello Board of Supervisors and the Wapello Emergency Management need to create public records policies to ensure compliance with Chapter 22.

2. The County agrees to designate a “particular official or employee” of each government body with responsibility for implementing the requirements of Chapter 22, as required by Iowa Code section 22.1(2).
3. The County agrees to provide the relevant contact information—including electronic submission, telephone, and mailing address information—for submitting a public records request to both government bodies on their respective county landing pages: the Board of Supervisors and the Emergency Management.
4. The draft policies will be provided to IPIB for feedback before the policies are adopted.
5. The County will provide evidence to IPIB once the new policies have been adopted by the respective government bodies. This can be satisfied by a showing the policies have been incorporated to official department policies, posted to the public, or approved through a resolution of a governing body.
6. The three Board of Supervisors members and the Wapello Emergency Management employees responsible for complying with Chapters 21 and 22 will attend training on the requirements of Chapters 21 and 22. IPIB can either come to the County and provide individual training, the individuals can sign up for our monthly Lunch & Learn training, or they can complete another IPIB-approved training, such as the training offered through ISAC. Any individual who has completed the required training within the 12 months preceding the agreement of the parties is exempt from this requirement.
7. The County will provide IPIB with training certificates for the individuals who complete the training.

The terms of this Informal Resolution shall be completed within 60 days after the date on which the Informal Resolution is approved by all parties. Upon receipt of proof that the County has complied with the terms of this Informal Resolution, IPIB will dismiss the complaint as successfully resolved.

Complainant approved the informal resolution terms on September 17, 2026.

Respondent Wapello County Supervisors approved the terms of the informal resolution on October 6, 2026.

Respondent Wapello Emergency Management approved the terms of the informal resolution on October 7, 2026.

The IPIB staff recommend the IPIB approve the Informal Resolution Report.

By the IPIB Deputy Director



Charissa Flege

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

This document was sent on October 9, 2026, to:

Sean Canto, Complainant

Wapello County Board of Supervisors and Wapello County Emergency Management,
Respondents

The Iowa Public Information Board

In re the Matter of:	Case Number: 26FC:0110
Claire Logsdon, Complainant	Investigative Report
And Concerning:	
City of Davenport Police Department, Respondent	

COMES NOW, Charissa Flege, Deputy Director for the Iowa Public Information Board (IPIB), and enters this Investigative Report:

On April 8, 2026, Claire Logsdon (“Complainant”) filed formal complaint 26FC:0110, alleging that the City of Davenport Police Department (“Respondent”) violated Iowa Code Chapter 22.

The IPIB accepted this Complaint on May 21, 2026.

Facts

On April 8, 2026, Complainant submitted this complaint to IPIB alleging that she had submitted a public records request in the two weeks preceding the complaint and had not received a response. She also alleged an unlawful fee estimate had been provided to her for a prior records request.

In response to this complaint, Respondent provided a complete record of the public records requests submitted by the Complainant to the Respondent through her JustFOIA account. Each request was assigned a unique identifying number and the result of the request was noted as either “Fulfilled” or “Not Fulfilled” and the reason. The number of requests totaled fifty-two requests. The most recent request was February 19, 2025.

On June 3, 2026, IPIB staff contacted Complainant and asked if she had any contradictory evidence or would like to respond to the account provided by the Respondent. No additional information showing a more recent public records request or contradicting the Respondent’s account of record was submitted by the Complainant.

Applicable Law

“The board shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A providing for the timing, form, content, and means by which any aggrieved person, any taxpayer to or citizen of this state, the attorney general, or any county attorney may file a complaint with the board alleging a violation of chapter 21 or 22. The complaint must be filed within sixty days from the time the alleged violation occurred or the complainant could have become aware of the violation with reasonable diligence. All complaints filed with the board shall be public records.” Iowa Code § 23.7(1).

Analysis

Iowa Code § 23.7(1) provides a strict 60-day statute of limitations for IPIB’s jurisdiction once “the complainant could have become aware of the violation with reasonable diligence.” According to the only information submitted to IPIB, the Complainant’s most recent public records request was submitted more than 400 days before filing this complaint. Therefore, the complaint should be dismissed as untimely and outside the agency’s jurisdiction.

IPIB Action

The Board may take the following actions upon receipt of a probable cause report:

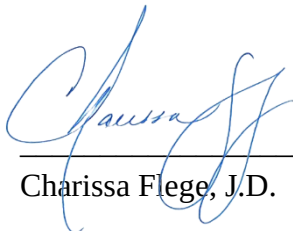
- a. Redirect the matter for further investigation;
- b. Dismiss the matter for lack of probable cause to believe a violation has occurred;
- c. Make a determination that probable cause exists to believe a violation has occurred, but, as an exercise of administrative discretion, dismiss the matter; or
- d. Make a determination that probable cause exists to believe a violation has occurred, designate a prosecutor and direct the issuance of a statement of charges to initiate a contested case proceeding.

Iowa Admin. Code r. 497-2.2(4).

Recommendation

Because the Complainant filed this complaint outside of the 60 day filing deadline it is recommended that IPIB dismiss the matter.

By the IPIB Deputy Director,



Charissa Flege, J.D.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

This document was sent on October 8, 2026, to:

Claire Logsdon, Complainant
City of Davenport Police Department, Respondent

Iowa Public Information Board

In re the Matter of:	Case Number: 26FC:0123
Claire Logsdon, Complainant	Informal Resolution
And Concerning:	
Iowa City Police Department , Respondent	

On May 3, 2026, Claire Logsdon (“Complainant”) filed formal complaint 26FC:0123, alleging that the Iowa City Police Department (“Respondent”) violated Iowa Code Chapter 22.

The IPIB accepted this complaint at its meeting on May 21, 2026.

Facts

Complainant alleged that Respondent violated Chapter 22 by asserting blanket confidentiality for all police investigative records.

Law

“Every person shall have the right to examine and copy a public record and to publish or otherwise disseminate a public record or the information contained in a public record. Unless otherwise provided for by law, the right to examine a public record shall include the right to examine a public record without charge while the public record is in the physical possession of the custodian of the public record. The right to copy a public record shall include the right to make photographs or photographic copies while the public record is in the possession of the custodian of the public record. All rights under this section are in addition to the right to obtain a certified copy of a public record under section 622.46.” Iowa Code 22.2(1).

“The following public records shall be kept confidential, unless otherwise ordered by a court, by the lawful custodian of the records, or by another person duly authorized to release such information... Peace officers’ investigative reports, privileged records or information specified in section 80G.2, and specific portions of electronic mail and telephone billing records of law enforcement agencies if that information is part of an ongoing investigation, except where disclosure is authorized elsewhere in this Code. However, the date, time, specific location, and immediate facts and circumstances surrounding a crime or incident shall not be kept confidential under this section, except in those unusual circumstances where disclosure would plainly and seriously jeopardize an investigation or pose a clear and present danger to the safety of an

individual. Specific portions of electronic mail and telephone billing records may only be kept confidential under this subsection if the length of time prescribed for commencement of prosecution or the finding of an indictment or information under the statute of limitations applicable to the crime that is under investigation has not expired.” Iowa Code § 22.7(5)

Analysis

The parties both expressed a desire to remedy the notice error through an informal agreement.

Pursuant to Iowa Code §23.9, the parties negotiated and reached an informal resolution.

The parties agreed to the following terms:

1. The Respondent will review their public records policy to ensure compliance with Chapter 22.
2. The Respondent’s policy will be provided to IPIB for feedback on Chapter 22 compliance.
3. The Respondent will provide confirmation to IPIB when the new policy has been adopted by the police department, should updates to the policy be recommended after IPIB’s review.
4. The individual(s) responsible for responding to Chapter 22 requests will attend an approved IPIB training, either through IPIB or another approved training provider. This training can be provided by IPIB at no expense to the Respondent. If the records custodian and/or other individuals responsible for public records production have already attended an approved training, their certificate can be provided to IPIB instead.
5. The terms of the Informal Resolution will be completed within 60 days of the date of approval of this Informal Agreement by the Iowa Public Information Board.

Complainant approved the informal resolution terms on September 30, 2026.

Respondent approved the terms of the informal resolution on September 30, 2026.

IPIB staff recommend the IPIB approve the Informal Resolution Report.

By the IPIB Deputy Director,



Charissa Flege

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

This document was sent on October 9, 2026, to:

Claire Logsdon, Complainant

Iowa City Police Department, Respondent

The Iowa Public Information Board

In re the Matter of:	Case Number: 26FC:0147
Jeremy Anderson, Complainant	Investigative Report
And Concerning:	
Bettendorf Police Department, Respondent	

COMES NOW, Johnathon T. Harris, Staff Attorney for the Iowa Public Information Board (“IPIB”), and enters this Investigative Report:

On May 17, 2026, Jeremy Anderson filed formal complaint 26FC:0147, alleging the Bettendorf Police Department violated Iowa Code Chapter 22.

The IPIB accepted this complaint on July 16, 2026.

Facts

Complainant submitted records requests to Respondent over several days from April 11, 2026, through April 15, 2026. The first request made on April 11, 2026 also included a report of police misconduct and requested all body-worn camera (“BWC”) footage from two specific officers during a specific time and place, all phone records and external communications made by either officer during that encounter, the complaint that initiated the call (including who called, what was reported, and the time), and the complete field intelligence report form from the encounter. The second request came on April 13, 2026, and requested “all CAD logs and dispatch records referencing” a particular license plate from January 1, 2025 through April 12, 2026, the names and badge numbers of all officers who queried that plate, all radio communications referencing the plate number or the Bettendorf Public Library on the night of April 11–12, 2026, between 11:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m., the name and badge number of the officer operating an unmarked vehicle present in the Bettendorf Public Library parking lot during that time, all incident reports with that license plate from December 1, 2025 through April 12, 2026, and the identity of the reporting party on the complaint that initiated Complainant’s officer encounter that evening.

On April 13, 2026, Complainant sent Respondent what were essentially 34 interrogatories asking about several different topics, including department policies on police interactions, Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) policies, a document he was asked to sign, and previous

complaints against a specific officer. On April 15, 2026, Complainant submitted another public records request asking for information about federal grants and civil rights compliance certifications as well as information about the ADA Coordinator for the city and police department.

Respondent first replied on April 13, 2026, stating that it was taking steps to preserve the BWC footage and other records, and it provided the incident number and the badge number of the other officer present. Respondent then stated on April 15, 2026, that it was not the possessor of the 911 records, CAD logs, or dispatch phone recordings. For the remaining records, Respondent explained the fee structure. Respondent stated the fee for the Incident/Field Intelligence Report would be \$10.00. The fee for the BWC/in-car video was \$20.00 per case, plus employee time for necessary redactions. The fee for all other records would be \$50.00 per hour. Respondent stated at this time that it had already spent two hours searching, that the first 30 minutes would not count toward the total, and that the estimate was two additional hours. This brought the grand total to \$205.00.

Also on April 15, 2026, Complainant responded to Respondent's fee proposal. The response included an outright rejection of the fee estimate. Complainant stated he was formally requesting a full waiver of all fees. Complainant stated he felt that Respondent's previous email indicated he was being charged extra for submitting the requests through multiple emails, which Complainant stated violated his ADA rights (email communication is a recognized disability accommodation for Complainant's disability).

Respondent then stated on April 16, 2026, that it was following Chapter 22 and that, if Complainant was willing to pay the fee, it would resume the search.

On April 20, 2026, Complainant requested an itemized breakdown of the fees being assessed and asked whether fees had been applied to non-disabled requesters.

On April 29, 2026, Respondent stated the fees would not be waived and cited IPIB Advisory Opinion 21AO:0006 as the justification for the fees.

After further correspondence on issues related to ADA accommodations, which are outside the scope of this investigation, Complainant filed the present complaint on May 17, 2026, alleging that the fee estimate provided by Respondent was unlawful.

After the complaint was filed, on June 2, 2026, the ADA Coordinator responded to Complainant's ADA grievance with information relevant to this investigation. First, Respondent stated it would waive the fees for the Incident/Field Intelligence Report, the BWC footage and a ban notice that was also responsive. It also stated it would lower the rate to \$30.00 per hour, which would bring the new total to \$105.00. Respondent also stated that there was no additional charge based on Complainant's emails or disability status. Respondent stated the records were

being searched for by an individual who actually makes over \$62.00 per hour and that the \$50.00 per hour charge was already lower than actual cost.

IPIB staff opened the complaint for investigation and requested a response from Respondent. On June 26, 2026, Respondent provided a position statement, timeline, and emails, the bulk of which has already been explained above. Also included in Respondent's response was an affidavit, signed and notarized, from Respondent's employee who conducted the search. The employee stated that they are the lawful custodian of police records, that they based the fee estimate on their own time because of the scope and complexity of the requests, and that there was no surcharge or additional cost assigned because of Complainant's email communication accommodation.

Upon review of all the facts, IPIB staff initiated informal resolution discussions based on the following conclusions: (1) the flat fees assigned for the production of the Incident/Field Intelligence Report and the BWC footage likely violated Chapter 22's fee provisions; (2) the hourly fee assigned originally was likely not a violation because it was derived from the actual projected costs of production; (3) other issues raised in this matter are not within IPIB's jurisdiction, including the ADA concerns and any dispute as to the actual conduct of the officers in question; and (4) Chapter 22 does not require a waiver of fees. Therefore, on July 23, 2026, IPIB staff proposed an informal resolution with the following terms:

1. The Respondent acknowledges that a violation of Iowa Chapter Code 22 occurred on April 15, 2026.
2. The Respondent will amend their Iowa Code Chapter 22 policy to comply with the fee requirements of Iowa Code Chapter 22. This amended policy will specifically provide that all costs assigned to requesters must be related to the actual cost of production of requested documents. A copy will be provided to IPIB for review.
3. The Respondent will provide Complainant with a fee estimate that only considers the actual cost of production of records.

Complainant then requested three amendments also on July 23, 2026. First, Complainant specified his records request for resolution purposes:

- (a) all incident and field intelligence reports for the April 11, 2026 encounter (Incident No. 2026-8336) and the October 16, 2025 Crow Creek Park encounter, including Officer Claussen's report of the April 11 encounter; (b) all body-worn camera footage from both encounters; (c) all in-car/dash camera footage and audio from every unit, marked or unmarked, that was present at or captured [Complainant's] vehicle at any location on October 16, 2025, or from April 11, 2026 through the early morning hours of April 12, 2026, including but not limited to the Kwik Star, the Bettendorf Public Library, and Crow Creek Park; (d) CAD/dispatch logs for October 16, 2025 and for April 11 through April 12, 2026, reflecting all units dispatched to or logging

activity at the locations above; and (e) records sufficient to identify the officer involved in the October 16, 2025 Crow Creek Park encounter.

Complainant then requested that the fees be waived as a negotiated term, while acknowledging that it is not a required step under Chapter 22. Complainant also requested that a term be added limiting the scope of the agreement to the present complaint only.

Respondent replied with a revised version of the agreement on July 31, 2026. In the revised agreement, Respondent noted that it had already waived the flat fees on June 2, 2026, and it incorporated both the list provided by Complainant and the limited scope of the agreement:

1. The Respondent acknowledges that a potential violation of Iowa Code Chapter 22 occurred on April 15, 2026, regarding flat fees of \$10 for incident/field intelligence reports and \$20 for body camera/dash camera footage
2. The Respondent has amended its Iowa Code Chapter 22 policy to comply with the fee requirements of Iowa Code Chapter 22 and to remove the \$10 and \$20 dollar flat fees, said amendment being made on May 15, 2026. This amendment provides that all costs assigned to requesters, making requests under Iowa Code Chapter 22, must be related to the actual cost of production of requested documents. A copy of the amended policy is hereby provided to IPIB for review. The Respondent removed the \$10 and \$20 flat fees from its amended estimate provided to Complainant on June 2, 2026.
3. As part of this informal resolution process, Complainant has narrowed his records request, and Respondent will provide a substantive response at no cost for the following items: (a) all incident and field intelligence reports for the April 11, 2026 encounter (Incident No. 2026-8336) and the October 16, 2025 Crow Creek Park encounter, including Officer Claussen's report of the April 11 encounter; (b) all body-worn camera footage from both encounters; (c) all in-car/dash camera footage and audio from every unit, marked or unmarked, that was present at or captured [Complainant's] vehicle at any location on October 16, 2025, or from April 11, 2026 through the early morning hours of April 12, 2026, including but not limited to the Kwik Star, the Bettendorf Public Library, and Crow Creek Park; (d) CAD/dispatch logs for October 16, 2025 and for April 11 through April 12, 2026, reflecting all units dispatched to or logging activity at the locations above; and (e) records sufficient to identify the officer involved in the October 16, 2025 Crow Creek Park encounter. All other records requests from Complainant are withdrawn.
4. This informal Resolution resolves the Iowa Code Chapter 22 fee matter presented in 26FC:0147, and does not waive, release, or affect any other claim, complaint, or proceeding, including, without limitation, Iowa Civil Rights Commission Complaint CP#85504.

Upon receiving that amended proposal, also on July 31, 2026, Complainant stated “I am withdrawing my proposed amendments to the informal Resolution, submitted July 23, 2026 effective immediately. Nothing in that submission (July 23, 2026) remains on the table as my amended proposal to move this forward. My request before the board still stands.” Complainant explained that he was withdrawing because Respondent’s proposal was not made in good faith, because it characterized the informal resolution terms proposed by Complainant as an amended records request, and because production was not binding, as the agreement promised only a “substantive response.” Complainant also requested a brief extension in the proceedings to retain counsel.

As a last attempt to reach an informal resolution, and after discussing Complainant’s concerns with the agreement proposed by Respondent, IPIB staff prepared a third version of the agreement on August 12, 2026:

1. The Respondent acknowledges that a potential violation of Iowa Code Chapter 22 occurred on April 15, 2026, regarding flat fees of \$10 for incident/field intelligence reports and \$20 for body camera/dash camera footage.
2. The Respondent has amended its Iowa Code Chapter 22 policy to comply with the fee requirements of Iowa Code Chapter 22 and to remove the \$10- and \$20-dollar flat fees, said amendment being made on May 15, 2026. This amendment provides that all costs assigned to requesters, making requests under Iowa Code Chapter 22, must be related to the actual cost of production of requested documents. A copy of the amended policy is hereby provided to IPIB for review. The Respondent removed the \$10 and \$20 flat fees from its amended estimate provided to Complainant on June 2, 2026.
3. Respondent will provide all non-confidential records at no cost responsive to the following items: (a) all incident and field intelligence reports for the April 11, 2026 encounter (Incident No. 2026-8336) and the October 16, 2025 Crow Creek Park encounter, including Officer Claussen’s report of the April 11 encounter; (b) all body-worn camera footage from both encounters; (c) all in-car/dash camera footage and audio from every unit, marked or unmarked, that was present at or captured [Complainant’s] vehicle at any location on October 16, 2025, or from April 11, 2026 through the early morning hours of April 12, 2026, including but not limited to the Kwik Star, the Bettendorf Public Library, and Crow Creek Park; (d) CAD/dispatch logs for October 16, 2025 and for April 11 through April 12, 2026, reflecting all units dispatched to or logging activity at the locations above; and (e) records sufficient to identify the officer involved in the October 16, 2025 Crow Creek Park encounter. Records found containing both confidential and non-confidential materials will still be provided with redactions.
4. This informal Resolution resolves the Iowa Code Chapter 22 fee matter presented in 26FC:0147, and does not waive, release, or affect any other claim, complaint, or proceeding, including, without limitation, Iowa Civil Rights Commission Complaint CP#85504., or any existing records retention obligations of the Respondent.

After taking the brief extension, Complainant on August 27, 2026, suggested three more amendments after receiving the amended proposal from IPIB staff: (1) replacing “will provide” in term 3 with “will produce and deliver to Complainant,” (2) adding a 30-day execution timeline, and (3) requiring Respondent to provide an index of any withheld records.

Respondent replied on September 9, 2026, accepting the amendments proposed by Complainant, and additionally stated the following:

I do want to clarify that the City does not possess any documents relating to: (1) an October 16, 2025 encounter at Crow Creek Park, or (2) an encounter in the early morning hours of April 12, 2026 at the Bettendorf Library. No calls for service or officer-initiated incidents were created involving [Complainant] on these dates/locations nor were there any BWC or squad video recordings of encounters involving [Complainant] on these dates/locations. Additionally, the City/PD is not the possessor of the 911 recordings, CAD logs, or dispatch for recordings (referenced in Section 3(d) of the proposed resolution). These records are held by the Scott County Emergency Communications Center (SECC). The City previously informed [Complainant] of the fact that SECC holds such documents.

At this point, also on September 9, 2026, Complainant withdrew his support for the informal agreement. Because an agreement had been reached and then withdrawn, and multiple rounds of informal resolution had occurred, IPIB staff moved forward with this Investigative Report.

Applicable Law

“Fulfillment of a request for a copy of a public record may be contingent upon receipt of payment of reasonable expenses. The lawful custodian shall make every reasonable effort to provide the public record requested at no cost other than copying costs for a record which takes less than thirty minutes to produce.” Iowa Code § 22.3(2)(a).

Analysis

There are essentially three issues within IPIB’s jurisdiction presented by the facts of this case, all related to proper fee assessment. The first is whether the flat fees assigned by Respondent were lawful; the second is whether the hourly fee was lawful; and the third is whether Respondent was required to waive fees.

To begin, flat fees are normally unlawful under Chapter 22. “If the lawful custodian charges a fee to respond to a records request, that fee must be based on actual, direct costs associated with making and providing copies. Actual costs may include considerations such as the cost of printing or the hourly rates of the employee(s) involved in responding to a records request, but it should not include indirect costs like electricity or insurance.” *Chapter 22 Frequently Asked Questions*, IPIB (2026), <https://ipib.iowa.gov/public-records/chapter-22-frequently-asked->

[questions-0](#). Flat fees are inherently not based on the actual cost of production of the records. Therefore, the flat fees initially assigned by Respondent likely violated Chapter 22. However, that issue has been resolved both in the present complaint and for the future. On June 2, 2026, Respondent waived the flat fees assigned to Complainant when it provided Complainant the updated \$105.00 fee estimate and later agreed to waive all fees as part of the informal resolution process. Respondent also revised its fee policy. The new fee policy provides a flat fee only for Accident/Collision/Crash Reports, in the amount of \$10.00, to be requested through CrashDocs.org. Fees for all other records are based on employees' hourly rates, as required by Chapter 22.

On the issue of the hourly fee rate assigned, it is unlikely that a violation has taken place. First, there is no requirement in Chapter 22 that a lower-paid employee conduct the searches. If the employee actually conducting the search makes \$62.00 per hour, charging \$50.00 per hour is not unreasonable and does not exceed the actual cost of production. In fact, the initial estimate was based on a rate below what the employee actually earned, and Respondent later lowered the rate to \$30.00 per hour and then waived all fees. There is nothing in Chapter 22 that makes a fee unreasonable simply because it is high; however, higher fees will always be subject to somewhat more scrutiny because of the potential barrier to access to public records. In this instance, the hourly fee estimate was based on the work already performed, the rate at which it was performed, and the estimated time to complete the search. Therefore, the hourly fee, both as initially assessed and as amended, did not violate Chapter 22.

Advisory Opinion 21AO:0006 states “Iowa Code chapter 22 is silent on the issue of the waiving of any authorized fees. There is no requirement within Chapter 22 for a government body to waive the collection of its authorized fees prior to the fulfillment of a public record request.” As Complainant pointed out, the first portion of that opinion concerns special meetings. The relevant portion here, however, asks only whether any situation requires a city to waive its open records fees, regardless of context. Thus, there is no requirement for a governmental body to waive its reasonable fees, and it was therefore not a violation for Respondent to initially refuse to do so, even though Respondent ultimately offered to waive its fees.

Overall, even though Respondent first provided an unlawful fee agreement, throughout the process they lowered the fee estimate, then removed it, they have changed their written fee structure to remove the offending fees, and even agreed to provide a privilege log which is not required under Chapter 22. Respondent has shown good faith in attempting to reach an agreement with Complainant on the matter of the fees.

No fee issues remain before IPiB in this matter. The only portion of the fee proposal that was likely unlawful consisted of the flat fees, which have been waived, and the policy that allowed them has been changed. Respondent later dropped all fees after receiving Complainant's

narrowed scope of production as part of the informal resolution process. That Respondent does not possess many of the records Complainant requested, is not a violation.

IPIB Action

The Board may take the following actions upon receipt of a probable cause report:

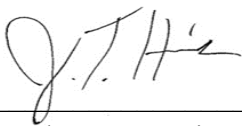
- a. Redirect the matter for further investigation;
- b. Dismiss the matter for lack of probable cause to believe a violation has occurred;
- c. Make a determination that probable cause exists to believe a violation has occurred, but, as an exercise of administrative discretion, dismiss the matter; or
- d. Make a determination that probable cause exists to believe a violation has occurred, designate a prosecutor and direct the issuance of a statement of charges to initiate a contested case proceeding.

Iowa Admin. Code r. 497-2.2(4).

Recommendation

Respondent has remedied the fee issue for which this matter was accepted, revised its policy so that flat fees are no longer assigned (other than for crash reports), and has offered to produce the responsive records. Therefore, because the flat fees likely violated Chapter 22 and that violation has now been remedied, IPIB staff recommends that the Board make a determination that probable cause exists to believe a violation has occurred, but, as an exercise of administrative discretion, dismiss the matter.

By the IPIB Staff Attorney,



Johnathon T. Harris, J.D.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

This document was sent on October 8, 2026, to:

Jeremy Anderson, Complainant
Christopher J. Curran, Attorney for Respondent

Re: Notice of IPiB Consideration of Case # 26FC:0147 on October 15, 2026

1 message

jeremywayneanderson13 <jeremywayneanderson13@proton.me>

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To: "Harris, J.T." <johnathon.harris@iowa.gov>

Cc: "Curran, Chris" <ccurran@bettendorf.org>, "Reiter, Jeff" <jreiter@bettendorf.org>, "Crouch, Brian" <bcrouch@bettendorf.org>, "Matje, Jody" <jmatje@bettendorf.org>, "Scott, Doug" <dscott@bettendorf.org>, "Ploehn, Decker" <dploehn@bettendorf.org>, Police Email <police@bettendorf.org>

I agree to this statement:

X I want to address the Board and respond to any questions Board members may have when the initial processing of this complaint is considered. In the event this complaint process waives any objection that I might have concerning personal investigation of this complaint by a Board member.

Mr. Harris and Members of the Board,

I will be attending the October 15 meeting on 26FC:0147 by google video link. I do not feel safe attending in person, and my physician agrees that google tele attendance is appropriate

Attendance and Questions

I ask that Board members who have questions for me submit them in writing by Monday evening, October 12. I will prepare my answers Monday night so they are in before the Tuesday

If the Board plans to ask me questions during the meeting, I ask that I be given time to type my responses, as required under the ADA. I communicate through my Allora 3, and typing speaking.

I also want it noted that IPiB has had written notice since July that I am a disabled person, and I feel the Friday afternoon notice with a Tuesday morning deadline was extremely harsh

What the Board Should Know About Tourette Syndrome

(Please note this is education and part of the interactive ada process)

Tourette syndrome is a neurological condition that causes involuntary movements and vocalizations called tics. Tics can be spoken, physical, or written/typed, and they are not chosen encounters.

- Coprolalia: involuntary obscene or socially inappropriate words or phrases.
- Echolalia: involuntarily repeating words or phrases someone else has just said.
- Palilalia: involuntarily repeating my own words or phrases.
- Copropraxia: involuntary obscene or socially inappropriate gestures.
- Echopraxia: involuntarily imitating someone else's movements.
- Coprographia: involuntary obscene or inappropriate writing or typing.
- Echographia: involuntarily writing or typing words I have just read or heard.
- Dysgraphia: difficulty producing written language, which can make writing or typing disordered or garbled.

My biggest piece of advice to anyone interacting with me: I may tic through my Allora 3. If you see me tic, it is fine to observe it and process it, but I ask that you ignore my hands, my vocalizations (I will be running my Allora 3 directly into my tablet vocal tics should be a non issue) or typed tics, and focus only on the output of my Allora 3. My biggest tell that it is a tic shape. I figured this out in my late teens by standing in front of a mirror for a few hours. And example I head nod or give a thumbs up as a tic this is not an agreement to statements or movement I can only agree or disagree via my Allora 3.

I use transcription because I have hyperacusis. Without it, voices sound to me like a cranked, distorted guitar, or Charlie Brown's teacher.

No, I am not on drugs. Medical cannabis helps me and many others with Tourette syndrome communicate accurately or suppress tics, and I do not get high the way people without Tou waited to get a medical card and gone without cannabis to respect Iowa law, which has cost me dearly, in order to complete labs. Bettendorf's actions delayed those labs, since I had no endocrinologist in Bettendorf and my care was mapped out there.

If anyone yells at me or retaliates over my tics during the meeting, that is an ADA violation, because it is demanding that I not tic. Again, this is an involuntary neurological motor movement.

I would not wish this condition on a single person living. I have met a handful of people with it, and it has made me break down crying.

Again I must emphasize if board members ask me questions I need extended time to respond, rushing me or saying "Hello Mr. Anderson can you hear me?! Hello?!" is a violation and it slows down my ability to respond as I have to confirm yes I can see what you are saying via transcripts and start typing my reply over again.

Notice to the Opposing Side

The opposing side had repeated notice from community members, and from an interaction in October, that I have Tourette syndrome and use AAC. Officer Claussen had notice the day escalated anyway.

I ask the Board to note that Officer Claussen hid his holster lock, with his hand resting on it and on the butt of his pistol. I had no way to know if his pistol was locked. This is relevant to the opposing side's repeated intimidation of me, a legally disabled person.

Why the Requested Records Matter

The written encounter record I was given lists me as a pedestrian, when I was lying down in the back of my car while it was charging, and it does not list Officer Snyder at all. That is evidence camera and in-car footage I requested are needed: the written record alone does not accurately reflect what happened.

Attached Exhibits

1. AAC device screenshots from the April 11, 2026 encounter, timestamped 10:58, 10:59, 11:01, 11:03, and 11:10 a.m. They show that I disclosed adrenal insufficiency, Tourette syndrome, and TBI; told the officer I could die from stress; stated I was not arguing and would leave; asked for his name and badge number; and asked him to give me space.
2. Close-up frame from my camera during the April 11, 2026 encounter showing the officer's hand resting on his side arm concealing his holster lock. The 2025-12-23 timestamp on the image is due to a known software issue with my Wyze pan and tilt camera.
3. Photo of Officer Claussen at the charging location during the April 11, 2026 encounter, with his hand on his side arm concealing his holster lock.
4. Dashcam image from the night of April 11 into April 12, 2026, showing an unmarked vehicle shining its lights into my car.

JW Anderson

Mr. Harris to save the board time in the past when I have done telehealth or telemeetings the medical assistant or meeting manager and myself have confirmed that my transcription is working before the meetings and then waited til the meeting commenced - please let me know how you wish to handle this.

I thank the board for its time.

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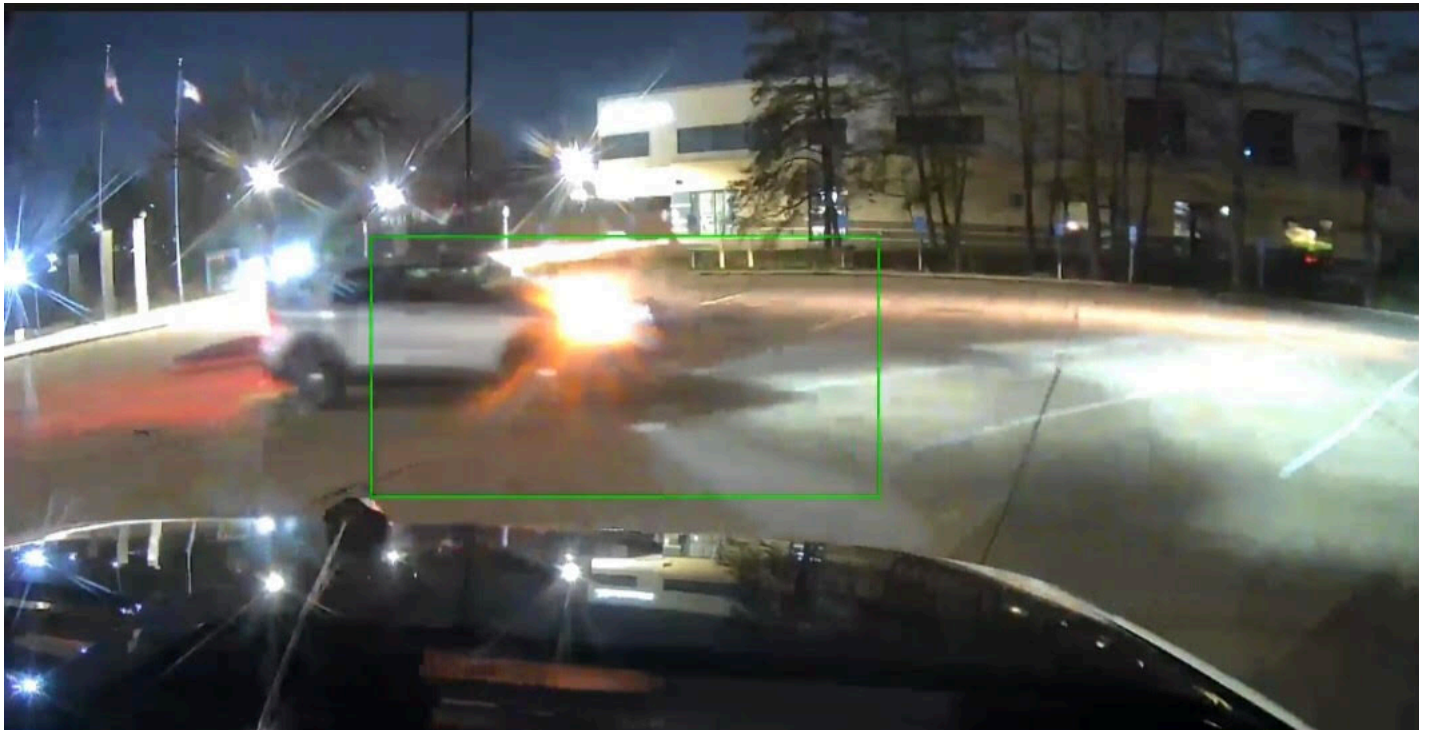




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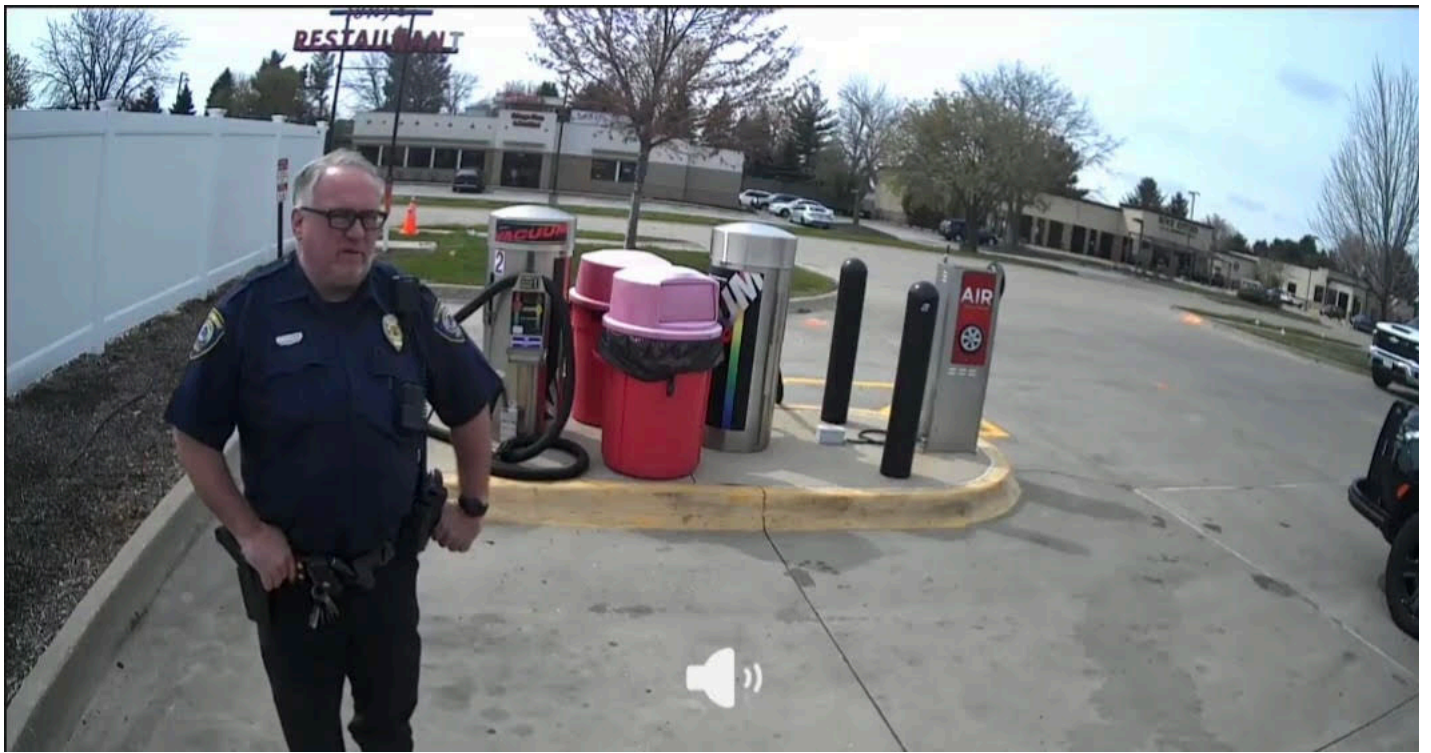




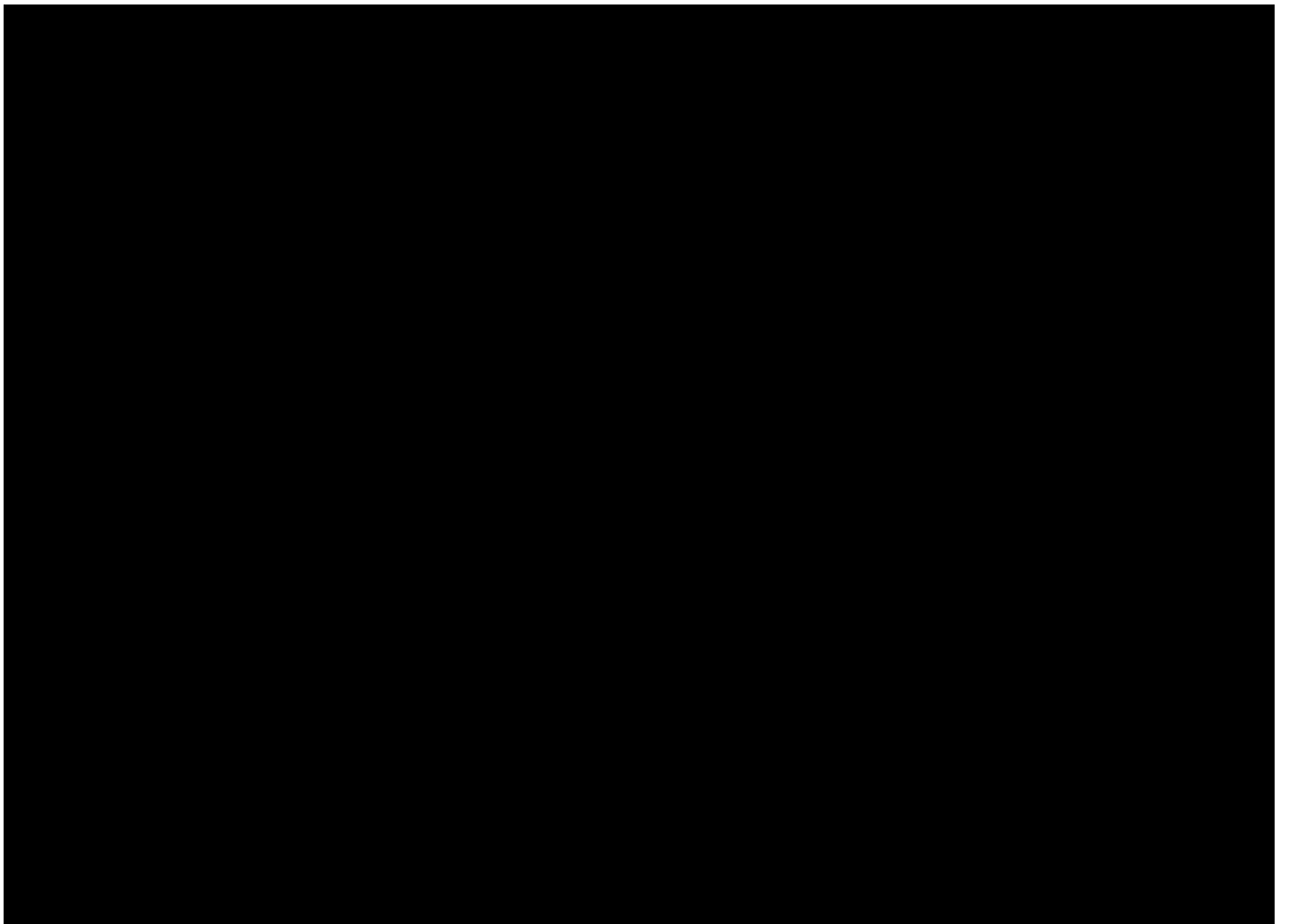
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FIELD INTELLIGENCE REPORT
BETTENDORF POLICE DEPARTMENT
1609 STATE ST
BETTENDORF, IA 52722
5633444015

SUMMARY

Type of Suspicious Activity
BAN NOTICE

Date of Contact
04/11/2026

Time of Contact
11:06

Form Number
2026-8336

Location of Activity
KWIK STAR 2283 53RD

X Coordinate

Y Coordinate

Number of Persons

1

Location Type

County

SCOTT - 82

CON VENIENCE STORE

INDIVIDUAL

Driver / Pedestrian ?

02 - PEDESTRIAN

How was this Contact Initiated?

03 - COMPLAINT

Name-Last

ANDERSON

First

JEREMY

Middle

WAYNE

Street Address

899 E 12TH APT 7582

City

DES MOINES

State

IA

Zip

50304

DL Number

052AA8304

Date of Birth

01/05/1989

Race

WHITE - W

Ethnicity

NOT OF HISPANIC OR LATINO ANCESTRY

Gender

MALE

Height

6' 05"

Weight

350 LBS

Hair Color

BROWN - BRO

Eye Color

HAZEL - HAZ

Scars, Marks, Tattoos or other identifying marks

Home/Cell Phone

Employer or School

Occupation

Photos Taken

Clothing Description

Alias or Nicknames

Gang or Group Affiliation

ASSOCIATE 001

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Street Address

City

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Photo's Taken	Clothing Description	
Alias or Nick Names		Gang or Group Affiliation

CONFIDENTIAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT - LAW ENFORCEMENT SENSITIVE
Do NOT place into any investigative file

VEHICLE 001

Vehicle Year 2025	Make HYUNDAI - HYUN	Model IONIQ	Style SUV
License Plate # FJ40233	State IL	Year 2026	VIN # 7YAKPDDC85Y011499
Color(s) (up to 2)			
Was the Owner the Operator? NO	Impounded? NO	Impound Location	Impound Tag Number

NARRATIVE

Permanently Banned from all property at Kwikstar at 2283 63rd Ave

OFFICER

Reporting Officer CLAUSSEN, SHAWN	Badge 4092
Assigned Shift	Information forwarded to

RE: Notice of IPIB Consideration of Case # 26FC:0147 on October 15, 2026

1 message

Curran, Chris <ccurran@bettendorf.org>

Mon, Oct 12, 2026 at 12:24 PM

To: "Harris, J.T." <johnathon.harris@iowa.gov>, jeremywayneanderson13 <jeremywayneanderson13@proton.me>, "Reiter, Jeff" <jreiter@bettendorf.org>, "Crouch, Brian" <bcrouch@bettendorf.org>, "Matje, Jody" <jmatje@bettendorf.org>, "Scott, Douglas" <dscott@bettendorf.org>, "Ploehn, Decker" <dploehn@bettendorf.org>, Police Email <police@bettendorf.org>

Mr. Harris: I will be attending the meeting via Google Meet on behalf of the Respondent. Please note that I agree with the following statement:

___X___ I want to address the Board and respond to any questions Board members may have when the initial processing of this complaint is considered. In the event this complaint proceeds to a contested case, I waive any objection that I might have concerning personal investigation of this complaint by a Board member.

Thanks,

Chris

Chris Curran | City Attorney

City of Bettendorf | 1609 State Street, Bettendorf, IA 52722

P: (563) 344-4004

ccurran@bettendorf.org

From: Harris, J.T. <johnathon.harris@iowa.gov>

Sent: Friday, October 9, 2026 1:00 PM

To: jeremywayneanderson13 <jeremywayneanderson13@proton.me>; Curran, Chris <ccurran@bettendorf.org>; Reiter, Jeff <jreiter@bettendorf.org>; Crouch, Brian <bcrouch@bettendorf.org>; Matje, Jody <jmatje@bettendorf.org>; Scott, Douglas <dscott@bettendorf.org>; Ploehn, Decker <dploehn@bettendorf.org>; Police Email <police@bettendorf.org>

Subject: Notice of IPIB Consideration of Case # 26FC:0147 on October 15, 2026



External email >

Good Afternoon,

The Iowa Public Information Board

In re the Matter of:	Case Number: 26FC:0163
John Smith, Complainant	Investigative Report
And Concerning:	
City of Eldon, Respondent	

COMES NOW, Johnathon T. Harris, Staff Attorney for the Iowa Public Information Board (“IPIB”), and enters this Investigative Report:

On June 25, 2026, John Smith “Complainant” filed formal complaint 26FC:0163, alleging the City of Eldon (“Respondent”) violated Iowa Code chapter 22.

The IPIB accepted this Complaint on July 16, 2026.

Facts

Complainant is an employee of Respondent. On June 3, 2026, Complainant was ordered to take a drug test at work. Complainant went to the testing facility but, due to concerns about procedure and the characterization of his test as “pre-employment” even though he had been an employee, did not take the test. Complainant was instructed to go home and was placed on leave pending a special city council meeting. Complainant then requested “Written documentation detailing the specific basis and reasonable suspicion for ordering the June 3 urinalysis test. All records from the testing facility, including collection logs, attempted sample volumes, technician notes, and chain-of-custody forms. Written confirmation of the administrative leave, including whether it was paid or unpaid, the reason, and the outcome of the special City Council meeting. Agendas, minutes, or summaries of any closed sessions addressing my employment status.” Complainant also requested essentially his entire personnel file. Complainant then submitted a complaint, stating that records had not been provided.

On July 9, 2026, the complaint was opened and a response was requested from Respondent. On July 15, 2026, Respondent replied with public records. These included the city drug testing policy, several meeting agendas, Complainant's application, his I-9 and W-4 forms, a jury duty form, some payroll records, and a screenshot of a phone showing a call with Complainant.

Complainant responded that he had requested his complete personnel file and the exact drug testing policy used the day his test was administered. Complainant did not find the records provided to be responsive to his request. Complainant expressed that he should be able to receive his own personnel records.

IPIB Staff explained that personnel records are categorically exempt from disclosure, except for the enumerated exceptions, asked Respondent to review the confidential records against those exceptions, and requested a response. Respondent stated on July 22, 2026, that they had provided all documents they believe are public records, but that if Complainant would come into city hall and sign a release, they would release his entire file to him. They also stated that the drug testing policy was in the handbook they previously provided.

After reviewing the drug testing policy provided by Respondent and the suggestion of picking up the records in person pursuant to another Iowa Code chapter, IPIB Staff asked Complainant whether this would satisfy his records request. Complainant stated that in-person pickup did not satisfy his request because it was not the method of inspection and copying that he had requested. He also included specifics about which personnel records and records relating to the decision to drug test him he was seeking.

Respondent stated that many of the records Complainant requested do not exist. Respondent also clarified that they were not offering the personnel file as a response to a Chapter 22 request, because there are confidential records in the file, but that he could sign a release and pick it up because it is his own file. IPIB Staff then asked Respondent about the specific records Complainant requested, asking whether it was Respondent's position that these records either do not exist or are not in the custody of the city. Respondent stated that these records specifically did not exist, several because Complainant did not actually take the test.

Complainant continued to insist there were more responsive records, at which point IPIB Staff suggested that Respondent review certain specific aspects of the records request and, if their position remained that there were no more responsive, non-confidential records to produce, that an affidavit to that effect be signed and notarized.

An affidavit signed by the city clerk and notarized was provided on September 10, 2026. It affirmed that the city had reviewed Complainant's physical file and the city email accounts to the best of their ability and confirmed there are no additional records. Respondent also affirmed that there are responsive but confidential records in Complainant's personnel file that could not be released under a records request, but that they would release the entire file if Complainant signed the release.

Complainant then provided new records requests relating to events that had occurred since the opening of the complaint. Because these are likely new requests rather than modifications,

narrowings, or clarifications of the requests for which this complaint was accepted, the requests made on September 12 and 13, 2026, will not be considered as part of this report.

Applicable Law

“Every person shall have the right to examine and copy a public record and to publish or otherwise disseminate a public record or the information contained in a public record. Unless otherwise provided for by law, the right to examine a public record shall include the right to examine a public record without charge while the public record is in the physical possession of the custodian of the public record. The right to copy a public record shall include the right to make photographs or photographic copies while the public record is in the possession of the custodian of the public record. All rights under this section are in addition to the right to obtain a certified copy of a public record under section 622.46.” Iowa Code § 22.2(1)

“Personal information in confidential personnel records of government bodies relating to identified or identifiable individuals who are officials, officers, or employees of the government bodies.” Iowa Code § 22.7(11)(a).

Analysis

Employee personnel records are generally categorically confidential. *See 25AO:0003 - The Relationship Between Iowa Code § 22.7(11)(a)(1)–(5) and Other Confidentiality Exceptions*. While it is considered categorical there are enumerated exceptions to this rule as well. These include name and compensation, dates employed, positions held, educational and work history, the fact that a person resigned, was discharged or demoted as a result of disciplinary action and the reason and rationale for the change in employment status, the last date an individual worked for the government body, and the amount of money paid in continuation or severance. *See Iowa Code § 22.7(11)(a)(1)–(7)*.

While respondent claims that much of the personnel file sits behind that categorically confidentially, they did provide some responsive records that do include some of the exemptions required by 22.7(11)(a) (1)–(7). The provided application included Complainant’s name and compensation at \$20.00 per hour, it also included his hire date as February 10, 2026. *See Iowa Code § 22.7(11)(a)(1) and (2)*. Complainant is still employed by Respondent so no end date was required to be provided. *See Iowa Code § 22.7(11)(a)(2)*. Likewise, the application included his position. *See Iowa Code § 22.7(11)(a)(3)*. The application also included his educational history, and employment history. *See Iowa Code § 22.7(11)(a)(4)* Complainant also has not resigned, been fired, or been demoted so there would not be responsive records to that, his last day of work, or any severance records. *See Iowa Code § 22.7(11)(a)(5)–(7)*.

Based on the evidence, it appears that Respondent provided the responses they were required to under the exemptions to the general rule of confidentiality. Respondent is therefore correct that

the remaining personnel file records are confidential under Iowa Code § 22.7(11)(a), and they are within their discretion to withhold the remaining personnel records under a Chapter 22 request. Respondent has also offered to provide the entire personnel file outside of the Chapter 22 request. It was even suggested by IPIB staff that Complainant pick up the personnel file as suggested, review it and then address what records he still feels are outstanding. Complainant has, as of this writing, not picked up his personnel file in person.

Next Complainant also raised concerns about a June 9th closed session that occurred and records related to that session. According to Respondent's affidavit there are no responsive records related to that June 9th other than the recording and the agenda. Respondent stated that Complainant was present in the meeting and was provided with the agenda. Chapter 21 in addition to requiring that closed sessions be recorded, requires that detailed minutes be taken; both of which are sealed and not public records under Iowa Code § 21.5(5)(b)(1). It is therefore not a violation for Respondent to withhold the closed session records.

There is also the issue related to the testing policy and testing records. Complainant stated that the testing policy changed frequently and requested the policy that was in place the day of his test. Respondent provided the employee handbook which includes the drug testing policy. When asked directly if the policy provided in the handbook was active the day Complainant's test was ordered, Respondent stated that it was. Respondent also later provided an updated version of the testing policy. There is no reason presented in the facts to suggest that there was another policy used to order Complainant's drug testing. Further, any internal issues relating to the drug testing procedure are outside of IPIB jurisdiction. Based on the evidence it appears Complainant was provided with the requested record.

Respondent has provided responsive records, fulfilled their obligation to provide information consistent with 22.7(11)(a) (1)-(7), and provided for an alternate means for Complainant to receive confidential records. Based on these actions, the evidence in the case, the signed notarized affidavit affirming the search of the physical record was conducted and there are no more responsive non-confidential records, there is no violation of Chapter 22.¹

IPIB Action

The Board may take the following actions upon receipt of a probable cause report:

- a. Redirect the matter for further investigation;
- b. Dismiss the matter for lack of probable cause to believe a violation has occurred;

¹ Complainant stated that the Respondent's affidavit referred to his records request as a "FOIA request" and asked that the affidavit be redrafted to affirm that it was an Iowa Code Chapter 22 request and not a request under the Federal Freedom of Information Act. To quickly address this point, regardless of the form or wordage that Respondent used, IPIB may only interpret records requests based on Chapter 22. At no time was Complainant's request treated as anything other than a Chapter 22 request and this analysis has only utilized Chapter 22, and opinions and cases interpreting it, as its source. Complainant's request remains a Chapter 22 request regardless of the language used by Respondent in their affidavit.

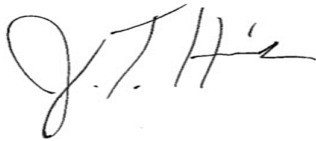
- c. Make a determination that probable cause exists to believe a violation has occurred, but, as an exercise of administrative discretion, dismiss the matter; or
- d. Make a determination that probable cause exists to believe a violation has occurred, designate a prosecutor and direct the issuance of a statement of charges to initiate a contested case proceeding.

Iowa Admin. Code r. 497-2.2(4).

Recommendation

Because Respondent provided responsive records, followed the 22.7(11) exemptions, and has affirmed there are no more responsive records it is unlikely that there was a violation of Chapter 22. It is therefore recommended that the Board dismiss the matter for lack of probable cause to believe a violation has occurred.

By the IPIB Staff Attorney:



Johnathon T. Harris, J.D.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

This document was sent on October 9, 2026, to:

John Smith, Complainant
City of Eldon, Respondent

The Iowa Public Information Board

In re the Matter of: Mark Milligan, Complainant And Concerning: Wapello County Board of Supervisors, Respondent	Case Number: 26FC:0178 Informal Resolution Report
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On July 12, 2026, Mark Milligan (“Complainant”) filed formal complaint 26FC:0176, alleging the Wapello County Board of Supervisors (“Respondent”) violated Iowa Code Chapter 21.

IPIB Accepted this complaint at its meeting on August 20, 2026.

Background

Complainant alleged that Respondent brought up and deliberated on a matter during the “other business” section of Respondent’s agenda for a meeting on June 30, 2026 related to the condition of gravel roads in the county. Complainant alleged this topic was not properly noticed on the agenda in violation of chapter 21.

Applicable Law

“Except as provided in subsection 3, a governmental body shall give notice of the time, date, and place of each meeting including a reconvened meeting of the governmental body, and the tentative agenda of the meeting, in a manner reasonably calculated to apprise the public of that information.” Iowa Code § 21.4(1)(a).

Informal Resolution

Pursuant to Iowa Code § 23.9, IPIB presents the following terms for an informal resolution of this matter:

1. Respondent acknowledges that on June 30, 2026, the discussion of gravel roads occurred without proper notice. This acknowledgement shall be recorded in the minutes of said meeting.
2. The parties responsible for creating the agenda shall prepare a checklist of the steps and procedures needed to hold a proper open meeting as outlined in Iowa Code Chapter 21. Said checklist shall be provided to IPIB.

3. The members of the Respondent board shall attend a training covering the requirements of Iowa Code Chapter 21 and Chapter 22 and provide proof of attendance to IPIB.
4. The Respondent shall approve this resolution during an open meeting and include the full text of the resolution in the minutes of said meeting. Said minutes shall be provided to IPIB.

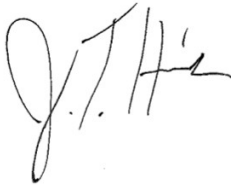
The terms of the Informal Resolution will be completed within 60 days of the date of approval of this Informal Resolution by all parties. IPIB may extend the 60-day deadline at its sole discretion. Upon showing of proof of compliance, the IPIB will dismiss this complaint as successfully resolved.

Complainant approved the terms of the informal resolution on October 7, 2026.

Respondent approved the terms of the informal resolution on October 7, 2026.

The IPIB Staff recommends the IPIB approve the Informal Resolution Report.

By the IPIB Staff Attorney



Johnathon T. Harris, J.D.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

This Document was sent on October 9, 2026, to:

Mark Milligan, Complainant

Steviee Grove, Attorney for Respondent

The Iowa Public Information Board

In re the Matter of:	Case Number: 26FC:0180
Stephen Allen, Complainant	Investigative Report
And Concerning:	
City of Soldier, Respondent	

COMES NOW, Johnathon T. Harris, Staff Attorney for the Iowa Public Information Board (“IPIB”), and enters this Investigative Report:

On July 14, 2026, Stephen Allen filed formal complaint 26FC:0180, alleging the City of Soldier violated Iowa Code chapter 22.

The IPIB accepted this Complaint on August 20, 2026.

Facts

On May 11, 2026, Complainant made a public records request to Respondent. In that request Complainant requested information related to the water lines within the City of Soldier including which houses are supplied with old style water lines listing each street and where the lines start and stop, the same for houses supplied with new water lines, records indicating the date that new water lines will be supplied to the houses that do not have them, records of any and all electric water pumps installed, and a list and detailed explanation of why Respondent refused Complainant’s previous records request.

On May 13, 2026, in two emails sent to Complainant, Respondent stated “I apologize [Complainant] but we do not have records that fit your description. We considered going digital a few years ago with our files which included a full examination of the water and sewer lines. At that time, the cost was over \$5,000 and the City Council did not see the benefit for our small town. We do have a very large, original map that could be copied. I don’t know if it fits your needs. I’d need to reach out to the Onawa Democrat or the Mapleton Press for copying services if they can copy that large. Let me know if you’re interested and I can seek the cost of doing so.”

On July 23, 2026, IPIB staff opened the matter for investigation to determine if there were responsive records to Complainant's request that had not been turned over. Respondent provided a response on July 24, 2026. Respondent stated that they had been working with their city attorney to guide them through the public records request. Respondent stated that they do not have maps showing every water line in town or the materials used. Respondent stated they have an original map that has been updated manually. Respondent stated that they offered to have the map copied but had not determined the price yet because the offer had not been accepted by Complainant.

At this point IPIB staff began informal resolution efforts between the parties. IPIB staff explained that if the information does not exist in the form that it was requested in, Respondent is under no obligation to create a record, including the lists of streets. As part of the informal resolution process, IPIB staff suggested Respondent look for information that would contain the underlying information in Complainant's requests, such as emails that might include dates and locations for installation of new water lines, instead of being asked to produce new lists that do not exist.

Respondent responded that the only other records they were aware of that would show information about the makeup of the waterlines would be contained in a recent IDNR Lead Line Survey that Respondent recently participated in, but that those records were located with DNR and would need to be requested through them. Since Respondent was not the custodian, these records were not considered as "withheld" by Respondent for the purposes of this investigation. Respondent maintained that there are no other responsive records in their custody.

Complainant was asked by IPIB Staff if the map and the IDNR records would be responsive to his records request. Complainant expressed that he continues to believe that Respondent is not being truthful when it states it does not have records detailing where the new water lines are and where the old water lines are other than the original map.

Throughout this process Complainant also stated that a bunch of water pipes were replaced not that long ago. It was determined that an engineering company that conducted some work for Respondent was in possession of some additional blueprints related to a water project. As to these additional blueprints, Respondent stated that those blueprints do not fit any of the requests in the case and that they do not address any other water lines or curb stops. However, Respondent provided these records anyway. These records were Construction Plans for a 2021 Water System Improvement for the City of Soldier, Iowa.

Despite Respondent's statement that those records were not responsive to Complainant's request, Complainant stated that the records provided were five years old and useless and he then requested "the NEW drawings that show everything that I'm talking about. Yes, THOSE drawings. You know the drawings that actually related to the situation at hand?"

Because the issue had boiled down to whether the response was complete, IPiB staff requested Respondent provide an affidavit describing the steps taken in response to the records request. Respondent affirmed the city clerk spoke with another employee upon receiving the records request. Respondent stated that employee confirmed to the best of his knowledge that the only documents currently in Respondent's possession are the original map and the blueprints of the 2021 water project. Respondent confirmed that as of the date of the affidavit those documents remain the only responsive documents in Respondent's possession. Respondent also affirmed that the city clerk has worked for the City of Soldier for nine years and has not seen or become aware of any additional maps, blueprints, or similar documents that would be responsive to Complainant's request.

Applicable Law

"Every person shall have the right to examine and copy a public record and to publish or otherwise disseminate a public record or the information contained in a public record. Unless otherwise provided for by law, the right to examine a public record shall include the right to examine a public record without charge while the public record is in the physical possession of the custodian of the public record. The right to copy a public record shall include the right to make photographs or photographic copies while the public record is in the possession of the custodian of the public record. All rights under this section are in addition to the right to obtain a certified copy of a public record under section 622.46." Iowa Code § 22.2(1).

Analysis

The central issue in this matter is whether records exist at all. If the records do not exist, there is no requirement of Respondent to create a record with the kind of information Complainant has requested.

Chapter 22 only provides for the disclosure of existing public records. If a record does not exist, the government body is not required to create or modify a record to answer a request. For this reason, Chapter 22 does not cover general requests for information if that information is not contained in an existing public record. As an example, Chapter 22 would allow a member of the public to request a copy of a new city ordinance or emails from city officials related to that ordinance, but it would not cover a request for a list of properties affected by that ordinance (unless it was contained in an existing record). Chapter 22 Frequently Asked Questions, IPiB, (2026) <https://ipib.iowa.gov/public-records/chapter-22-frequently-asked-questions-0>.

Throughout the investigation and informal resolution process, it was suggested that Respondent broaden their search to determine if the underlying information that Complainant had requested existed in records possessed by Respondent but not necessarily in the organized and easy to digest form that Complainant had sought them in. The example of emails from city employees to

contractors to schedule waterline installation and repair was given to Respondent to search as a possible responsive document. It was at this time that Respondent suggested the IDNR survey as a possible path towards Complainant getting the information he requested. Respondent at that time also specifically stated they do not have email exchanges with the contractors as they conduct business over the phone primarily. Because those IDNR records, if they exist, are in the custody of the Iowa DNR and not Respondent, they fall outside the scope of what Chapter 22 could require Respondent to produce in response to this request.

Complainant has argued that there is no way that Respondent only has one map which shows the locations of the waterlines and has no more information or records from any of the recent projects related to new waterline installation. While it may seem odd that there are not more records relating to the location of the waterlines, if that is true, it is not a violation. Chapter 22 has no retention requirements. Meaning if these records were created at the time the work was done, it would not be a violation for Respondent to not retain it. Respondent specifically mentioned in their initial reply to Complainant that they “considered going digital a few years ago with [their] files which included a full examination of the water and sewer lines. At that time, the cost was over \$5,000 and the City Council did not see the benefit for [their] small town.” While IPIB always recommends a records retention policy as best practice to avoid issues such as this one, it is not a violation of Chapter 22 to legitimately only have one responsive record to a broad records search. There has not been evidence presented that the records actually do exist. And with Respondent’s admitted lack of digital retention, while there may have been many public records created throughout the process of repairing/replacing the waterlines, to not have any now is not itself a violation.

Respondent’s affidavit is likewise helpful in this instance. Respondent’s position from the beginning of this investigation is that the map is the only truly responsive document to Complainant’s request. Respondent specifically stated that the blueprints from the engineering company were not handed over or considered because they were not considered responsive. Complainant uses the lack of responsiveness of these documents as evidence of wrongdoing by Respondent. However, Respondent essentially told Complainant the records would not be useful for his purposes but turned them over anyway amid all of the allegations of purposefully withholding responsive documents. The affidavit now has confirmed with legal assurances that Respondent simply does not have the records that Complainant has requested.

Further, asking other employees for records is not an invalid method of responding to a records request. For example, many large entities will ask council members or employees to search their own emails for records responsive to a records request. These types of methods are not per se violations simply because the records clerk themselves were not personally examining the records, particularly based on the facts of this situation.

Soldier, Iowa had 184 people as of the 2020 census. Cities of this size have very few employees, and communication is generally centralized. Respondent has stated that most of its communication is conducted over telephone, so not only are records for most things not being created, the ones that are appear to not be being retained under a set retention policy. Small towns often have very few records created and unsophisticated methods of retaining records. Without digital record keeping, records storage can take forms like a single filing cabinet or bankers boxes in the records closet. The question is not whether the city has a robust collection of records and it is not whether the city saved records that were created during construction projects. The question is whether the responsive records were offered and if the search was legally adequate. In a more sophisticated records storage system, an explanation of databases searched, search terms used, employee's emails searched, etc. would be expected. Where a city does not have these things, they ask their employees and they look for the records physically. That is what Respondent has done here.

It is understood that Soldier, Iowa is a very small town. Perhaps a full digitization of the records does not make sense for Respondent; however, it is our suggestion that Respondent create some kind of records retention policy so citizens have a fair understanding of what Respondent plans to keep and for how long it will be kept.

Therefore, because there is insufficient evidence to show that there are records that are in Respondent's custody, are responsive to Complainant's request, and have not been offered to Complainant, there is insufficient evidence to find a violation has occurred.¹

IPIB Action

The Board may take the following actions upon receipt of a probable cause report:

- a. Redirect the matter for further investigation;
- b. Dismiss the matter for lack of probable cause to believe a violation has occurred;
- c. Make a determination that probable cause exists to believe a violation has occurred, but, as an exercise of administrative discretion, dismiss the matter; or
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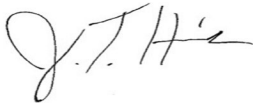
Iowa Admin. Code r. 497-2.2(4).

Recommendation

¹ There were many issues raised during this investigation that are outside of the scope of IPIB authority and jurisdiction. The underlying dispute involves the quality of water at Complainant's home in Soldier. IPIB does not have the authority to hear or consider any facts related to the quality of water itself, or whether the city will replace Complainant's water lines or meters. As such, this report is solely focused on the public records request and the law under Chapter 22.

Therefore, because Respondent offered responsive records and conducted an adequate records search, there is insufficient evidence to find probable cause that a violation of Chapter 22 occurred. Therefore, it is recommended the Board dismiss for lack of probable cause to believe a violation has occurred.

By the IPIB Staff Attorney:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.T. Harris", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Johnathon T. Harris, J.D.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

This document was sent on October 9, 2026, to:

Stephen Allen, Complainant
City of Solider, Respondent

Re: Fw: Steve, get ready for your visits on 10/15/2026

1 message

vegasesimulator4u@aol.com <vegasesimulator4u@aol.com>

Sun, Oct 11, 2026 at 9:48 PM

To: "J.T. Harris" <johnathon.harris@iowa.gov>, City of Soldier <cityofsoldieria@gmail.com>

Cc: Soldier - Attorney George Blazek <georgeblazek@blazeklawoffice.com>

Mr. Harris,

Unless the meeting will be moved to another date so I can be present on the phone call, then I have 2 more NEW questions for Ms. McAndrews, BUT I WANT THESE QUESTIONS ANSWERED FIRST AND SECOND:

My NEW Question #1.

Please explain, in great, Great, GREAT detail, why my water shut-off valve is located OVER 1/2 (one half) of an entire block away from my house, on a completely different street that I don't even live on, which is illegal, and this location is just "OK" with the City of Soldier's to leave it in the location of it being that far away, AND located on another piece of property that's 2 lots away, AND on a lot that I don't even own?

MY house sits on Lot #9, Plat #9, located at [319 State Highway 183, Soldier, Iowa, 51572](#).

HOWEVER, my water shut-off valve sits on Lot #3, Plat #9, located at [318 1st Street, Soldier, Iowa, 51572](#), over a half of a block away, in which I don't even own, and belongs to Mr. Ronald Kunze instead. Lot #3 is nowhere near Lot #9, and is separated by Lot #2 to the north, and Lot #8 to the east. This is ridiculous, to say the least....

Again, please answer in GREAT detail why the location is just "OK" with the City of Soldier, Iowa to just ignore, when in fact, this is the main reason I am being served with some of the nastiest, stinkiest water I've ever smelled in my life, ESPECIALLY because the line is on a 1/2 a block long dead-end, and WITHOUT anywhere to flush it out, and only because I live here alone, so little water is used.

The water from my hot water heater stinks. The water from my kitchen sink stinks, both hot and cold. The water from my washing machine stinks, both hot and cold. The water that I have to take a bath in stinks, both hot and cold. The water that I have to cook in stinks, both hot and cold. And the list just keeps going on, and on, and on, with the ONLY faucet that doesn't matter is the line going to my water hose for use outside, although it stinks WORSE than the water coming into the house. I have a whole-house water filtration system (minus the exterior hose outlet), and all of that water goes through a water softener system, and that water goes through a water purification system, but still, ALL OF MY WATER STINKS TO HIGH-HEAVEN....

My NEW Question #2.

WHEN will my water meter be moved down onto my property, Lot #9, Plat #9, AND with a return line going onward up and down the street to the next customer? And the next customer? And the next cus.....?

Please put the original Questions #1 & #2 into the new positions as Questions #3 & #4, but include all 4 questions.

There's my 5 minutes of speaking time, now it's Ms. McAndrews turn to answer all 4 of the questions, in detail....

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Stephen Allen

On Friday, October 9, 2026 at 10:19:34 PM CDT, vegasestimat4u@aol.com <vegasestimat4u@aol.com> wrote:

Here's a few more, just for everyone's info....

On Friday, October 9, 2026 at 10:08:55 PM CDT, vegasestimat4u@aol.com <vegasestimat4u@aol.com> wrote:

PS, here's proof of my 51+ years experience:

On Friday, October 9, 2026 at 09:56:41 PM CDT, vegasestimat4u@aol.com <vegasestimat4u@aol.com> wrote:

Johnathon,
I have a very, Very, VERY important CT Angiogram on the 15th, AS SHOWN BELOW, the same day as my hearing.

I guess the only thing I can do is submit some questions for my 5 minutes of speech, unless you can reschedule?

On that note, I guess I only have 2 questions:

#1. Where are the drawings that HAVE to be marked "APPROVED FOR CONSTRUCTION"...? Please answer directly, as I KNOW there HAS to be a set, or else the job would have never been allowed to start. I know, I have 51+ years of construction experience....

#2. Why does the Mayor, Mr. John Larson keep refusing to return my phone calls and text messages to discuss this and to give me the answers I've been asking? He IS the Mayor, and I've requested he answer me several time?
PERIOD.

Sincerely,
Stephen D. Allen

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To: "vegasestimat4u@aol.com" <vegasestimat4u@aol.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 09:32:40 AM CDT

Subject: Steve, get ready for your visits on 10/15/2026



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Steve, get ready for your 2 upcoming visits



ANGIO HEAD
October 15, 2026
1:20 PM

🕒 Arrive by 12:20 PM

🏥 Nebraska Medicine Lauritzen Outpatient Center CT

📍 [4014 Leavenworth St.](#)
[Omaha NE 68105-1053](#)

Return Visit
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2:00 PM

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👤 With Melissa M Snelling-Unruh

🏥 Neurosurgery at Neurological Sciences Center

📍 North Doctors Building, Suite 550 [4242 Farnam St. Omaha NE 68198-2035](#)

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The Iowa Public Information Board

In re the Matter of:	Case Number:
Blankenship, Complainant	26FC:0184
And Concerning:	Investigative Report
Iowa Valley Community College District, Respondent	

COMES NOW, Johnathon T. Harris, Staff Attorney for the Iowa Public Information Board (“IPIB”), and enters this Investigative Report:

On July 16, 2026, Blankenship (“Complainant”) filed formal complaint 26FC:0184 alleging the Iowa Valley Community College District (“Respondent”) violated Iowa Code chapter 21.

The IPIB accepted this complaint on August 20, 2026.

Facts

Complainant alleged a pattern by Respondent of failing to post meeting agendas 24 hours in advance of open meetings. Specifically, Complainant alleged that Respondent held a public meeting on July 15, 2026, without posting the tentative agenda either physically or digitally at least 24 hours in advance, and that this reflects an ongoing pattern.

IPIB staff opened this complaint on July 30, 2026. On July 30, 2026, Respondent responded. Respondent stated that the complaint is unfounded because Respondent did not hold a meeting on July 15, 2026. Respondent also supplied the board meeting schedule and the Board Agendas and Minutes. According to this information, Respondent held meetings on July 22, 2026, and August 12, 2026, but not on July 15, 2026. Respondent also stated they take their responsibilities to open meeting laws seriously and that they post their agendas appropriately.

Complainant has made any response to the statements made by Respondent. On August 14, 2026, Complainant was asked by IPIB staff if they had anything else to add, and there has been no response.

Applicable Law

“Except as otherwise provided in paragraph “c”, notice conforming with all of the requirements of subsection 1 shall be given at least twenty-four hours prior to the commencement of any meeting of a governmental body unless for good cause such notice is impossible or impractical, in which case as much notice as is reasonably possible shall be given.” Iowa Code § 21.4(2)(a)

Analysis

Based on the posted meeting minutes and meeting calendar, Respondent's statement that a meeting did not occur on July 15 is accurate. Respondent could not have violated Chapter 21 by not providing 24-hour notice of a meeting that did not happen. Further, there is insufficient evidence presented by Complainant to show a pattern of failing to post agendas on time.

IPIB Action

The Board may take the following actions upon receipt of a probable cause report:

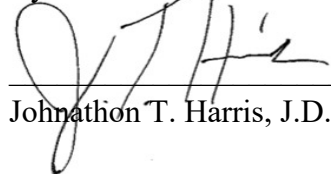
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Iowa Admin. Code r. 497-2.2(4).

Recommendation

Because there is insufficient evidence to show either a specific violation or a pattern of violations, there is insufficient evidence to find probable cause a violation has occurred and the board should dismiss for lack of probable cause to believe a violation has occurred.

By the IPIB Staff Attorney:



Johnathon T. Harris, J.D.

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This amended document was sent on October 9, 2026, to:

Blankenship, Complainant
Abigail Casey, Board Secretary, Respondent

The Iowa Public Information Board

In re the Matter of:	Case Number: 26FC:0186
Addison Delong, Complainant	Investigative Report
And Concerning:	
City of Runnells, Respondent	

COMES NOW, Johnathon T. Harris, Staff Attorney for the Iowa Public Information Board (“IPIB”), and enters this Investigative Report:

On July 16, 2026, Addison Delong filed formal complaint 26FC:0186, alleging the City of Runnells violated Iowa Code chapter 22.

The IPIB accepted this Complaint on August 20, 2026.

Facts

Respondent published a meeting packet for a meeting held on June 9, 2026. In that meeting packet was an unredacted application that Complainant filled out and submitted to be considered for appointment to the City of Runnells Park Board. That application included Complainant's personal information, including his home address, phone number, and email address.

IPIB staff opened the case for investigation on July 31, 2026. On August 13, 2026, Respondent provided a response. Respondent stated that it is a longstanding practice of the city to include applications for board and commissions in the City Council packet when an appointment is made. Respondent stated they are aware of no law preventing the publication of the application. Respondent also stated that they plan to ask applicants if they would like any of their information redacted prior to posting applications publicly in the future.

On August 14, 2026, Complainant responded by providing the packet released by the city and stated that there were other pages he believed should have been blurred or removed by the city as well.

Applicable Law

“The following public records shall be kept confidential, unless otherwise ordered by a court, by the lawful custodian of the records, or by another person duly authorized to release such information: Communications not required by law, rule, procedure, or contract that are made to a government body or to any of its employees by identified persons outside of government, to the extent that the government body receiving those communications from such persons outside of government could reasonably believe that those persons would be discouraged from making them to that government body if they were available for general public examination... Iowa Code § 22.7(18).

Analysis

Complainant is correct in that the type of information that was released by Respondent is the type of information that *may* be kept confidential under Iowa Code § 22.7(18). Complainant, was not an employee of Respondent before being named to the park board, his application was not required by law to be made, and it is reasonable that people might be discouraged from applying for local boards and commissions if their home addresses and personal phone numbers will be disclosed to the public. However, Iowa Code § 22.7 explicitly allows for the production of records that may be considered confidential if the lawful custodian of the records so chooses: “shall be kept confidential unless otherwise ordered by... the lawful custodian of the records.” Iowa Code § 22.7. Here, Respondent was the lawful custodian of the application Complainant submitted. It was therefore up to Respondent to decide whether to redact that information under Chapter 22. *See* Iowa Code § 22.7. Respondent should be careful, as there are other laws outside of IPIB's jurisdiction that relate to the publication of personal information. However, Respondent's plan of asking the parties involved if they would like to have their information redacted is a prudent step towards best practices. In fact, Iowa Code § 22.7(18)(a) specifically stated that the notwithstanding the general rule in 22.7(18) “[t]he communication is a public record to the extent that the person outside of government making that communication consents to its treatment as a public record.”

IPIB Action

The Board may take the following actions upon receipt of a probable cause report:

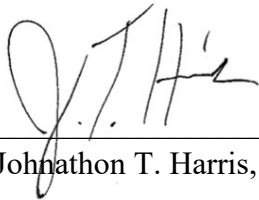
- a. Redirect the matter for further investigation;
- b. Dismiss the matter for lack of probable cause to believe a violation has occurred;
- c. Make a determination that probable cause exists to believe a violation has occurred, but, as an exercise of administrative discretion, dismiss the matter; or
- d. Make a determination that probable cause exists to believe a violation has occurred, designate a prosecutor and direct the issuance of a statement of charges to initiate a contested case proceeding.

Iowa Admin. Code r. 497-2.2(4).

Recommendation

Because it was Respondent's discretion to release the record unredacted under Chapter 22, the board should dismiss for lack of probable cause to believe a violation has occurred.

By the IPIB Staff Attorney:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. T. Harris", is written over a horizontal line.

Johnathon T. Harris, J.D.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

This document was sent on October 9, 2026, to:

Addison Delong, Complainant
Josh Davis, Mayor, Respondent
Cameron Wright, Attorney for Respondent

The Iowa Public Information Board

In re the Matter of:	Case Number: 26FC:0197
Dale Leslein, Complainant	Investigative Report
And Concerning:	
Dubuque County Board of Supervisors, Respondent	

COMES NOW, Johnathon T. Harris, Staff Attorney for the Iowa Public Information Board (“IPIB”), and enters this Investigative Report:

On July 27, 2026, Dale Leslein (“Complainant”) filed formal complaint 26FC:0197, alleging the Dubuque County Board of Supervisors (“Respondent”) violated Iowa Code chapter 22.

The IPIB accepted this Complaint on August 20, 2026.

Facts

Complainant requested records for the period January 1, 2019, through May 1, 2026, concerning any complaint, report, or formal allegation of harassment, discrimination, or misconduct filed against a Dubuque County supervisor. The request also sought records reflecting the existence of such complaints, final reports, findings or conclusions, records of disciplinary action, and any settlement agreements.

Respondent replied to that request on June 4, 2026, and stated “We do not have any settlement agreements responsive to your request. Regarding your remaining requests, these are confidential personnel record of officers, official, or employees of Dubuque County. Iowa Code section 22.7(11). As such, these records are confidential under Iowa Code Chapter 22 and will not be produced.”

Complainant filed the present complaint challenging this determination by Respondent. IPIB staff opened the complaint on August 7, 2026, and requested a response from Respondent. Respondent stated that their statement from the June 4, 2026, email remains their position. Respondent also identified one responsive record, which was made part of the public record in the Board of Supervisors’ February 25, 2025, meeting packet. The record is correspondence from

a law firm regarding payment for an independent investigation that appears to relate to an allegation of harassment, discrimination, or misconduct against a Board member. This record was provided to Complainant. Respondent also confirmed it has no records responsive to the request that relate to a change in employment status under Iowa Code § 22.7(11)(a)(5).

Applicable Law

“The following public records shall be kept confidential, unless otherwise ordered by a court, by the lawful custodian of the records, or by another person duly authorized to release such information: Personal information in confidential personnel records of government bodies relating to identified or identifiable individuals who are officials, officers, or employees of the government bodies.” Iowa Code § 22.7(11)(a).

Analysis

The Iowa Supreme Court has found that employee personnel files are generally categorically confidential. *See Generally ACLU v. Atlantic Community School District*, 818 N.W.2d 231 (Iowa 2012). The inquiry then is to “determine whether the information fits into the category of ‘[p]ersonal information in confidential personnel records.’ We do this by looking at the language of the statute, our prior caselaw, and caselaw from other states. If we conclude the information fits into this category, then our inquiry ends.” *Id.* at 235. The Iowa Supreme Court has determined that performance evaluations, disciplinary records, and information regarding discipline are exempt from disclosure under Iowa Code § 22.7(11). *See id.*

The question here is whether that holding extends to complaints of harassment or misconduct against a county supervisor. It does. The statute applies by its terms to “officials, officers, or employees,” which includes a county supervisor. Complaints and investigations are internal records used to evaluate individuals and potentially make decisions about their status. A complaint of harassment against an individual fits squarely within a personnel file, so no balancing test is required. *See id.*

Iowa Code § 22.7(11) has exemptions as well. One of these exemptions requires government bodies to produce records showing a change in employment status based on being discharged, resigning instead of being discharged, or being demoted if the demotion resulted in a lower pay grade. *See* Iowa Code § 22.7(11)(a)(5). When asked, Respondent confirmed it has no such records. This fits with Respondent’s earlier statement that there were no settlement agreements as well, which is required to be disclosed under Iowa Code § 22.7(11)(a)(7). These appeared to be the only information likely to be within the requested records that would fall within an exception. The packet provided does not include information relating to the investigation or

complaint itself but in relation to payment for an external law firm for conducting said evaluation.

The February 25, 2025, packet record does not concern a complaint or an investigation itself. It concerns payment to an outside law firm for conducting the investigation, which is not personal information in a confidential personnel record. Respondent made it public and provided it to Complainant.

Based on the evidence presented in the record, the requested records are confidential or nonexistent, and Respondent properly withheld them.

IPIB Action

The Board may take the following actions upon receipt of a probable cause report:

- a. Redirect the matter for further investigation;
- b. Dismiss the matter for lack of probable cause to believe a violation has occurred;
- c. Make a determination that probable cause exists to believe a violation has occurred, but, as an exercise of administrative discretion, dismiss the matter; or
- d. Make a determination that probable cause exists to believe a violation has occurred, designate a prosecutor and direct the issuance of a statement of charges to initiate a contested case proceeding.

Iowa Admin. Code r. 497-2.2(4).

Recommendation

Because the requested records are confidential under Iowa Code § 22.7(11)(a), and no exception to that rule applies, there is insufficient evidence to find probable cause that a violation of Chapter 22 occurred. Therefore, it is recommended that the IPIB Board dismiss the matter for lack of probable cause to believe a violation has occurred.

By the IPIB Staff Attorney:



Johnathon T. Harris, J.D.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

This document was sent on October 9, 2026, to:

Dale Leslein, Complainant
Dubuque County Board of Supervisors, Respondent

The Iowa Public Information Board

In re the Matter of:	Case Number: 26FC:0229
Jill Boyle Kenyon, Complainant	Investigative Report
And Concerning:	
Council Bluffs Police Department, Respondent	

COMES NOW, Johnathon T. Harris, Staff Attorney for the Iowa Public Information Board (“IPIB”), and enters this Investigative Report:

On August 19, 2026, Jill Boyle Kenyon (“Complainant”) filed formal complaint 26FC:0229, alleging the Council Bluffs Police Department (“Respondent”) violated Iowa Code chapter 22.

The IPIB accepted this Complaint on September 17, 2026.

Facts

Complainant submitted her records request to Respondent on July 1, 2026, requesting body camera footage from one particular police encounter. On July 5, 2026 Complainant received a response from Respondent that stated there was no video of the incident. Complainant stated she provided a picture of the officer at the incident showing that his body camera was on. The request was then closed. Complainant also filed a complaint against this officer. On August 7, 2026, Complainant received a reply from Respondent stating that they had reviewed the body camera footage and found that her complaint was not sustained. Complainant filed the present complaint on August 19.

On August 28, 2026, IPIB Staff opened the complaint for investigation and requested a response from Respondent. Respondent stated that the statement indicating that there was no recording was false and due to an inadvertent error in locating the video and not the result of intentionally trying to conceal records. Respondent stated that they received the request on July 1, 2026 through the GovQuest public information online system. The database was searched that day and no results were found. Only July 2, 2026, according to Respondent, the responsive body camera footage was uploaded to their system. On July 5, 2026, based on the initial search an email went out to Complainant informing her that there were no responsive records. On July 7, 2026

Complainant provided the photograph of the officer showing the body camera was on. Respondent states due to GovQuest being a relatively new system for the department, the follow up was not seen by the appropriate personnel. Respondent states Complainant submitted a second records request for the same video on August 5, 2026. Respondent states they uncovered this series of events in reviewing this matter for the IPIB Complaint. Respondent states they provided the responsive record to Complainant on September 1, 2026.

Respondent further states they have taken corrective measures after discovering this error. Respondent stated they assigned body worn camera training to all officers to update them on policies to make sure camera footage is promptly uploaded to the system. They are also reviewing the GovQuest policies to ensure that they do not miss important communications such as Complainant's picture again.

Upon receipt of this response, IPIB Staff asked Complainant if there were any other outstanding concerns based on 1. Her receipt of the requested record, 2. Respondent's statements about what happened, and 3. The statements about the steps they were taking to prevent this from happening again. Complainant replied that the production of the record and the preventative steps being taken by Respondent were "satisfactory" and that she respectfully declines to comment on Respondent's statements about what occurred. Complainant then stated "please close my complaint against [Respondent]."

Applicable Law

"Every person shall have the right to examine and copy a public record and to publish or otherwise disseminate a public record or the information contained in a public record. Unless otherwise provided for by law, the right to examine a public record shall include the right to examine a public record without charge while the public record is in the physical possession of the custodian of the public record. The right to copy a public record shall include the right to make photographs or photographic copies while the public record is in the possession of the custodian of the public record. All rights under this section are in addition to the right to obtain a certified copy of a public record under section 622.46." Iowa Code § 22.2(1).

Analysis

Respondent appears to have acted in good faith the entire time. There is no evidence presented in the record that points towards Respondent's narrative not being true. The search and response were reasonably conducted at the time they were requested and that there was an easily fixable technology mistake does not mean that Respondent has not substantially complied with the requirements of Chapter 22. Upon learning of the mistake Respondent promptly provided the requested record, admitted the mistake to IPIB, and is now taking steps to prevent it in the future.

IPIB Action

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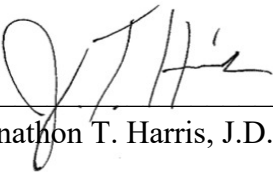
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- d. Make a determination that probable cause exists to believe a violation has occurred, designate a prosecutor and direct the issuance of a statement of charges to initiate a contested case proceeding.

Iowa Admin. Code r. 497-2.2(4).

Recommendation

Because Respondent has sustainably complied with the requirements of Chapter 22, and Complainant has received the record and expressly requested closure, it is recommended that the board dismiss the matter for lack of probable cause to believe a violation has occurred.

By the IPIB Staff Attorney:



Johnathon T. Harris, J.D.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

This document was sent on October 9, 2026, to:

Jill Boyle Kenyon, Complainant
Malina Dobson, Attorney for Respondent

The Iowa Public Information Board

In re the Matter of:

Wade Robinson, Complainant

And Concerning:

Des Moines Area Community College,
Respondent

Case Number: 26FC:0238

Investigative Report

COMES NOW, Charissa Flege, Deputy Director for the Iowa Public Information Board (IPIB), and enters this Investigative Report:

On August 25, 2026, Wade Robinson (“Complainant”) filed formal complaint 26FC:0238, alleging the Des Moines Area Community College (“Respondent”) violated Iowa Code Chapter 22.

The Iowa Public Information Board accepted this complaint at its meeting on September 17, 2026.

Facts

This complaint arises from a series of records requests submitted by the Complainant to the Respondent over the months of June, July and August. In June, Complainant requested several items and the parties worked together to agree upon the scope and a fee for the production of the records sought. Complainant made several more public records requests. Most of those requests were agreed upon and produced.

However, two record disputes arose. The first involved a request for a “call log” for the work station telephone number for the DMACC Board Secretary from August 2025. According to an affidavit provided by the DMACC employee who completed the search, in response to this request he contacted the school’s prior telecommunication provider that was serving the Respondent at the time indicated in the records request. He asked for the call logs for the number. The prior telecommunication provider informed him that the call logs for the phone number were no longer “retained, available, or retrievable from the system.” According to the employee affidavit, the reason the call logs had not been retained was because the Respondent had switched over phone systems from the prior system to a Microsoft system and the records were not retained afterward.

The second dispute involved a request for the telephone call logs for a three-month period for the

personal cell phones of DMACC's Board President, the Executive Director, and the Executive Director of Strategic Communication. The parties both agreed that the phones in question are owned and paid for by the employees as a personal device. The parties also both agreed that the phones had on occasion been used to send work emails or make work calls. However, the Complainant asserted that the use of the phone to generate a public record (such as the emails he recovered through his Chapter 22 requests) makes the phone call logs generated by the cell phone carrier for the individuals a public record. He also pointed to a different call log for a cell phone that the Respondent had agreed to produce as evidence these call logs should be produced; however, the distinguishing characteristic of that record is that the particular cell phone in question was purchased and maintained by the Respondent for employee use. The three cell phones in contention have never been owned or maintained by the Respondent. The Respondent also maintains that at no time have they possessed or maintained the call records or logs requested here. If such a record is generated by the phone carrier, it has never been provided to the Respondent.

Applicable Law

"Every person shall have the right to examine and copy a public record and to publish or otherwise disseminate a public record or the information contained in a public record. Unless otherwise provided for by law, the right to examine a public record shall include the right to examine a public record without charge while the public record is in the physical possession of the custodian of the public record. The right to copy a public record shall include the right to make photographs or photographic copies while the public record is in the possession of the custodian of the public record. All rights under this section are in addition to the right to obtain a certified copy of a public record under section 622.46." Iowa Code 22.2(1).

"Public records" includes all records, documents, tape, or other information, stored or preserved in any medium, of or belonging to this state or any county, city, township, school corporation, political subdivision, nonprofit corporation other than a fair conducting a fair event as provided in chapter 174, whose facilities or indebtedness are supported in whole or in part with property tax revenue and which is licensed to conduct pari-mutuel wagering pursuant to chapter 99D, or tax-supported district in this state, or any branch, department, board, bureau, commission, council, or committee of any of the foregoing. Iowa Code 22.1(1)(3)(a).

Analysis

Workstation Call Logs

Chapter 22 requires government bodies to produce public records. The government body must demonstrate substantial compliance with Chapter 22. *See KCOB/KLVN, Inc. v. Jasper Cnty. Bd. of Sup'rs*, 473 N.W.2d 171, 176 (Iowa 1991). Public records are only those records that are of or belonging to the school district. Chapter 22 does not have a prescribed retention schedule and it only mandates the government body produce requested records in existence at the time of the request. The

evidence indicates the requested records did not exist at the time this request was made. The Respondent provided an affidavit from the individual that conducted the search for the records of the workstation call logs. He detailed his effort to contact the prior phone carrier and obtain the calls logs. The Respondent's employee exercised diligence in searching for and trying to obtain the requested records which no longer exist. The Respondent has demonstrated substantial compliance with Chapter 22. The fact that the record did not exist at the time of the request and could not be retrieved is not a violation of Chapter 22.

Personal Cell Phone Call Logs

A determination of whether the communication is a "public record" "does not turn on the physical location of the documents in question, rather, the appropriate inquiry is whether the documents are held by the [] officials in their official capacity." *City of Dubuque v. Dubuque Racing Ass'n, Ltd.*, 420 N.W.2d 450, 453 (Iowa 1988).

The parties agreed that the phones in question are personal cell phones. And they agreed that the personal cells phones had been used to generate other public records, such as emails. The parties also agreed that any records generated on the personal cell phones by individuals in their official capacity as government employees or officials are public unless another confidentiality provision applies. The sole matter of contention is whether the call logs that could be requested by employees of their phone carrier fall under the category of a public record as well.

If the controlling determination of whether a record is public or private is the nature of the record, communications made by an official that are unrelated to their office or their duties are not records of or belonging to the government body. Similarly, the fact that an official or employee generated a communication *in their official capacity* on a personal device does not automatically convert all private records contained on the personal device or maintained by the carrier in relation with that device, into public records.

In the same vein, a third-party contractor, such a phone carrier, working for or with a government body may generate public records when, under the contractual relationship, the record is generated for the government body and is owned, maintained, or possessed by the government body. *See* Iowa Code § 22.1(2) ("The custodian of a public record in the physical possession of personal outside a government body is the government body *owning* that record.") (emphasis added). The telecommunications provider that contracted with the Respondent to provide phone services for the workstation discussed above would be an example of when a private entity is generating public records for a government body under such a relationship. That principal, however, does not apply to records generated by a private cell phone carrier through their contractual relationship with an individual in their personal capacity (rather than their official government capacity) or their use outside of their work as an employee or official of the government. Therefore, call logs created for a private citizen and maintained by the personal cell phone providers of the three individuals, if they exist, are not public records subject to production under Chapter 22. In the present matter, all responsive *public* records

were provided to the Complainant.

IPIB Action

The Board may take the following actions upon receipt of a probable cause report:

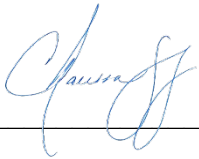
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- d. Make a determination that probable cause exists to believe a violation has occurred, designate a prosecutor and direct the issuance of a statement of charges to initiate a contested case proceeding.

Iowa Admin. Code r. 497-2.2(4).

Recommendation

Because Respondent provided all responsive public records in existence at the time of the request, it is recommended the Board dismiss the matter for lack of probable cause to believe a violation has occurred.

By the IPIB Deputy Director,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Charissa', is written over a horizontal line.

Charissa Flege, J.D.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

This document was sent on October 8, 2026, to:

Wade Robinson, Complainant

Des Moines Area Community College, Respondent



Miller, Charlotte <charlotte.miller@iowa.gov>

IPIB Consideration of Case # 26FC:0238

Wade Robinson <warobinson78@gmail.com>

Tue, Oct 13, 2026 at 11:04 AM

To: Charissa Flege <charissa.flege@iowa.gov>

Cc: "Rebecca E. Reif" <rreif@ahlerslaw.com>, Charlotte Miller <charlotte.miller@iowa.gov>, Wade Robinson <warobinson78@gmail.com>

Deputy Director Flege,

Good morning. I agree with your statement and will plan to attend the meeting and speak briefly.

Sincerely,

Wade Robinson

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 8, 2026, at 5:43 PM, Flege, Charissa <charissa.flege@iowa.gov> wrote:

[Quoted text hidden]

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 16, 2026, at 2:26 PM, Flege, Charissa <charissa.flege@iowa.gov> wrote:

Thank you both for your prompt responses. Ms. Reif, just let me know when you have an answer on the affidavit.

Thanks,

Charissa Flege

**IPIB has been experiencing a substantial increase in the number of complaints the agency is receiving, which has outpaced our current resources. As a result, we anticipate delays in the processing of complaints for the foreseeable future. We appreciate your*



Miller, Charlotte <charlotte.miller@iowa.gov>

IPIB Consideration of Case # 26FC:0238

Rebecca E. Reif <rreif@ahlerslaw.com>

Tue, Oct 13, 2026 at 11:31 AM

To: Wade Robinson <warobinson78@gmail.com>, Charissa Flege <charissa.flege@iowa.gov>

Cc: Charlotte Miller <charlotte.miller@iowa.gov>

I plan to attend on behalf of Respondent DMAACC, and agree with the following statement:

I want to address the Board and respond to any questions Board members may have when the initial processing of this complaint is considered. In the event this complaint proceeds to a contested case, I waive any objection that I might have concerning personal investigation of this complaint by a Board member.

Thank you,

Rebecca (Becky) E. Reif*Attorney*

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From: Wade Robinson <warobinson78@gmail.com>**Sent:** Tuesday, October 13, 2026 11:04 AM**To:** Charissa Flege <charissa.flege@iowa.gov>**Cc:** Rebecca E. Reif <rreif@ahlerslaw.com>; Charlotte Miller <charlotte.miller@iowa.gov>; Wade Robinson <warobinson78@gmail.com>**Subject:** Re: IPIB Consideration of Case # 26FC:0238

Deputy Director Flege,

Good morning. I agree with your statement and will plan to attend the meeting and speak briefly.

The Iowa Public Information Board

In re the Matter of:	Case Number: 26FC:0143
Melissa Duffield, Complainant	Dismissal Order
And Concerning:	
City of Cedar Rapids, Respondent	

COMES NOW, Charlotte Miller, Executive Director for the Iowa Public Information Board (IPIB), and enters this Dismissal Order:

On June 1, 2026, Melissa Duffield (Complainant) filed formal complaint 26FC:0143, alleging that the City of Cedar Rapids (Respondent) violated Iowa Code Chapter 21 and 22.

Facts

The Complainant alleged the following violations by Respondent: “calculation-free “fee gate” policy, unlawful constructive denials, and targeted database tracking operating in direct violation of Iowa Code Chapters 21 and 22.” The same submission also noted the following other concerns: “an assistant Attorney General of Iowa is directly married to the opposing private counsel in my ongoing, 9-year legal battle,” “State administrations institutional capture has deliberately shielded an organized network operating across multiple Linn County city administrations and aligned law firms,” the “network has engaged in the systematic, targeted retaliation against an ADA-protected, Federal SafeSport Whistleblower who initially reported server, underlying crimes against children,” to protect themselves these “municipal actors have weaponized public utility data, financially blocked FOIA requests of public interest, deleted public records, and altered physical city infrastructures to deny mine and others fundamental rights to life, liberty, property, and due process under Article 1, Section 1 of the Iowa Constitution.” The Complainant separately attached a sixteen-page complaint with 10 alleged violations for IPIB review including:

At a public City Council meeting, Complainant, a federally protected SafeSport whistleblower, informed Respondents that the City was funding a sports organization allowing a convicted sex offender who is lifetime-banned by SafeSport to use taxpayer-funded facilities. Complainant also provided details of "Naked Gardening" videos involving a minor child (i.e., child pornography). City administrators were aware of this conduct.

Following the meeting, Respondent [T.] approached Complainant, smirked, and said, “well mo, she’s not on the sex offender list any more,” and then laughed and said, “Twisters Gymnastics.”

Respondents ignored this report of child exploitation. No investigation was conducted by the City, its attorneys, or the police chief. By failing to create any records of an investigation, the City unlawfully concealed this criminal activity from public scrutiny, in violation of Chapter 22.

Complainant spoke at a City Council meeting. Respondent [O] retaliated by publicly doxxing Complainant's home address on the live video broadcast, despite Complainant stating she feared for her safety. Following the viral spread of the video, convicted felon [] texted [O.] a screenshot of the SLAPP lawsuit he was filing against Complainant. The Mayor responded: “thank youuuuuuuuuu.” (See Exhibits 141-144). The Mayor’s text response—'thank youuuuuuuuuu'—was not merely an acknowledgment; it was an endorsement of using litigation to punish a citizen for protected speech. This coordination between the City's highest elected official and a convicted felon to target a whistleblower constitutes official misconduct and demonstrates the retaliatory animus that has driven every subsequent action against Complainant.

An unknown individual created a fake email account, DustinMazgaj@protonmail.com, to criminally impersonate another litigant. From this account, the impersonator sent messages admitting to stalking and surveilling litigants, including minors, while using vile homophobic and racist slurs. (See Exhibit 156M). The City and its police department have refused to investigate or produce records related to this ongoing online harassment and witness intimidation campaign.

October 24, 2023: At a public City Council meeting, Complainant made a formal in-person public records request for: statements of oath of office and official bonds for the Mayor and Council members; identification of the lawful custodian of records; and answers to specific conflict-of-interest and ethics questions. The City completely ignored this request. No records were ever produced.

August 27, 2024: Following a Gazette article referencing an unnamed "baseball bat" assault to justify new security kiosks at City Hall, Complainant made a formal in-person records request for the police report, body camera footage, and identity of the unnamed party. The City completely ignored this request, failing to produce any records to substantiate the public safety claim. Also removing citizens rights to speak with their government. Now you have to get permission too.

Ongoing 2025-2026: Complainant submitted multiple written requests for deliberative communications regarding a sudden reduction in public speaking time and records related to a service of process attempt on Respondent [V.]. The City responded in bad faith by producing only sanitized, public-facing minutes and repeatedly claiming the requests were "unclear" to delay and obstruct production.

In direct retaliation for Complainant speaking at a City Council meeting, Respondents [K.] and [C] filed a perjured sanctions motion (D0718) in Linn County Case No. LACV105239, falsely alleging Complainant was present during a service of process attempt on Respondent [V.], that “two men” served the papers with Claimant harassing her and went into her home and that a ring camera caught it, and that Complainant had disseminated a video. The city Attorney has now admitted in a recent email that the evidence of the event was now founded and that there is no evidence.

Respondent [V.] participated in this fraudulent scheme by providing false information to the City Attorney's Office regarding the service attempt, which was then incorporated into the perjured sanctions motion. [V.] has repeatedly lied about Complainant to portray her as a harasser and criminal, specifically to deter Complainant from exercising her First Amendment right to speak at City Council meetings and to provide a pretext for restricting public access to government.

The City has adopted a pattern and practice of imposing unlawful fees to deter public records requests on matters of significant public interest. The Iowa Attorney General's Office has provided clear guidance on this issue: "Component parts: Breaking estimates of expenses into component parts will allow requesters to pare down the request if the expenses are too high. If the volume of copies is high, the requester might opt to narrow the scope of the request. If the charge for the copying service is high, the requester might opt to copy the records personally." — Iowa Attorney General Office, Sunshine Advisory on Estimating Costs. In direct contravention of this guidance, the City Manager's Office, through Communications Division Manager [P.], sent the following identical form response to multiple citizens requesting public interest records about the speaking time reduction: Thank you for the clarification. The City's IT department will need to conduct a search of accounts to determine what records exist that are responsive to your request. The change was decided by Council action, so we will include the Mayor and Council members' accounts in the search. Please let me know if you would like the City to include any additional persons' accounts in the search, and which terms and search parameters (i.e. date range) you would like the City to use. Please be aware that requests for information are charged at a rate of \$20per hour after the first 30 minutes. This includes staff time to research, gather, compile and review information to remove documents/information deemed confidential by open records laws. You will be asked to agree to payment of these charges before the requested information is provided. You will only be charged for the actual time needed to fulfill the request. If the request takes staff less than 30 minutes, you will not be charged. After your response to the above, I will contact you as soon as I have more information, including providing you with an expected production time frame and any anticipated costs.” This blanket reply, sent to numerous requesters, demonstrates a deliberate policy to impose vague, unitemized fees without providing the component breakdown required by law. This tactic is designed to frustrate public access and unlawfully shift the costs of government transparency onto the public, particularly on matters embarrassing to the City. The City has refused to waive these fees for Complainant, an indigent requestor, despite the clear public interest in records of official misconduct.

On May 12, 2026, Complainant spoke for her allotted five (5) minutes at a City Council meeting. At the very next meeting, with zero public notice, no agenda item, and no public discussion, the time limit for citizen comment was cut to three (3) minutes. This policy change was deliberated and decided by a quorum of the Council outside of public session, constituting a "serial meeting" in clear violation of Iowa Code § 21.8. The refusal to produce deliberative emails regarding this change confirms the secret nature of the decision.

Acting Mayor [T.] attacked Complainant's documented PTSD and ADA disabilities during public comment. The entire City Council then unlawfully walked out of the public meeting to evade the lawful service of subpoenas.

On February 24, 2026, the entire City Council unlawfully walked out of a public meeting to evade the lawful service of subpoenas. This was a coordinated action with on-site CRPD officers, who then intimidated the professional process server. This constitutes an improper adjournment and use of public resources to obstruct judicial process.

The City of Cedar Rapids has disabled or removed the ability for citizens to comment during live-streamed City Council meetings. Furthermore, the City's official social media posts regarding Council meetings and public business do not allow comments, effectively creating a one-way propaganda channel where officials broadcast decisions to the public while preventing any citizen response, question, or criticism. This is a deliberate effort to transform public forums into government monologues and silence dissent.

The City of Cedar Rapids has adopted a policy and practice of prohibiting non-residents from speaking during the public comment portion of City Council meetings, even when those individuals are directly affected by the City's decisions. This residency restriction has been used to silence individuals opposed to the Morgan Valley project and other development initiatives that impact surrounding communities. Under Iowa Code § 21.7, a governmental body must provide a meaningful opportunity for citizens to address the body on any matter of public concern. The right to petition government is not limited to city residents; any person affected by municipal action has a First Amendment right to be heard. By restricting public comment to Cedar Rapids residents only, Respondents have unlawfully narrowed the public forum to exclude the very people most impacted by the City's decisions, while simultaneously allowing developers, corporate representatives, and out-of-city contractors to lobby the Council in private. This is a viewpoint-neutral restriction in form but a viewpoint-based restriction in practice, designed to eliminate opposition to favored projects.

In response to a request for records substantiating the sworn court filing (D0718), Respondent [C.] admitted in writing that no records exist. (See Exhibit 161M). Specifically, [C.] confirmed there was no CRPD call for service, no incident report, no body camera footage, no complaint by [V.], and no evidence of Complainant posting a video. This admission is conclusive proof that Respondent [V.] and the City Attorney's

Office fabricated the entire narrative to fraudulently obtain sanctions and to falsely criminalize Complainant's lawful advocacy before this governmental body.

Also attached to the complaint were several district court filings outside IPIB's jurisdiction to consider or review. Because the complaint and attachments addressed numerous allegations outside of IPIB's jurisdiction, violations dated outside the sixty-day filing deadline, and allegations that had previously been ruled upon by the Board, on June 30, 2026, IPIB staff contacted the Complainant explaining the following:

After reviewing your complaint 26FC:0143, our agency needs additional information to determine whether any of your allegations are within our jurisdiction and station a violation of Chapter 21 or 22. Numbers 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 (pages 7-9 of your complaint) either do not state facts that would constitute a violation of Chapter 21 or 22, or occurred earlier than 60 days before the filing of this complaint. We are unable to review those allegations because those allegations would be outside our jurisdiction. Allegation numbers 3 and 4 (page 3 of your complaint) do not state when the alleged unreasonable fee or secret meeting occurred. Please provide that information so our agency can determine whether those two items are within our agency's jurisdiction.

On June 30, 2026, the Complainant responded with an email addressing the request for additional details for 26FC:0143, notifying her intent to appeal a different case, and submitting a records request. In regards to 26FC:0143, she stated:

Pursuant to your request for additional information on case 26FC:0143, the specific dates for the allegations in question more information will be provided. Please respond with each email with confirmation of receipt. Regarding your concern that other allegations fall outside the 60-day jurisdictional window, I respectfully assert that these are not isolated incidents but part of a continuing violation and a pattern of systemic obstruction. Under Iowa Code § 23.7(1), the filing window runs from when a violation occurred or when a complainant "could have become aware of the violation with reasonable diligence." This ongoing, systematic refusal to comply constitutes a continuing violation, and the pattern of delay and refusal has persisted into the 60-day jurisdictional period. As established in IPIB Advisory Opinion 22AO:0004, such unreasonable delay can itself be an implied or "silent" refusal to comply with the law. For any counts you claim do not state facts constituting a violation, I request that the Board specify which legal standard it is applying so that they may be properly amended.

On August 3, 2026, IPIB staff notified her request for records was being forwarded to the agency Director. The same day, a separate email was sent to address complaint 26FC:0143:

On June 30th, IPIB explained that the majority of the allegations in complaint 26FC:0143 are outside of our jurisdiction, either because you allege facts that, even if true, would not constitute a violation of Chapter 21 or Chapter 22, or they allege a violation more than 60 days before you filed your complaint against Cedar Rapids. A "pattern of conduct" has not been interpreted by the agency to bring an improperly noticed meeting or an unreasonable fee estimate within the agency's

jurisdiction when the underlying event occurred more than 60 days before the complaint was filed.

As to your request for clarification for the legal standard, the legal standard at facial review is found at Iowa Administrative Code 497-2.1(23) & 23.8. The 60 day filing deadline is found in Iowa Code § 23.7(1). Here is the information from our FAQ's on our website:

According to Iowa Code § 23.7(1), any complaint submitted to IPIB “must be filed within sixty days from the time the alleged violation occurred or the complainant could have become aware of the violation with reasonable diligence.” The second half of this complaint allows review of violations which occurred more than sixty days before filing, but only if circumstances would have prevented the complainant from immediately learning of the underlying facts. Lack of knowledge of the law or of IPIB’s existence does not affect the application of this deadline. Because this requirement is imposed by statute, IPIB does not have the power to waive the 60-day window for any reason, even for a complaint filed only one day after the deadline.

If the facts allege a violation outside of the 60 day filing deadline or the facts, as alleged, would not be a violation, there is no way to "amend" the complaint to make a finding of a violation. The facts are the facts & I cannot advise you to change them to say something that is a violation of Chapter 21/22 if that is not what occurred.

IPIB has requested the dates of the allegations in #3 and #4 to determine whether those allegations are within our jurisdiction. Please provide the dates for both allegations so the agency can complete Facial Review for 26FC:0143.

On September 25th, having received no further response from the Complainant, staff contacted her again: “I emailed you on August 3rd requesting that you provide additional information establishing a violation of Chapter 21 or 22 *within IPIB's jurisdiction* and occurring *within the 60 days preceding the complaint filing*. I have not received any additional information regarding that complaint from you. If I don't receive any additional information before our October board meeting, I intend to recommend facial dismissal of 26FC:0143 for the reasons discussed in my earlier email.”

On September 25th, the Complainant responded: “I responded to your last email very clearly and I also made reasonable requests and informed you of the boards conflicts of interest. What is the date of your OCTOBER meeting since you are declaring it a deadline?”

On the same day, IPIB staff followed up again with the following email:

I understand you emailed our agency with combined information about your records request, a previously closed case, and this open matter (26FC:0143) assigned to me for review. Our director followed up with you separately on the records request portion because as the custodian, she generally handles public records requests for the agency. In that email you stated: ‘Pursuant to your request

for additional information on case 26FC:0143, the specific dates for the allegations in question more information will be provided. Please respond with each email with confirmation of receipt.' I have not yet received that information. If you sent that information to the director, please forward to me. Our meetings are usually the third Thursday of the month unless there's a holiday conflict. October's meeting is the 15th and cases must be submitted to the Board for review a week in advance.

IPIB received no further details or information from Complainant in regards to case 26FC:0143.

Applicable Law

“Upon receipt of a complaint alleging a violation of chapter 21 or 22, the [Iowa Public Information Board] shall do either of the following:

1. Determine that, on its face, the complaint is within the board’s jurisdiction, appears legally sufficient, and could have merit. In such a case the board shall accept the complaint, and shall notify the parties of that fact in writing.
2. Determine that, on its face, the complaint is outside its jurisdiction, is legally insufficient, is frivolous, is without merit, involves harmless error, or relates to a specific incident that has previously been finally disposed of on its merits by the board or a court.” Iowa Code § 23.8.

“The board shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A providing for the timing, form, content, and means by which any aggrieved person, any taxpayer or citizen of this state, the attorney general, or any county attorney may file a complaint with the board alleging a violation of chapter 21 or 22. The complaint must be filed within sixty days from the time the alleged violation occurred or the complainant could have become aware of the violation with reasonable diligence. All complaints filed with the board shall be public records.” Iowa Code § 23.7(1).

Analysis

Based upon the IPIB’s repeated attempts to obtain additional necessary information to accept this matter and Complainant’s repeatedly failing to provide information needed to accept this complaint, her complaint should be considered abandoned.

However, if the Board determines the matter should be facially reviewed on its merits, the following analysis is provided for the Board’s consideration.

In its initial facial review, IPIB considers all factual allegations provided by the Complainant to be true. The information before IPIB indicates that, assuming the facts presented by the Complainant are true, the Complainant alleged violations of Chapter 21 or 22 that occurred more than sixty days before she filed this complaint on June 1, 2026. Iowa Code § 23.7(1) provides a strict 60-day statute of limitations for IPIB’s jurisdiction once “the complainant could have become

aware of the violation with reasonable diligence.” All allegations of violations that occurred before April 2, 2026, are beyond the jurisdiction of this agency to review. Nothing provides IPIB with the authority to waive the 60-day rule. It is a strict jurisdictional limit imposed by the legislature on IPIB’s authority to review a complaint, regardless of its potential merits. For that reason, IPIB is statutorily obligated to dismiss the alleged violation of Chapter 22 without further consideration. To the extent the Complainant argued that a “pattern of behavior” brought violations outside the 60-day rule into our jurisdiction, there has been no such reading of the strict 60 day filing deadline in IPIB’s precedent or from district court.

Complainant also submitted numerous other accusations of the Respondent including, ADA violations, federal constitutional (First Amendment) and civil rights violations, fraudulent district court filings, and avoidance of service of process. To the extent these or other allegations are submitted to IPIB for consideration, they allege violations outside of Chapter 21 or 22 and the IPIB does not have jurisdiction to review or consider their merits. All of those allegations should be dismissed as outside the agency’s jurisdiction.

The Complainant also included two allegations against the Respondent that have been previously decided by the IPIB. The first being that the city’s automated response to public records requests explaining their fee policy is a violation of Chapter 22. The second being that the Respondent’s passage of a new public comment period of three minutes instead of five only came about because an unlawful unnoticed meeting occurred. On August 13, 2026, the IPIB issued a decision in 26FC:0151, *Roger Slave and concerning the City of Cedar Rapids*. That decision and dismissal order reviewed these exact two alleged violations by the City of Cedar Rapids and determined that no probable cause existed to find a violation. That prior decision is binding as to these two allegations in 26FC:0143.

Lastly, the Complainant submitted several actions restricting her speech in violation of Chapter 21. Specifically, she stated that interrupting her during a public meeting, conditioning public comment on residence within the city, limiting the public comment period time to three minutes, and removing the ability to comment on the governments online and social media posts are a violation of Chapter 21.7. Iowa Code § 21.7 states: “The public may use cameras or recording devices at any open session. Nothing in this chapter shall prevent a governmental body from making and enforcing reasonable rules for the conduct of its meetings to assure those meetings are orderly, and free from interference or interruption by spectators.” There is nothing in 21.7 that prohibits the government from maintaining decorum, setting rules on the time for a public comment period, or even reserving public comment for the citizens of the city. Rather, the language in 21.7 directly contradicts the Complainant’s assertion that there was a violation here. It protects the government’s ability to set uniform rules to maintain decorum and ensure the governmental body can proceed with its duties. Complainant was never denied the ability to record, which is the only public right protected in 21.7.

For these reasons, 26FC:0143 should either be dismissed as abandoned; or in the alternative, dismissed as outside the agency’s jurisdiction, legally insufficient, and without merit.

Conclusion

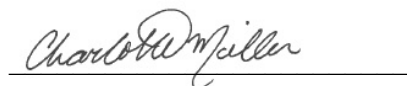
Iowa Code § 23.8 requires that a complaint be within the IPIB's jurisdiction, appear legally sufficient, and have merit before the IPIB accepts a complaint. Following a review of the allegations on their face, it is found that this complaint does not meet those requirements.

Complainant filed this complaint outside of the 60-day filing deadline, alleged violations beyond the agency's jurisdiction over Chapter 21 and 22, alleged violations previously decided by the IPIB in 26FC:0151, and alleged violations that even if true do not state a violation of Chapter 21. Therefore, this matter and all allegations included should be dismissed.

IT IS SO ORDERED: Formal complaint 26FC:0143 is dismissed as legally insufficient and outside the agency's jurisdiction pursuant to Iowa Code § 23.8(2) and Iowa Administrative Rule 497-2.1(2)(b).

Pursuant to Iowa Administrative Rule 497-2.1(3), the IPIB may "delegate acceptance or dismissal of a complaint to the executive director, subject to review by the board." The IPIB will review this Order on May 21, 2026. Pursuant to IPIB rule 497-2.1(4), the parties will be notified in writing of its decision.

By the IPIB Executive Director,



Charlotte J.M. Miller, J.D.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

This document was sent on October 8, 2026, to:

Melissa Duffield, Complainant

The Iowa Public Information Board

In re the Matter of:	Case Number: 26FC:0241
Chad Faichney, Complainant	Dismissal Order
And Concerning:	
City of Waterloo, Respondent	

COMES NOW, Charlotte Miller, Executive Director for the Iowa Public Information Board (IPIB), and enters this Dismissal Order:

On August 26, 2026, Chad Faichney (“Complainant”) filed formal complaint 26FC:0241, alleging that the City of Waterloo (“Respondent”) violated Iowa Code chapter 22.

Facts

Complainant stated in his complaint that the City had withheld public records for an unreasonable time frame. Complainant stated he had received no communication in 20 days, and the only communication he had received was notice that some of the requested records were police records that must be requested separately.

On August 28, 2026, IPIB staff emailed Complainant explaining that because the request had been open only about 20 days, an unreasonable delay had likely not yet occurred, and that the complaint would be dismissed if opened. Complainant did not respond.

On September 23, 2026, IPIB staff asked Complainant whether the request was still pending or the records had been received. Complainant replied the same day: “I did receive them the records. Thank you for following up with me.” [sic]. Staff responded that Complainant could withdraw the complaint or staff could submit a facial dismissal for board approval. As of the date of this Order, Complainant has not responded.

Applicable Law

“Upon receipt of a complaint alleging a violation of chapter 21 or 22, the [Iowa Public Information Board] shall do either of the following:

2. Determine that, on its face, the complaint is outside its jurisdiction, is legally insufficient, is frivolous, is without merit, involves harmless error, or relates to a specific incident that has previously been finally disposed of on its merits by the board or a court.” Iowa Code § 23.8(2).

Analysis

The records requested were produced to Complainant. The request had been pending 20 days when the complaint was filed, which does not establish an unreasonable delay. With the records produced, no violation remains to be addressed, and the complaint does not state a violation.

Conclusion

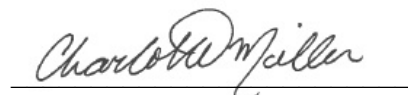
Iowa Code § 23.8 requires that a complaint be within the IPIB’s jurisdiction, appear legally sufficient, and have merit before the IPIB accepts a complaint. Following a review of the allegations on their face, it is found that this complaint does not meet those requirements.

On facial review, Complainant does not state a violation.

IT IS SO ORDERED: Formal complaint 26FC:0241 is dismissed as it is without merit pursuant to Iowa Code § 23.8(2) and Iowa Administrative Rule 497-2.1(2)(b).

Pursuant to Iowa Administrative Rule 497-2.1(3), the IPIB may “delegate acceptance or dismissal of a complaint to the executive director, subject to review by the board.” The IPIB will review this Order on October 15, 2026. Pursuant to IPIB rule 497-2.1(4), the parties will be notified in writing of its decision.

By the IPIB Executive Director


Charlotte J.M. Miller, J.D.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

This document was sent on October 9, 2026, to:

Chad Faichney

The Iowa Public Information Board

In re the Matter of:	Case Number: 26FC:0286
Sholly, Complainant	Dismissal Order
And Concerning:	
Postville Public Library, Respondent	

COMES NOW, Charlotte Miller, Executive Director for the Iowa Public Information Board (IPIB), and enters this Dismissal Order:

On October 1, 2026, Sholly (“Complainant” filed formal complaint 26FC:0286, alleging that Postville Public Library (“Respondent”) violated Iowa Code chapter 21.

Facts

The Complainant alleges that the Respondent held a meeting in a “186 square room for an open to the public board meeting. There was 20 people in the room and the room should only have 11.”

Applicable Law

“b. Each meeting shall be held at a place reasonably accessible to the public and at a time reasonably convenient to the public, unless for good cause such a place or time is impossible or impracticable. Special access to the meeting may be granted to persons with disabilities.” Iowa Code § 21.4(1).

“Upon receipt of a complaint alleging a violation of chapter 21 or 22, the [Iowa Public Information Board] shall do either of the following:

1. Determine that, on its face, the complaint is within the board’s jurisdiction, appears legally sufficient, and could have merit. In such a case the board shall accept the complaint, and shall notify the parties of that fact in writing.
2. Determine that, on its face, the complaint is outside its jurisdiction, is legally insufficient, is frivolous, is without merit, involves harmless error, or relates to a specific incident that has previously been finally disposed of on its merits by the board or a court.” Iowa Code § 23.8

Analysis

Iowa Code section 21.4(1)(b) requires that a meeting of a governmental body “be held at a place reasonably accessible to the public and at a time reasonably convenient to the public, unless for good cause such a place or time is impossible or impracticable.” It would appear that in this factual situation, the location was “reasonably accessible” since the Complainant was able to attend the meeting. Determination of the safety or capacity of a room is outside of IPIB’s jurisdiction.

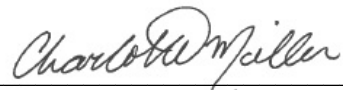
Conclusion

Iowa Code § 23.8 requires that a complaint be within the IPIB’s jurisdiction, appear legally sufficient, and have merit before the IPIB accepts a complaint. Following a review of the allegations on their face, it is found that this complaint does not meet those requirements.

IT IS SO ORDERED: Formal complaint 26FC:0286 is dismissed as it is legally insufficient pursuant to Iowa Code § 23.8(2) and Iowa Administrative Rule 497-2.1(2)(b).

Pursuant to Iowa Administrative Rule 497-2.1(3), the IPIB may “delegate acceptance or dismissal of a complaint to the executive director, subject to review by the board.” The IPIB will review this Order on October 15, 2026. Pursuant to IPIB rule 497-2.1(4), the parties will be notified in writing of its decision.

By the IPIB Executive Director


Charlotte J.M. Miller, J.D.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

This document was sent on October 9, 2026, to:

Sholly, Complainant

The Iowa Public Information Board

In re the Matter of:	Case Number: 26FC:0299, 26FC:0300, 26FC:0301
Michelle Nord, Emily Thomas, and Stevie Sachsenmaier, Complainant	Dismissal Order
And Concerning:	
City of Clinton, Respondent	

COMES NOW, Charlotte Miller, Executive Director for the Iowa Public Information Board (IPIB), and enters this Dismissal Order:

On June 9, 2026, Michelle Nord, Emily Thomas, and Stevie Sachsenmaier (“Complainant”) filed formal complaints 26FC:0299, 26FC:0300, and 26FC:0301, alleging that City of Clinton (“Respondent”) violated Iowa Code chapter 21.

Facts

On June 9, 2026, City of Clinton held its regularly schedule city council meeting, with a special focus on the proposed hyperscale AI data center project. Prior to the meeting members of the public had requested the city council move the meeting into a larger venue prior to the meeting. Respondent did not move the meeting but provide overflow rooms.

On June 11, 2026 and June 12, 2026, the above captioned complaints were filed with IPIB each arising from the same set of facts. Complainants alleged that Respondent is in violation of Chapter 21 for failing to change venue of the meeting to the larger space as requested.

Applicable Law

“b. Each meeting shall be held at a place reasonably accessible to the public and at a time reasonably convenient to the public, unless for good cause such a place or time is impossible or impracticable. Special access to the meeting may be granted to persons with disabilities.” Iowa Code § 21.4(1).

“Upon receipt of a complaint alleging a violation of chapter 21 or 22, the [Iowa Public Information Board] shall do either of the following:

1. Determine that, on its face, the complaint is within the board's jurisdiction, appears legally sufficient, and could have merit. In such a case the board shall accept the complaint, and shall notify the parties of that fact in writing.

2. Determine that, on its face, the complaint is outside its jurisdiction, is legally insufficient, is frivolous, is without merit, involves harmless error, or relates to a specific incident that has previously been finally disposed of on its merits by the board or a court." Iowa Code § 23.8.

Analysis

Iowa Code section 21.4(1)(b) requires that a meeting of a governmental body "be held at a place reasonably accessible to the public and at a time reasonably convenient to the public, unless for good cause such a place or time is impossible or impracticable." It would appear that in this factual situation, the location was "reasonably accessible" due to the fact the respondent provided additional over flow rooms for persons attending as well as virtual option for those wishing to attend remotely. Complainants dissatisfaction with the provided accommodations does not make the respondent's venue choice unreasonably accessible. The Respondent held its meeting in their normal meeting room and provided additional viewing accommodations. Complainants did not raise any addition potential Chapter 21 violations.

Conclusion

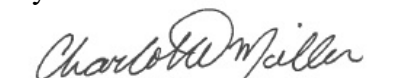
Iowa Code § 23.8 requires that a complaint be within the IPIB's jurisdiction, appear legally sufficient, and have merit before the IPIB accepts a complaint. Following a review of the allegations on their face, it is found that this complaint does not meet those requirements.

Complainants dissatisfaction with the choice of venue of the Respondent's meeting does not make the said chosen location unreasonably accessible.

IT IS SO ORDERED: Formal complaint 26FC:0299, 26FC:0300, 26FC:0301 are consolidated and dismissed as legally insufficient pursuant to Iowa Code § 23.8(2) and Iowa Administrative Rule 497-2.1(2)(b).

Pursuant to Iowa Administrative Rule 497-2.1(3), the IPIB may "delegate acceptance or dismissal of a complaint to the executive director, subject to review by the board." The IPIB will review this Order on October 15, 2026. Pursuant to IPIB rule 497-2.1(4), the parties will be notified in writing of its decision.

By the IPIB Executive Director


Charlotte J.M. Miller, J.D.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

This document was sent on October 9, 2026, to:

Michelle Nord, Emily Thomas, and Stevie Sachsenmaier, Complainant

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Subject	Contact Name	Name of Entity Involved	Complaint Type	Description
26FC:0146	Phil	City of Shellsburg	Chapter 21	good morning g I have 2 meetings that I know that took place that without notifying the public iowa code 21.4 violation, and I also believe there has not been any minutes posted about these meetings Meeting may 13th at 6 pm April 22nd at about 6pm Big day board pass April 21 by city council mayor and 2 council on the board Looking for transparency but not happing.
26FC:0155	Smith	City of Runnells	Chapter 22	The city council posted online a 172 page council meeting packet for June 9. It contains MANY people's personal checks without reacted private information - their account numbers, routing numbers, etc. all can be seen. There is a log of unpaid balances to Des Moines Water Works with personal financial information included in the packet, too, for tons and tons of residents.
26FC:0185	JoAnn Bohn	City of Runnells IA	Chapter 22	On June 16th, 2026, at 6:20pm, I submitted a written request for records relating to the City's farmer's market. Council minutes or resolutions authorizing the farmers market on city property. Any agreement between the city and RAPCO along with the deposits they received from the city of that is where the funds have been placed. Documentation authorizing use of city insurance. City Financial reports the past years showing vendor fees collected and expenditures because there is a \$5 fee collected by each vendor each Tuesday. (Note: this current year you potentially have an elected official collecting funds.) A copy of and any council approval of the vendor liability waiver that the vendors are asked to sign. I would also like to know with whom and where these waivers are being stored? (Note: you have an elected official collecting potentially unapproved waivers which are considered a legal document) I provided 14 business days for the city to supply. They haven't supplied.
26FC:0194	Michael Benson	City of Merville	Chapter 21	Failure to respond to public records requests
26FC:0208	Michael Merritt	Iowa Department of Public Safety	Chapter 22	I submitted a public records request pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 22 on 02 JUL 2026, and I have zero evidence supporting a proper response.

26FC:0212	Kacie Meyer	Iowa City School Board	Chapter 21	At the June 23, 2026 meeting all board members were in support of contracting an interim HR director. At the next board meeting on July 28, 2026, 5 of 7 board members did a full pivot away from a contracted interim HR director in favor of a job post excluding external candidates. Board members in favor of an internal hire arrived at the table with the same talking points. There was no open meeting between these two board meetings where the HR position was discussed.
26FC:0225	Naveen Kalia	Iowa City Assessor's Office	Chapter 22	Following the Board of Review, Complainant requested property-specific calculation outputs, valuation worksheets, system documentation, and model variables showing how the assessment was derived. Respondents replied that no further information existed and that everything requested was contained on the property cards. However, Respondents later submitted to PAAB a detailed explanation of the CAMAVision adjustment methodology used to derive the challenged valuation. Iowa Code § 441.21(3) requires the assessor, upon written request, to disclose "all information in any formula or method used to determine the actual value of the taxpayer's property." This raises a separate Chapter 22 public records issue as to whether responsive records concerning the assessment methodology were improperly withheld or the scope of production was improperly limited. Complainant respectfully requests that the IPIB investigate this additional disclosure issue.
26FC:0231	Naveen Kalia	City of Iowa City — City Attorney's Office (City Legal)	Chapter 22	This complaint concerns potential Chapter 22 noncompliance involving Iowa City municipal counsel Jennifer L. Schwickerath. On July 6, 2026, I formally raised alleged nondisclosure of assessment records in my PAAB proceeding. PAAB permitted fraud/misconduct to proceed on July 17. On July 24, Schwickerath personally filed the Board of Review's evidentiary submission containing valuation materials potentially responsive to my earlier records requests. I request that IPIB investigate what responsive records City Legal possessed or accessed; when counsel became aware of my requests and nondisclosure allegations; whether the July 24 materials had previously been produced; and what action City Legal took to ensure responsive, non-exempt records were disclosed. I do not ask IPIB to presume a knowing violation. I ask it to determine whether City Legal or counsel participated in or continued Chapter 22 noncompliance after receiving notice of the alleged nondisclosure.
26FC:0237	Reuben Neff Fonseca	Madrid Community School District	Chapter 22	On March 5, 2026, Complainant submitted a Chapter 22 request to Madrid CSD for 2024 public records concerning Maggie Chandler, including communications involving District personnel, law enforcement, and truancy. The District did not deny the request; it conducted searches, narrowed the search with Complainant, quoted a \$250 review fee, accepted payment, and on June 11 confirmed that review would begin. On July 13, after completing review, the District identified 24 responsive pages but refused to produce any of them, asserting only Iowa Code § 22.7(1) because they "contain confidential student information." Complainant disputes that § 22.7(1) permits withholding every identified record in its entirety and requests IPIB review the 24 pages under § 23.6(6), determine which records are lawfully confidential, and order production of any record not lawfully withheld. Complainant, prior to July 13, submitted a FERPA release for Ms. Chandler to receive records identifying her own child.

26FC:0249	Randy Laughlin	Centralia city council	Both	Not informing city residents of a special city council meeting that has to do with thousands of tax dollars
26FC:0253	Layne Pieri	Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce, City of Marshalltown	Chapter 22	The City of Marshalltown and the Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce violated Iowa Code Chapter 22 in responding to my July 29, 2026 records request. The Chamber performs City economic-development functions under Resolution 2019-318 and holds public records. It refused to itemize retrieval, review, and redaction costs, stating these tasks “will be done simultaneously,” contrary to §22.3’s requirement that fees reflect actual costs. It imposed unreasonable fees by assigning all work to its CEO at \$84.83/hour for basic retrieval. The City has not produced records “as soon as feasible” under §22.8(4)(d) and cannot provide a production date. The Chamber claimed exemptions under §22.7(6) and §22.7(27) but has not identified specific documents, prepared redactions, or produced non-confidential portions as required by Iowa case law.
26FC:0254	Eric Delaney	City of De Soto	Chapter 22	On 8/14, I submitted a public-records request to the City of De Soto pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 22. The City acknowledged receiving my request, so there is no dispute that it was received. Since then, however, I have received no records and no substantive response regarding when the requested records will be produced. I have not received an estimated production date, an explanation for the delay, a cost estimate, a request for clarification, a partial production, or an explanation that any requested records are unavailable or confidential. The delay is particularly concerning because the requested records are relevant to documenting and evaluating a potential First Amendment/civil-rights claim involving the City. I requested these records in part to gather and preserve evidence concerning governmental conduct that I may need in determining and pursuing my legal rights. The City's continued failure to produce the records or provide any meaningful production timeline is there
26FC:0255	Benton Cloke	Cardinal Community School District	Both	Withholding public information for an unreasonable amount of time. Failure to produce requested records. Directing me to complete unnecessary paperwork to receive those records. I've been encouraged to contact this office by Sara Nickel.
26FC:0257	Anonymous	Henry County Conservation Board	Chapter 21	The Conservation Board entered into closed session to discuss the performance of a former employee, Kendall Prehn. Kendall did not request a closed session, she did not know the closed session pertained to her, nor was she given an opportunity to join the closed session. Kendall was terminated shortly after this closed session.

26FC:0258	Mason Smith	City of Johnston — Johnston Police Department	Chapter 22	This complaint concerns Johnston Police Department records for Case Nos. 26-881 and 26-00000961. On August 26, 2026, I requested records including incident reports, evidence/custody records, warrant records, forensic reports, and case-status records. I requested nonconfidential portions and the statutory basis for withholding. On August 28, Jeremy Moore replied that the case was open, only a previously provided public summary was available, and I could request again later. No specific statute was cited, and the response did not separately address the requested categories. I ask IPIB to review that refusal under Iowa Code Chapter 22 and require disclosure of any records or portions determined to be nonconfidential. I also request assistance obtaining nonconfidential records for 26-881 and 26-961
26FC:0260	Josh Patterson	Greenfield Municipal Utilities (GMU) Greenfield, IA 50849	Chapter 22	On August 3, 2026, at 11:48 AM, I submitted a specific, formal public records request under Iowa Code Chapter 22 to Greenfield Municipal Utilities (GMU). The request explicitly targeted dispatch data logs regarding a contractor tampering with municipal security seals, smart meter interval logs documenting a 68-hour infrastructure blackout at my residence (Unit 7, 503 SE 6th St, Account #421200010), and internal communications belonging to Office Administrator Jessica Foster and General Manager Scott Tonderum. To date, GMU has completely failed to produce these files. GMU is actively suppressing public records and working in coordination with private landlord to restrict the flow of public information. I request that the IPIB investigate GMU's non-compliance with Iowa Code Chapter 22 and order the immediate production of all requested digital files.
26FC:0264	Kimberly Koehlhoeffer	Jefferson County Board of Supervisors Fairfield, Jefferson County, Iowa	Both	On 09-03-26 the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors published a Tentative Agenda (revised 09-08-26) for a meeting to be held on Wed., 09-09-26, at 1:30 P.M. The agenda explicitly restricted the scope of the meeting to a single topic: "Budget work session." No other public business, personnel matters, or county claims were listed. The Board of Supervisors convened the meeting at 1:30 P.M. at the Jefferson County Courthouse. A full quorum was present. According to official room tracking, the open public session lasted a total of 65 minutes, with adjournment occurring at 2:35 P.M. Despite the length of the open session, the budget was never discussed by the elected officials. Instead, the Board utilized the session to deliberate on distinct, unnoted county operations and personnel matters. Following the meeting, the Board published the official "Jefferson County Board of Supervisors' Proceedings" for 09-09-26, signed by Board Chairman Susie Drish and attested by Cty Auditor Christy Conner.

26FC:0265	William Daggett	City of Baxter, Iowa	Chapter 22	On 8/19/2026, I emailed an official Ch. 22 public records request to City Clerk Jill Braye for employee/official names from 7/1/2022–3/1/2026. The City failed to respond until 9/10/2026—an unlawful 22-day delay. On 8/25/2026, during criminal depositions (Case FECR028103), Jasper County Attorney Scott Nicholson disclosed to defense counsel Eric Eischelman and myself that City Attorney Ryan Brueckner filed a Motion to Quash a subpoena for Ms. Braye and these records. Mr. Nicholson stated Brueckner’s explicit reason—pointing directly at me—was my filing of Iowa Public Information Board (IPIB) complaints, stating "they were not going to give that guy anything." Violations:Unreasonable 22-day delay violating Ch. 22 open records mandates.Bad-faith refusal and intentional retaliation against a citizen for exercising statutory rights through the IPIB.
26FC:0268	Ann Ewoldt	City of Spencer, Iowa	Chapter 22	On July 29, 2026, Complainant submitted an Iowa Code Chapter 22 request for all intake, care, veterinary, and disposition records for all cats impounded under City authority between May and July 2026. On August 19, 2026, City Attorney Kerry Self confirmed that PFP records were "being processed" for release. On August 27, Self again confirmed in writing that records for "all cats" were being processed for release "early next week". Complainant followed up on September 2. To date, the City has failed to produce the promised PFP intake/disposition records and itemized AMC billing invoices and exam logs. Under Iowa Code § 22.2(2), records generated by municipal contractors (PFP/AMC) performing delegated animal control duties are public records belonging to the City. General workload does not suspend statutory duties under § 22.8(4). The City’s failure to deliver these records constitutes an unlawful delay and denial under Chapter 22. Complainant requests IPIB investigation.
26FC:0269	Vicky Brenner	Madison County Board of Health	Chapter 21	The Madison County Board of Health published a notice for a Special Public Meeting scheduled for September 14, 2026. The official notice specifically informed the public that they could attend the meeting virtually via Microsoft Teams or via a telephone call-in line. Prior to the start of the meeting, I attempted to gain access through both provided options (Microsoft Teams and the call-in telephone line). I was placed in a virtual waiting room and remained there for 45 minutes without being admitted by the host. At least two other members of the public experienced the exact same issue with the telephone call-in option and were never granted access. Auditor Brant informed the Board that the remote options—specifically the Microsoft Teams connection and call-in line—were not functioning for the public. Despite this knowledge of a complete remote access failure, the Board elected to proceed with the meeting and conducted official public business and actions.

26FC:0270	Bj James Editor of Iowa Civic record	City of De Soto	Chapter 21	The City of De Soto failed to provide advanced meeting notice and tentative agendas to Iowa Civic Record after receiving it's standing news- media request. Iowa Civic Record gathers and publishes local government news for the public. Iowa Code 21.4 requires governmental bodies to notify news media that have filed a request for notice, ordinarily at least 24 hours before each meeting. Posting an agenda publicly does not replace the separate obligation to notify requesting news media. I request that IPIB investigate the City's failure to provide the required notices for meetings held after the receipt of the standing request and require compliance with 21.4
26FC:0271	Matt Loffer	Marengo Police Department	Chapter 22	On 9/8/26, I requested all MPD Calls for Service from 10/1/25-10/30/25. Chief Gray identified 829 CFS and estimated 4 hours (\$181.12) to produce them, plus \$5 for a flash drive. When I asked how the 4 hours was calculated, he stated that each CFS must be reviewed and redacted because of its "detailed information." I asked what information required redaction, why all 829 required individual review, and whether the records could be exported from Zuercher Suite. He refused further explanation. I question whether the \$181.12 is a reasonable expense directly attributable to producing the records under §22.3. This is particularly significant because, in 25FC:0012, Gray previously stated that "a simple request of all abandoned vehicle records would take a few minutes," while my narrower request required an hour because he had to identify and compile a subset of CFS. I ask IPIB to determine whether Marengo adequately substantiated the present estimate and whether Gray knowingly violated Chapte
26FC:0272	Matt Ring	Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS)	Chapter 22	The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) submitted public records requests to the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) on 6/18/25, 10/21/25, 2/2/26, and 7/20/26. IDALS communicated the number of hours and costs expected for the 6/18/25 and 2/2/26 requests, but not the others. But ASPCA has not received any responsive records for these 4 requests or any indication that these records are confidential or other reasons for delay. We have repeatedly contacted IDALS, receiving only limited responses. IDALS has not responded since 7/21/26 when they said they had already started processing the records and could send the records to us "right away" unless they need to invoice us for costs of processing (to which we agreed). IDALS has not responded to the multiple emails and voicemails we have sent since then. We believe this constitutes unreasonable delay. We can provide records of our communications with IDALS upon request. Thank you.

26FC:0274	Billy Frazier	Kelli Albert (she/her) Utilities Communications Specialist City of Cedar Rapids Iowa	Chapter 22	I am filing a Chapter 22 complaint against the City of Cedar Rapids Utilities Division for unreasonable delay/nonresponse to my narrow Aug. 25, 2026 records request concerning 3316 Oakland Rd NE. City records produced to me contain a Jan. 5, 2026 statement by Utilities employee Amy Knudsen: "We do have on record that the incoming SL is also galvanized," and that she would "make sure the info is updated." The City later classified the service line as Copper/Copper. I requested the existing source record supporting the galvanized statement, the "Meter Replacement" record, records of subsequent updates, the audit/change history from Unknown to Copper (System ID 166222234), and documentation supporting the Copper designation. I stated that "no responsive record located" would resolve any nonexistent item. I followed up Sept. 1 and Sept. 10. As of Sept. 23, no records, denial, exemption, fee estimate, or substantive status response was provided. I request IPIB investigation.
26FC:0275	Kevin Hackett	Story County Sheriff's Office	Chapter 22	On September 23, 2026, the Story County Sheriff's Office issued a blanket denial for 911 audio recordings associated with Case #22-001172, citing Iowa Code § 22.7(5) and Mitchell v. City of Cedar Rapids. I am challenging the denial of the 911 audio. Under Iowa Code § 22.7(5), "the date, time, specific location, and immediate facts and circumstances surrounding a crime or incident shall not be kept confidential." 911 recordings capture immediate facts and circumstances. Because the investigation into this 2022 incident is closed, the Sheriff's Office has failed to demonstrate how releasing redacted 911 audio would plainly and seriously jeopardize an ongoing investigation.
26FC:0276	Paige Petek	Urbandale Community School District	Both	Summary of Issues Public Records Requests On August 13th, I requested my son's records regarding his "good cause" open enrollment due to "pervasive harassment," the process, and the board's July 22nd decision made during an improper closed session. Additionally, on September 15, 2026, I requested public records related to the board's consideration of my son's open enrollment matter, including meeting records and materials from the July 13 and July 22, 2026 meetings, as well as the decision the board used. As of the date of this complaint, I have not received the requested records, and the board has communicated a denial of these records, citing Iowa Code section 22.7 (4). July 13, 2026 Board Meeting Materials Materials concerning my son's good cause due to pervasive harassment open enrollment matter were reportedly provided to board members through an addendum or separate "paper folder," as referenced by the District. Due to no public communication of my son's open enrollme

26FC:0277	Ryan Renze	City of Urbandale / Urbandale Police Department	Chapter 22	I requested Urbandale Police Department records relating to Incident 20260724-0108, including associated audio/body-worn-camera recordings. The incident record shows Officer Manuel Miranda assigned from 8:20:42 to 8:44:08 a.m. and entering substantive information at closing. On Sept. 14, Records Supervisor Meridith Swoyer wrote, "There were no further records to be shared. There was only the CAD call that I have already sent to you." On Sept. 16, after I sought clarification, she wrote, "There is a recording, but the department has determined that the recording will not be released." I requested the statutory basis for withholding, decisionmaker, whether Iowa Code §22.7(5) was invoked, whether individualized analysis/redaction or partial release was considered, and preservation of the recording/metadata. No substantive response followed. I request IPIB review of compliance with Chapter 22 and appropriate relief, including release of any nonconfidential portion(s) if required by law.
26FC:0278	Vaughn Gross	Wapsie Valley CSD	Chapter 22	On September 23, 2026, I submitted a records request letter to Wapsie Valley Community Schools: I am requesting a copy of the following records pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 22, the public records law. I received an email from Mr. Timothy John Murphy, principal at Wapsie Valley Jr.Sr High School at the time, on January 6, 2026 at 6:21 am titled "Meeting Today" about an email he received from a parent "over the break" regarding cell phone usage. Winter break was from December 19, 2025 to January 4, 2026. I am requesting a copy of the email being referred to in this email. Tina Kaufman responded "We have no public records responsive to the request. The email requested is confidential pursuant to Iowa Code 22.7(1) ("personal information in records regarding a student")." This email was the grounds for the meeting on January 6. I was never shown the email, was not read the email, only told it we would have a meeting due to the email. I am requesting to view and read the email.

26FC:0279	Stephen Figg	Clinton city council	Chapter 22	I am filing a complaint for potential Iowa Code Chapter 22 open records violations. First, council members appear to be personally handling records requests regarding themselves. Two weeks ago, Council Member Cody Seeley confronted me after a meeting about a Chapter 22 request I submitted that morning for his travel expenses, stating I should have asked him personally. Second, after that meeting adjourned, Seeley had a profane argument with another citizen. Both incidents occurred inside the council chambers, which have signs posted stating the room is recorded 24/7. I submitted a paid records request for the unedited audio and video of this altercation with full metadata. After accepting my \$20 payment, the city provided only the video, claiming a technical issue prevented the audio's release. As an IT professional of 17 years, I suspect this public record was intentionally withheld. I am requesting the allegedly corrupt file to perform my own forensic data recovery.
26FC:0280	Wade Robinson	Des Moines Area Community College	Chapter 22	I made an Open Records Request to DMACC and for what was provided to Beau Bowman and KCCI via their Open Records request on October 31, 2025. DMACC responded no request was made by KCCI. A request was made by KCCI. I am requesting the material DMACC provided to KCCI. I can provide copies of the DMACC response and the KCCI request. Thank you.
26FC:0281	Malcolm Suttle	Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) / Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner (IOSME)	Chapter 22	Iowa HHS is misapplying Iowa Code § 22.7(41). The withheld September 2026 peer-review file is not a routine, confidential medical record of a corpse protected by § 22.7(41). It is an internal administrative audit of an ongoing operational dispute activated by a timely Discovery Rule challenge. The agency is using § 22.7(41) to violate a recognized parent's Due Process rights and conceal irreconcilable forensic and physical anomalies that render a suicide classification impossible. These metrics include a 0.259 BAC, 1,800 ng/mL Methamphetamine toxicity, and physical handling constraints involving a 6.5 PRC Precision Long-barrelled Rifle against a 65-inch tall decedent. The public interest in preventing administrative fraud or arbitrary case closure overrides a boilerplate exemption claim. An in camera review of the file is requested. NB: Complainant uses decedent's address to avoid processing error (Home = 16 Gray St, Cambois, North Blyth, Northumberland NE241SE England UK)

26FC:0282	Theresa Tucker	Cedar Rapids Community School District	Chapter 22	On July 27th, 2026 I submitted an open records request with the Cedar Rapids Community School District. I followed the instructions on their website for filing a public records request. I never received confirmation my request had been received nor any other communication regarding my request. I followed up on the initial email on August 10, 2026 and September 1, 2026. I still did not receive communication from my request so I double check the email and confirmed I sent it to the correct email. I also have received mass emails from that email regarding general CRCSD news as all three of my children attend school in the district. On September 9, 2026, I tried starting a new email thread in case the initial went to spam or other email folder. In that email, I let them know I had initially sent an open records request on July 27th and copy and pasted the initial request into that email. As of today, Sept 25, 2026, I have received zero response.
26FC:0285	Zachary Gomez	Council Bluffs Police Department	Chapter 22	I requested a video of an accident I was involved in to send to insurance agent. I was denied access to the video and the insurance agent denied my request to receive video. This is the only way I can get the video to have proof the accident occurred.
Total	33			

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Department 592
Iowa Public Information Board

To: Charlotte Miller
cc: Mirela Jusic, Jennifer Caldwell

From: Marty Musser

Date: October 1, 2026

Re: **FY 2026 FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**
Period 15 - September 2026

Unit	Current Cash Balance	Projected FYE Cash Balance	CB - Iowa Advantage	Difference
0P22 - General Fund	0.00	0.00		
P22T - Training and Technology	0.00	0.00		
Totals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Areas to Monitor:

RED:

YELLOW:

GREEN:

Outstanding issues that may affect the financial statements

Questions and review of financials:

Accounting conventions:

Financial statements that have been prepared are on Cash basis.

For Fiscal 2026, September and March are "3 Payroll" months.

Budget or forecast updates will be discussed during the monthly financial review meetings and will be included in the next months financials.

Unit: 0001		General Fund																EDas Customer Number: 1882				Revenue C			
Sub Unit: 0P22		FY2026																Percent of Year Complete 125.00%				Revenue C			
Approp: P22		Iowa Public Information Board																							
Obj/Rev Class	Obj/Rev Class Name	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	HO13	HO14	HO15	YTD	End of Year Forecast	Annual Budget	Percent of Budget	Percent of Budget				
		Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	(C=A+B)	(D)	To Date	Forecasted EOY				
Appropriation		467,227																State Accounting Adjustment (97,583)		467,227					
Revenue Collected																									
401	Fees	-	-	-	45	-	-	71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	116	116	-	0%	0%				
Total Revenue Collected:		-	-	-	45	-	-	71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	116	116	467,227	0%	0%	Revenue			
Expenditures																									
101	Personal Services	15,883	19,083	25,865	23,061	26,676	26,578	26,569	26,710	41,892	27,376	20,354	20,137	11,680	-	-	311,865	311,865	329,979	95%	95%				
202	In State Travel	186	-	17	122	91	67	273	170	146	-	169	-	-	-	-	1,241	1,241	3,487	36%	36%				
301	Office Supplies	-	33	240	-	273	360	120	435	1,599	(705)	120	120	962	-	-	3,558	3,558	2,000	178%	178%				
309	Printing & Binding	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	100	1%	1%				
313	Postage	-	14	-	6	3	10	3	7	12	5	1	7	9	-	-	78	78	75	104%	104%				
401	Communications	-	-	115	-	489	-	308	154	154	-	154	-	177	124	-	1,676	1,676	2,240	75%	75%				
406	Outside Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	340	-	-	-	-	340	340	100,800	0%	0%				
414	Reimbursements To Other Agency	-	2,150	2,551	2,986	2,013	1,875	2,045	2,022	2,435	2,433	2,388	2,500	2,581	-	-	27,977	27,977	17,734	158%	158%				
416	ITD Reimbursements	-	2,247	2,410	(78)	10,850	(5,736)	343	1,269	343	450	(197,473)	199,090	1,819	-	-	15,533	15,533	7,371	211%	211%				
418	IT Outside Services	-	-	154	77	154	154	154	175	154	154	154	154	154	-	-	1,637	1,637	2,341	70%	70%				
434	Gov Transfer Other Agencies	-	-	-	-	-	-	99	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99	99	-	0%	0%				
503	Equipment-Non Inventory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,322	3,610	-	-	4,932	4,932	-	0%	0%				
701	Licenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	825	-	-	-	-	-	825	825	1,100	75%	75%				
Total Expenditures:		16,069	23,527	31,352	26,173	40,550	23,308	29,914	30,943	46,734	30,537	(173,792)	223,329	20,992	124	-	369,761	369,761	467,227	79%	79%				
Current Month Operations		451,158	(23,527)	(31,352)	(26,173)	(40,550)	(23,308)	(29,914)	(30,943)	(46,734)	(30,537)	173,792	(223,329)	(20,992)	(124)	-									
Cash Balance		451,158	427,631	396,279	370,151	329,601	306,293	276,450	245,507	198,773	168,236	342,028	118,699	97,707	97,583	-									

Footnotes:
Unit should be managed to \$0 at year end.

Revenues
401 - Charged fees for large records requests.

Expenditures
101 - Months of September and March had 3 payroll warrants written.
Alex Lee's last day was May 7th, position was filled by JT Harris on June 19th.
202 - Costs include monthly board member cost traveling for meetings, misc training costs, and car rentals for staff to travel to training.
301 - Costs include West Publishing Corporation for \$120/month, Ricoh Quarterly billings \$30/month and misc office supplies.
H013 includes supplies from Staples.
313 - Costs include postage charges.
401 - Verizon and T-Mobile (moved in May) cell phone expenses.
406 - May is for Language Training interpreter.
414 - Monthly costs are located on eDAS tab - approx. \$2,200 including Finance support costs which vary each month.
416 - Monthly costs are located on eDAS tab - approx. \$350 and can vary each month depending on usage for storage.
May includes eDAS correction from October billing that was manually corrected. Manual correction will be reversed in June.
June includes reversal of manual correction made in November to correct eDAS error and quarterly OCIO charges of \$926.
H013 includes \$1,522 for system improvements by Carahsoft.
418 - Insight bill for current employees.
503 - June is docking stations and monitors for new hires.
H013 is Laptops for new hires.

FTE's:						Original	Updated
Name/Employee Number		WD EI	Job Class	Budgeted	Filled	Budget \$	Budget
Charlotte Miller	80071	115682	09617 - Executive Director	1.0	1.0		
Charissa Flege	105703	115690	90644 - Attorney II	1.0	1.0		
JT Harris (Alexander Lee)	102526	115691	90643 - Attorney I	1.0	1.0		
Jayde Hilton	95304	151623	70006 - Temporary Worker	0.0	0.2		
E.J. Giovannetti - Urbandale	N/A	115683	14000 - Board Member - Public Rep.				
Althea Cole - Cedar Rapids (w. N/A	N/A	115684	14000 - Board Member - Media Rep.				
Jackie Schmillen, Urbandale	N/A	115685	14000 - Board Member - Media Rep.				
Luke Martz(per diem), Ames	94509	115686	14000 - Board Member - Public Rep.				
Joan Corbin(mileage), Pella	81714	115687	14000 - Board Member - Government Rep.				
Monica McHugh, Zwingle	75146	115688	14000 - Board Member - Public Rep.				
Barry Lindahl, Dubuque	83315	115689	14000 - Board Member - Government Rep.				
Vacant		141688	14000 - Board Member				
Total Funded Positions				3.00		\$ 329,979	\$ 311,865
Total Filled Positions					3.20		

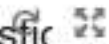
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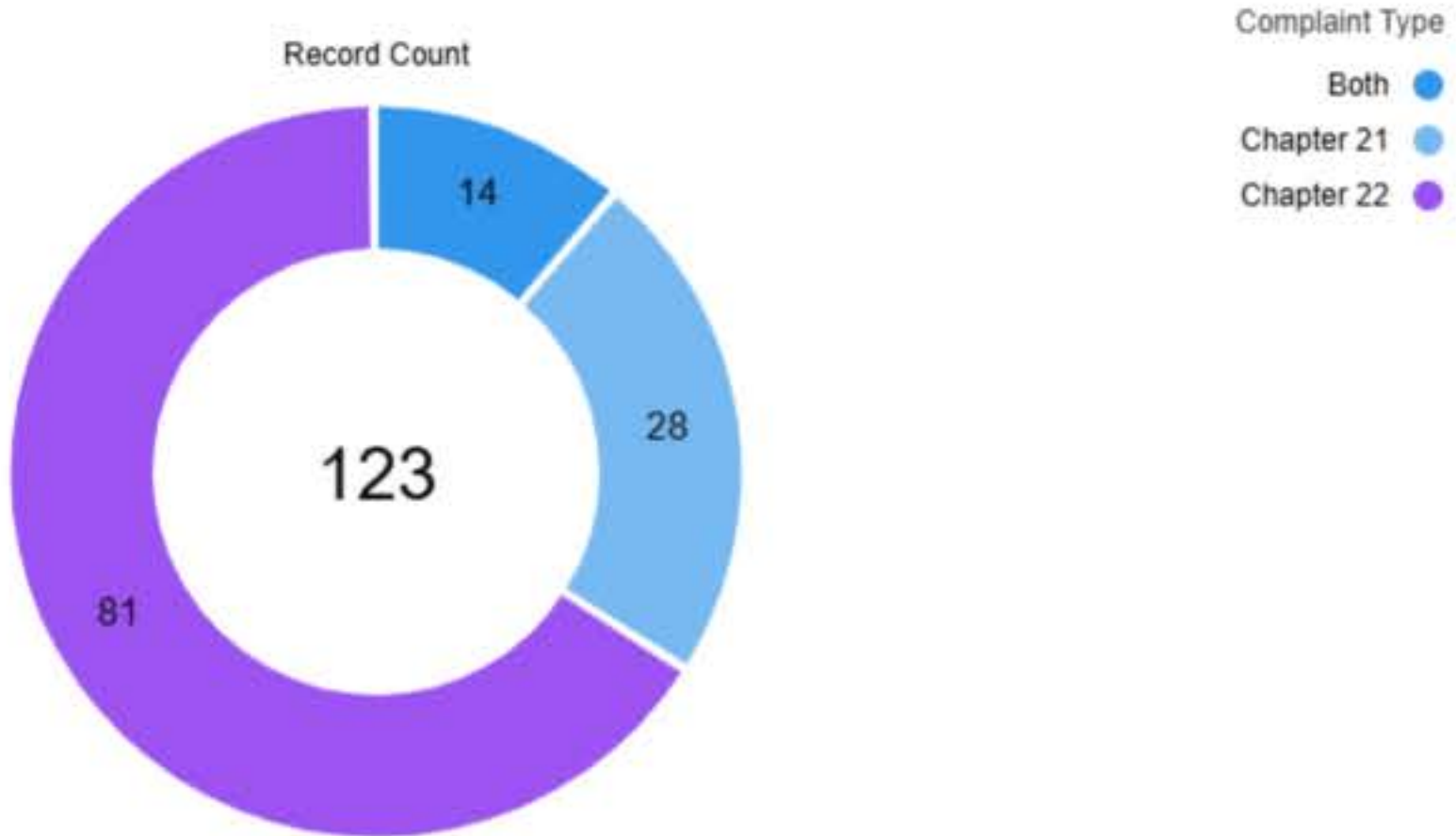
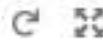
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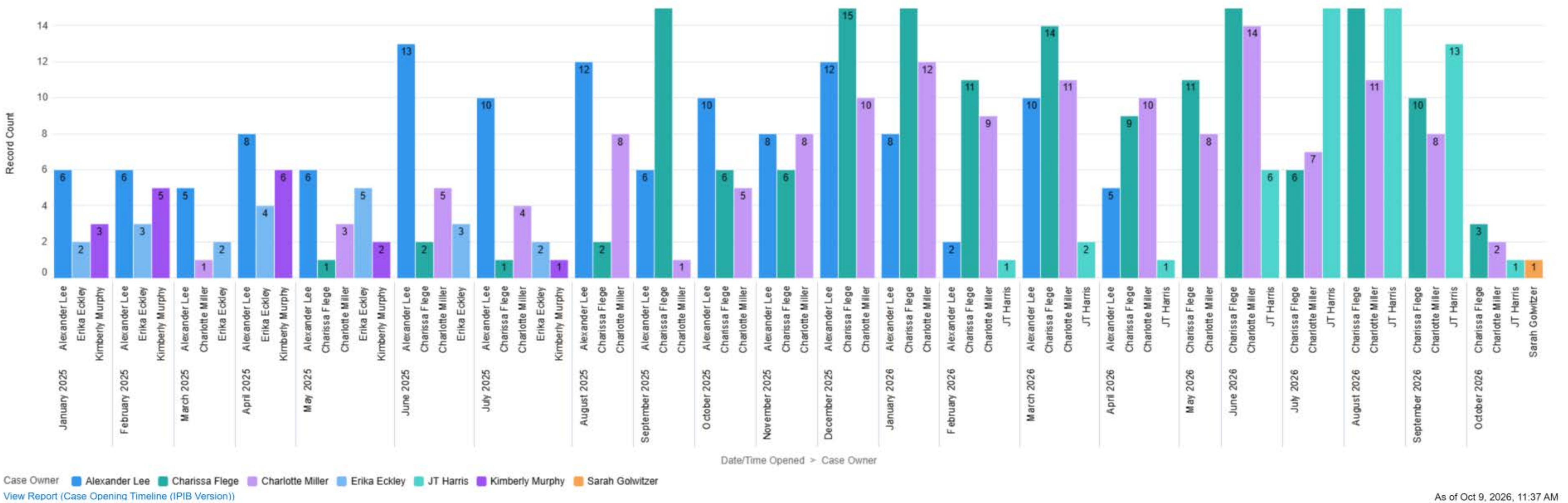
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Case Closure Timeline (IPIB Version)

