

# IOWA ETHICS AND CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE BOARD

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**BOARD MEMBERS:**  
James Albert, Chair  
John Walsh, Vice Chair  
Carole Tillotson  
Jonathan Roos  
Mary Rueter  
Elaine Olson

## TENTATIVE AGENDA REGULAR MEETING

April 12, 2018 at noon  
OLA BABCOCK MILLER BUILDING, ROOM 310  
1112 East Grand Avenue  
DES MOINES, IA

### I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair calls meeting to order at 12:07 pm. Albert, Tillotson, Roos, Rueter and Olson are present.

### II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Tillotson, second by Rueter, to approve minutes for meeting held on January 25, 2018. Olson abstains due to not being on the Board in January. All ayes, motion carries.

### III. **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Rueter, second by Roos, to adjourn to closed session in accordance with the provisions of Iowa Code 21.5(1) "c" & "g" to discuss pending complaints. Motion carries unanimously by roll call vote at 12:10 pm.

### IV. **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Board returned to open session at 1:03 pm.

1. **Complaint against Chad Airhart alleging conflict of interest.** Motion by Tillotson, second by Roos, to dismiss complaint since Airhart did not take any official action or perform any official duty with respect to his outside business. All ayes, motion carries.
2. **Complaint against Kim Reynolds for Iowa alleging failure to disclose a campaign contribution.** Motion by Rueter, second by Roos, to dismiss complaint since there is no evidence committee received contribution. All ayes, motion carries.
3. **Complaint against City of Des Moines alleging use of public moneys for political purposes**
4. **Complaint against City of Windsor Heights alleging use of public moneys for political purposes**

Motion by Olson, second by Rueter to table complaints against City of Des Moines and City of Windsor Heights. All ayes, motion carries. Albert says the board wants briefing by Tooker on the definition of "express advocacy" and invites the cities to brief the issue as well.

### V. **ADMINISTRATIVE DISSOLUTION**

1. Davis for State Legislature  
Motion by Rueter, second by Tillotson to dissolve committee. All ayes, motion carries.

2. Pat Ritz for State House  
Motion by Roos, second by Olson, to dissolve committee and issue reprimand and \$100 civil penalty. All ayes, motion carries.

**VI. REQUESTS FOR WAIVER OF CIVIL PENALTIES (RULE 351 IAC 4.60)**

- STATE COMMITTEES (Rule 351 IAC 4.59(3))
  1. Kroeger for Iowa House – recommend denial
  2. DeJear for Iowa – recommend denial
  
- STATE PACS (Rule 351 IAC 4.59(3))
  1. Southwest Iowa PAC – recommend denial
  2. Truckstops of Iowa PAC – recommend denial
  
- COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEES (Rule 351 IAC 4.59(2))
  1. Muscatine County Republican Central Committee – recommend waiver
  2. Osceola County Republican Central Committee – recommend waiver
  3. Lucas County Democratic Central Committee – recommend denial
  4. Wright County Democratic Central Committee – recommend reducing to \$50
  
- COUNTY LOCAL COMMITTEES (Rule 351 IAC 4.59(2))
  1. Klein for Cedar County – recommend reducing to \$10

Motion by Rueter, second by Tillotson, to adopt Tooker’s recommendations on waiver requests. All ayes, motion carries.

**VII. DISCUSSION OF BOARD FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT**

Tooker explains she spoke with Bernardo Granwehr, the State Auditor’s chief of staff and legal counsel. Ethics Board does not have same financial oversight responsibilities that ITTC (commission that oversees ICN) has. Granwehr said the Board has the option of exercising financial oversight but is not required to do so. After brief discussion, Board elects not to adopt policy to provide financial oversight but Roos asks that the Board be provided more information about the budget process – the Board’s budget request as well as the eventual outcome. Tooker says she will do so.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Roos, second by Rueter, to adjourn. All ayes, motion carries. Board meeting adjourns at 1:36 pm.