




# One Economy

*Building Opportunity for All*

**Future Leaders Guide to Public Service**

*July 2024*

# Why Engage and Why Lead Now?



The *One Economy* report provides stark data and individual experiences with racial, economic, and other disparities in Polk County. While that research is critical to actively creating one economy in our community, it is imperative to ensure there is diversity among the individuals who make the policies and decisions impacting the greater metro area. Clearly, that is not the case now or in the past.

We have relied on the traditional majority policymaker leadership to advocate for African Americans and those of African descent. But that is not enough; where is the direct voice of African Americans? Now more than ever it is time for people who represent the full diversity of our community to take on the leadership roles and press for change.

It is always the right time to learn more about the issues that are important to you and your community, to explore your own perspectives on the issues, and jump into an advocacy role. You now have an opportunity for change through leadership. Whether the issues are banking, loans, employment, housing, education, justice, health, or anything else, there is room for you at the table. Coming together with others who share your concerns and pressing for practical solutions is an important step in advocacy.

This *Future Leaders Guide to Public Service* takes it a step further by outlining how and where you can exert your leadership in roles and offices that allow African Americans and others of African descent to set the table with these issues, provide the expertise, and create solutions. We need your leadership to remind others that we all belong at the table in order to truly have one economy in our community.

**Come in. Take a seat at the table. There is room for you to lead.**

# Leadership Development Opportunities

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## African American Leadership Academy

This 9-month program is designed to develop the next generation of leaders within the African American community using a multi-faceted, engaging, community driven approach.

*Application Deadline: January 10*

Contact: Jerrica Marshall, 515-635-5403  
[lead@tdcdsm.org](mailto:lead@tdcdsm.org)

## Ankeny Leadership Institute

At the Ankeny Leadership Institute, our vision is to create a strong, vibrant Ankeny through outstanding leadership. *Application Deadline: April 30*

Contact: Joey Beech, 515-964-0747  
[joey.beech@ankenyedc.com](mailto:joey.beech@ankenyedc.com)

## Lead DSM

Lead DSM programs develop, connect, inspire, and challenge community champions through life-changing leadership experiences.

*Application Deadline: Community Leadership Program Nominations - February*

Contact: Amy Jennings, 515-286-4980  
[director@gdmli.com](mailto:director@gdmli.com)

## Leadership Ames

The program gives both experienced and developing leaders a view of civic leadership through direct contact with institutions and people who shape the community.

*Application Deadline: Mid-November*

Contact: Allee Wengert, 515-232-2310  
[allee@ameschamber.com](mailto:allee@ameschamber.com)

## Leadership Iowa

A statewide issues-awareness program designed to inspire and further develop individuals who have demonstrated leadership within their community, region or state. *Application Deadline: April 1*

Contact: Jessi McQuerrey, 515-235-0570  
[info@leadershiowa.com](mailto:info@leadershiowa.com)

## LGBTQ Leadership Institute

LGBTQ individuals who are new to their career, new to being out, or looking for an opportunity to be more engaged with their community.

*Application Deadline: April 15*

Contact: Max Mowitz, 515-724-3814  
[max@oneiowa.org](mailto:max@oneiowa.org)

## New Leaders Council

Our mission is to recruit, train and promote the next generation of progressive leaders.

*Application Deadline: October 1*

Contact: Victoria Henderson Weber, 515-447-3032  
[vhweber@newleaderscouncil.org](mailto:vhweber@newleaderscouncil.org)

## Warren County Leadership Institute

Open to those interested in learning about themselves as leaders, their community and building a stronger county. *Application Deadline: December 1*

Contact: Rachel Gocken, 515-961-1067  
[rgocken@wcedc.com](mailto:rgocken@wcedc.com)

## Waukee Leadership Institute

Waukee area residents, business owners, or anyone with an interest in developing community leadership skills.

*Application Deadline: August 2 or until class is filled*

Contact: Terry Snyder, 515-229-5308  
[waukeeleadership@gmail.com](mailto:waukeeleadership@gmail.com)

## West Des Moines Leadership Academy

Designed for outstanding individuals to sharpen leadership skills and gain greater understanding of the region's economy and community networks.

*Application Deadline: May 31*

Contact: Kara Matheson, 515-225-6009  
[info@wdmchamber.org](mailto:info@wdmchamber.org)

# Racial Disparity in Engagement in Public Life & Leadership

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Our local communities, our state, and our nation are reflections of the public policy that guides them. Likewise, supporting the collective health and well-being of the people is the foundational reason for public policy in our democracy. A vast array of public policies affect everyone's day-to-day lives. And, while the goal of public policy is to benefit society as a whole on behalf of the people within the policies' jurisdiction, if there is little representation of minority groups at any stage of public policy development, it can lead to public policy benefiting the majority at the expense of the minority.

African Americans need to both be considered a part of the larger community and to literally be seen at the tables where public policy is shaped or made. To see how African Americans participate in public policy and policy leadership in Polk County, this section will provide information about three critical elements: Black people in elected positions, advocacy by and on behalf of issues impacting African Americans and Africans, and participation in our election processes.

## Lack of Representation in Elected and Appointed Positions

Being in the racial majority is not a requirement to hold public office. There are approximately 141,178 African Americans and 32,561 New Iowans of African descent. Of that, an estimated 89,151 are eligible to vote. When African Americans and people of African descent are elected to represent constituents in policy-making bodies, those typically under-represented constituents see results in the decision making policies that impact them. Though many non-Black elected officials strive to represent both minority and majority constituents, it is crucial for the well-being of our localities that governing bodies include people of color who bring a unique understanding of community issues and lived experiences.

Data is stark in demonstrating the lack of representation of people of color let alone Blacks and African naturalized citizens in elected positions representing Iowa and Polk County.

- ★ Iowa has never nominated an African American candidate for either U.S. Senate or U.S. House of Representatives.
- ★ Almo Hawkins was a candidate for Lt. Governor on the Jim Ross Lightfoot ticket in 1998, the only African American ever nominated for that position.
- ★ The first two African Americans were elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in 1964: Willie Glanton of Des Moines and James Jackson of Waterloo.
- ★ In 2018 Deidre DeJear became the first African American nominated for Secretary of State. DeJear went on in 2022 to become the first African American nominated for Governor. She is the first and only for both roles.
- ★ The first African American elected to the Iowa Senate was Thomas Mann, Jr. of Des Moines in 1982.
- ★ In 2024, Representative Ako Abdul-Samad made history as the longest-serving African American in the Iowa State Legislature, having been first elected in 2007.
- ★ Other first African Americans to serve in Polk County, city, or school district elected positions are: Nolden Gentry (Des Moines School Board), Preston Daniels (Des Moines Mayor) , Tom Baker (Polk County Supervisor), Renee Hardman (WDM City Council), Mary Wells (Polk County Treasurer) and Joseph Jones (Windsor Heights City Council).

When this report originally published in 2017, there were 6 African American elected officials in Polk County. Today, in 2024, amongst the Iowa General Assembly Polk County delegation, the Polk County elected officials, city councils throughout Polk County, and all school boards in the county there are 14 African American

elected officials. Six African Americans serve in the Iowa House of Representatives, and one member of the Iowa Senate, five of whom are from Des Moines. Since 2018, Polk County African American elected officials have more than doubled.

From 2017 to 2021, a wave of intricate voting law changes swept across Iowa, marking a stark deviation from the historical Voting Rights Act of 1965. These changes, including stringent Voter ID requirements, reduced early voting days, mail-in ballot limitations and increased regulations on volunteer voter outreach, disproportionately affected African American voters. This sparked a vigorous voter education and mobilization effort within the communities most impacted.

The response from community and advocacy groups was swift and strategic. Local organizations such as the NAACP, ACLU, League of Women Voters, The Links, Incorporated, alongside churches, and Black sororities and fraternities, amplified their efforts to engage voters. In 2019, the momentum was visible when the Des Moines Branch of the NAACP hosted an Economic Freedom Presidential Town Hall in collaboration with KCCI and the Des Moines Register, drawing attention with the presence of then-Senator Kamala Harris, Senator Bernie Sanders, then-Mayor Pete Buttigieg, Andrew Yang, Senator Amy Klobuchar, Beto O'Rourke, among others. These forums became a cornerstone for community collaboration and political discourse.

Amidst this backdrop, Deidre DeJear's candidacy for Secretary of State stood out with its focus on voter education, channeling her campaign as a platform for civic engagement. Her message 'A Champion for Your Voice,' captured 46% of the vote, signaling a significant shift in voter sentiment and engagement.

The push for increased African American representation gained further impetus in 2020, following the tragic murder of George Floyd. Organizations like Vision Leads intensified their commitment to guiding advocates towards meaningful roles on public boards and commissions. These efforts were pivotal in inspiring a new cadre of African American candidates and fostering participation in areas previously overlooked or underinvested in and doubled down in its commitment to voter education.

Organizations such as the Coalition for Parents for Equity and Anti-Racism in Johnston took decisive action, developing detailed proposals for school districts to embrace inclusive education reforms, including Black History Month programming and anti-racist curricula. Despite encountering budgetary pushbacks, the steadfast determination of figures like Lya Williams and Tiara Mays-Sims, now serving on the local school board and the Iowa Heartland Area Education Agency board respectively, is emblematic of the community's resolution to effect change from within the system.

Meanwhile, the Ankeny Community Network (ACN) championed multiculturalism and diversity, fostering civic engagement through various events and community-building initiatives. Deshara Bohanna, a former school board member, is among those who have been instrumental in these efforts, contributing to the growth of a politically conscious and active electorate.

The impact of these organizations extended beyond electing black candidates; they also influenced the election of white candidates who aligned with their vision for equity and inclusion. For instance, Councilwoman Renee Hardman's election in West Des Moines marked a significant milestone as the first Black council member, as she engaged with African American voters in a manner unprecedented in West Des Moines municipal elections, ensuring that their voices were heard and represented.

The cumulative effect of voter registration drives at cultural events like 'I'll Make Me a World in Iowa' and various statewide Juneteenth celebrations, alongside the influential role of black churches, sororities, fraternities and businesses in raising political awareness, cannot be overstated. These institutions have been pivotal in enhancing awareness and participation among African Americans in their communities.

Despite institutional barriers, through concerted efforts to provide voter education, increase community involvement, and advocate for equitable representation, these grassroots movements have been crucial in more than doubling the presence of African American elected officials in Polk County. This illustrates a powerful shift towards inclusivity and representation in local governance, setting a precedent for the immediate and future political landscape.

## Number of African Americans in Elected Policy Positions in Polk County as of July 2024

	# African Americans Currently in Office
Iowa Senate Statewide - 50 members	1
Iowa House of Representatives Statewide - 100 members (includes Polk County)	6
	# African Americans Currently in Office
Iowa Senate Polk County	1 <b>↑1</b>
Iowa House of Representatives Polk County	4 <b>↑2</b>
Polk County Board of Supervisors - 5 members	0
Des Moines City Council * - 6 members + mayor	0
Polk County Treasurer	1 <b>↑1</b>
West Des Moines City Council * - 5 members + mayor	1
Ankeny City Council - 5 members + mayor	0
Urbandale City Council * - 5 members + mayor	0
Johnston City Council - 5 members + mayor	0
Clive City Council * - 5 members + mayor	0
Altoona City Council - 5 members + mayor	0
Norwalk City Council * - 5 members + mayor	0
Pleasant Hill City Council - 5 members + mayor	0
Grimes City Council * - 5 members + mayor	0
Windsor Heights City Council - 5 members + mayor	1
Carlisle City Council * - 5 members + mayor	0
Bondurant City Council - 5 members + mayor	0
Polk City City Council - 5 members + mayor	0
Mitchellville City Council * - 5 members + mayor	0
Granger City Council * - 5 members + mayor	0
Elkhart - 5 members + mayor	0
Alleman & Runnells - Unknown	-

# African Americans  
Currently in Office

Sheldahl* - Unknown	-
Des Moines Public Schools Board - 7 members	1 ↓ 1
West Des Moines Community Schools Board - 7 members	1 ↑ 1
Southeast Polk Community School Board - 7 members	2
Urbandale Community Schools Board - 7 members	0
Johnston Community Schools Board - 7 members	1 ↑ 1
Waukee Community Schools Board - 7 members	1 ↑ 1
North Polk Community School Board - 5 members	0
Ankeny Community School Board - 7 members	0 ↓ 1
Saydel Community School Board - 7 members	0
Bondurant-Farrar Community School Board - 5 members	0
Des Moines Area Community College Board of Directors	2 ↑ 2
<b>Total Representation in Polk County</b>	<b>16 ↑ 167%</b>

\*Indicates city is in two or more counties

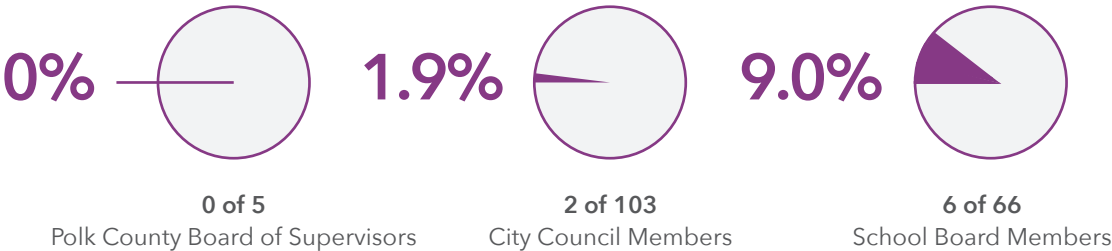
Public Leadership Positions

Iowa Senate and House of Representatives




7 out of 150 members of the Iowa General Assembly are Black and 5 represent Polk County.

Black Individuals in Elected Positions in Polk County



# A Guide to Public Service 2024-2029



This guide was developed to inform future leaders of the numerous leadership opportunities available at all levels of government: city, school board, county, state, and national levels over the next five years. Information is provided by county for **Polk, Dallas,** and **Warren** Counties. It is organized first by city, with local school board elections added to the city information; next by county; then state; and finally federal elections.

An important opportunity for public service that directly impacts public policy is to seek appointment to a board or commission in your city, county, or at the state level.

These positions are influential in their focus on specific topics or issues, and their recommendations are considered by the elected officials in that jurisdiction.

The guide includes how to find and apply for board and commission positions.

For individuals interested in running for public office, petitions are required and will need to be signed and returned to the Secretary of State to be officially on the ballot for the election. As this is a five-year plan, the Secretary of State website is updated during each election cycle. However, it is the place to start for all information regarding elections in any given year.

**The Secretary of State's Elections website for general election information**

<https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/candidates/index.html#>

**School Board and City Elections**

<https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/clerksecretary.html>



# Polk County



## Number of Seats Available in November Election

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
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### City Government

#### Alleman

##### Mayor

2 year term

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##### City Council

5 members - 4 year term

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##### School Board

North Polk School District

Check Polk City section for North Polk School Board Election Information

##### City Boards & Commissions

Contact City of Alleman

[cityofalleman@huxcomm.net](mailto:cityofalleman@huxcomm.net)  
515-685-3666

#### Altoona

##### Mayor

4 year term

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##### City Council

5 members - 4 year term

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##### School Board

Southeast Polk School District

7 members - 4 year term

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##### City Boards & Commissions

To apply, go to: [https://www.altoona-iowa.com/government/boards\\_\\_commissions/index.php](https://www.altoona-iowa.com/government/boards__commissions/index.php)

Number of Seats Available in November Election

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<b>Ankeny</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 4 year term	-	1	-	-	-	1
<i>City Council</i> 5 Members - 4 year term	-	2	-	3	-	2
<i>School Board</i> Ankeny Community School District 7 members - 4 year term	-	3	-	4	-	3
<i>City Boards &amp; Commissions</i> To apply, go to: <a href="https://ankenyiowa.gov/384/Boards-Commissions">https://ankenyiowa.gov/384/Boards-Commissions</a>						
<b>Bondurant</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 4 year term	-	1	-	-	-	1
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 4 year term	-	2	-	3	-	2
<i>School Board</i> Bondurant Farrar School District 5 members - 4 year term	-	2	-	3	-	2
<i>City Boards &amp; Commissions</i> Contact City of Bondurant <a href="mailto:info@cityofbondurant.com">info@cityofbondurant.com</a> 515-967-2418						
<b>Clive</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 4 year term	-	1	-	-	-	1
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 4 year term	-	2	-	3	-	2
<i>School Board</i> West Des Moines Community Schools      Check West Des Moines section for School Board Election Information						
<i>City Boards &amp; Commissions</i> To apply, go to: <a href="https://www.cityofclive.com/connect/boards_and_commissions/index.php">https://www.cityofclive.com/connect/boards_and_commissions/index.php</a>						

Number of Seats Available in November Election

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<b>Des Moines</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 4 year term	-	-	-	1	-	-
<i>City Council</i> 6 members - 4 year term	-	3	-	3	-	3
<i>School Board</i> Des Moines Independent School District 7 members - 4 year term	-	4	-	3	-	4
<i>City Boards &amp; Commissions</i>						
To apply, go to: <a href="https://www.dsm.city/interactive_forms/apply_to_serve_on_a_city_board.php">https://www.dsm.city/interactive_forms/apply_to_serve_on_a_city_board.php</a>						
List of City of Des Moines Boards & Commissions: <a href="https://www.dsm.city/government/boards_and_commissions/index.php">https://www.dsm.city/government/boards_and_commissions/index.php</a>						
<b>Elkhart</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 2 year term	-	1	-	1	-	1
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 4 year term	-	2	-	3	-	2
<i>School Board</i> North Polk School District	Check Polk City section for North Polk School Board Election Information					
<i>City Boards</i> Contact City of Bondurant	<a href="mailto:deputyclerk@cityofelkhart.com">deputyclerk@cityofelkhart.com</a> 515-367-4735					
<b>Grimes</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 4 year term	-	1	-	-	-	1
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 4 year term	-	3	-	2	-	3
<i>School Board</i> Dallas Center Grimes Community School District 7 members - 4 year term	-	3	-	4	-	3
<i>City Boards &amp; Commissions</i> Contact City Clerk or apply online	<a href="mailto:rwilliams@grimesiowa.gov">rwilliams@grimesiowa.gov</a>   515-986-3036 <a href="https://www.grimesiowa.gov/208/Boards-Commissions">https://www.grimesiowa.gov/208/Boards-Commissions</a>					

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	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
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### Johnston

*Mayor*

4 year term

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*City Council*

5 members - 4 year term

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*School Board*

Johnston Community Schools

7 members - 4 year term

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*City Boards & Commissions*

To apply, go to: <https://www.cityofjohnston.com/DocumentCenter/View/1152>

### Mitchellville

*Mayor*

2 year term

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*City Council*

5 members - 4 year term

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*School Board*

Southeast Polk School District

Check Altoona section for SE Polk School Board Election Information

*City Boards & Commissions*

To apply, go to: <https://www.mitchellville.org/boards-and-commissions/>

### Pleasant Hill

*Mayor*

4 year term

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*City Council*

5 members - 4 year term

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*School Board*

Southeast Polk School District

Check Altoona section for SE Polk School Board Election Information

*City Boards & Commissions*

To apply, go to: <https://www.pleasanthilliowa.org/399/Opening-Application>

Number of Seats Available in November Election

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<b>Polk City</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 4 year term	–	1	–	–	–	1
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 4 year term	–	2	–	3	–	2
<i>School Board</i> North Polk School District 5 members - 4 year term	–	3	–	2	–	3
<i>City Boards &amp; Commissions</i> To apply, go to: <a href="https://www.polkcityia.gov/administration/files/boards-and-commissions-application">https://www.polkcityia.gov/administration/files/boards-and-commissions-application</a>						
<b>Runnells</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 4 year term	–	–	–	1	–	–
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 4 year term	–	3	–	2	–	3
<i>School Board</i> Southeast Polk Community Schools	Check Altoona section for SE Polk School Board Election Information					
<i>City Boards &amp; Commissions</i> Contact Runnells City Hall	515-966-2042					
<b>Saydel</b>						
<i>Saydel Community School District</i> 7 members - 4 year term	–	3	–	4	–	3
<b>Sheldahl</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 4 year term	–	1	–	–	–	1
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 4 year term	–	3	–	2	–	3
<i>School Board</i> North Polk School District	Check Polk City section for North Polk School Board Election Information					
<i>City Boards &amp; Commissions</i> Contact City Clerk	<a href="mailto:cityofsheldahl@huxcomm.net">cityofsheldahl@huxcomm.net</a> 515-685-2814					

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**Urbandale**

*Mayor*

4 year term

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*City Council*

5 members - 4 year term

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*School Board*

Urbandale Community Schools  
7 members - 4 year term

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*City Boards & Commissions*

To apply, go to: <http://www.urbandale.org/407/Boards-Commissions-and-Committees>

**West Des Moines**

*Mayor*

4 year term

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*City Council*

5 members - 4 year term

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*School Board*

West Des Moines Community Schools  
7 members - 4 year term

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*City Boards & Commissions*

To apply, go to: <http://www.wdm.iowa.gov/government/mayor-city-council/boards-commissions>

**Windsor Heights**

*Mayor*

4 year term

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*City Council*

5 members - 4 year term

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*School Board*

Eastern Windsor Heights, check Des Moines Independent School District section  
Western Windsor Heights, check West Des Moines Community School District section

*City Boards & Commissions*

To apply, go to: <https://www.windsorheights.org/182/Boards-Commissions>

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## County Government

<i>County Supervisors</i> 5 members - 4 year term	2	–	3	–	2	–
<i>County Attorney</i> 4 year term	–	–	1	–	–	–
<i>County Auditor</i> 4 year term	1	–	–	–	1	–
<i>County Recorder</i> 4 year term	–	–	1	–	–	–
<i>County Sheriff</i> 4 year term	1	–	–	–	1	–
<i>County Treasurer</i> 4 year term	–	–	1	–	–	–

### County Boards & Commissions

To apply and find a list of County Boards & Commissions:

<https://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/board-of-supervisors/public-information/programs-and-initiatives/>

## State Legislature

### Iowa Senate

4 year term

To find the Senate district where you live, go to: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/find>

<i>Senate District 10</i>	1	–	–	–	1	–
<i>Senate District 15</i>	–	–	1	–	–	–
<i>Senate District 16</i>	1	–	–	–	1	–
<i>Senate District 17</i>	–	–	1	–	–	–
<i>Senate District 18</i>	1	–	–	–	1	–
<i>Senate District 20</i>	1	–	–	–	1	–

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<i>Senate District 21</i>	-	-	1	-	-	-
<i>Senate District 22</i>	1	-	-	-	1	-

**Iowa House of Representatives**

*2 year term*

To find the legislative district where you live, go to: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/find>

<i>House District 29</i>	1	-	1	-	1	-
<i>House District 30</i>	1	-	1	-	1	-
<i>House District 31</i>	1	-	1	-	1	-
<i>House District 32</i>	1	-	1	-	1	-
<i>House District 33</i>	1	-	1	-	1	-
<i>House District 34</i>	1	-	1	-	1	-
<i>House District 35</i>	1	-	1	-	1	-
<i>House District 36</i>	1	-	1	-	1	-
<i>House District 39</i>	1	-	1	-	1	-
<i>House District 40</i>	1	-	1	-	1	-
<i>House District 41</i>	1	-	1	-	1	-
<i>House District 42</i>	1	-	1	-	1	-
<i>House District 43</i>	1	-	1	-	1	-
<i>House District 44</i>	1	-	1	-	1	-
<i>House District 45</i>	1	-	1	-	1	-



# Dallas County



## Number of Seats Available in November Election

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## City Government

### Adel

#### Mayor

2 year term

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#### City Council

5 members - 4 year term

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#### School Board

Adel-De Soto-Minburn School District

5 members - 4 year term

–	2	–	3	–	2
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#### City Boards & Commissions

To apply, go to: <https://adeliowa.org/permits-and-forms/serve-on-a-city-board-or-commission/>

### Bouton

#### Mayor

2 year term

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#### City Council

5 members - 2 year term

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#### School Board

Perry Community School District

Check Perry section for Perry School Board Information

#### City Boards & Commissions

Call City Hall

515-208-5014

Number of Seats Available in November Election

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<b>Dallas Center</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 4 year term	–	1	–	–	–	1
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 4 year term	–	2	–	3	–	2
<i>School Board</i> Dallas Center Grimes Community School District 7 members - 4 year term	–	3	–	4	–	3
<i>City Boards &amp; Commissions</i> To apply, go to: <a href="https://www.dallascenter.com/sites/g/files/vyhlf2991/f/uploads/application_to_serve_on_a_board_or_commission.pdf">https://www.dallascenter.com/sites/g/files/vyhlf2991/f/uploads/application_to_serve_on_a_board_or_commission.pdf</a>						
<b>Dawson</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 2 year term	–	1	–	1	–	1
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 2 year term	–	5	–	5	–	5
<i>School Board</i> Perry Community School District	Check Perry section for Perry School Board Information					
<b>DeSoto</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 4 year term	–	1	–	–	–	1
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 4 year term	–	3	–	2	–	3
<i>School Board</i> Adel-DeSoto-Minburn School District	Check Adel section for ADM School Board Information					
<i>City Boards &amp; Commissions</i> Call City Hall	515-834-2131 <a href="https://desoto-ia.org/?page_id=2657">https://desoto-ia.org/?page_id=2657</a>					

Number of Seats Available in November Election

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<b>Dexter</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 4 year term	-	-	-	1	-	-
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 4 year term	-	3	-	2	-	3
<i>School Board</i> West Central Valley School District	Check Redfield section for West Central Valley School Board Information					
<i>City Boards &amp; Commissions</i> Call City Hall	515-789-4210					
<b>Granger</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 2 year term	-	1	-	1	-	1
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 4 year term	-	2	-	3	-	2
<i>School Board</i> Woodward Granger School District 5 members - 4 year term	-	3	-	2	-	3
<i>City Boards &amp; Commissions</i> Contact City Clerk	515-999-2210					
<b>Linden</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 4 year term	-	1	-	-	-	1
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 4 year term	-	2	-	3	-	2
<i>School Board</i> Panorama Community School District 5 members - 4 year term	-	3	-	2	-	3

Number of Seats Available in November Election

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<b>Minburn</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 4 year term	–	1	–	–	–	1
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 4 year term	–	3	–	2	–	3
<i>School Board</i> Adel-De Soto-Minburn School District	Check Adel section for ADM School Board Information					
<i>City Boards &amp; Commissions</i> Contact Minburn City Clerk	<a href="mailto:cityclerk@minburn.org">cityclerk@minburn.org</a>					
<b>Perry</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 2 year term	–	1	–	1	–	1
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 4 year term	–	2	–	3	–	2
<i>School Board</i> Perry Community School District 5 members - 4 year term	–	2	–	3	–	2
<i>City Boards &amp; Commissions</i> To apply, go to:	<a href="http://www.perryia.org/letters-of-intent-boards-and-commissions.html">http://www.perryia.org/letters-of-intent-boards-and-commissions.html</a>					
<b>Redfield</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 4 year term	–	1	–	–	–	1
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 4 year term	–	2	–	3	–	2
<i>School Board</i> West Central Valley School District 7 members - 4 year term	–	4	–	3	–	4
<i>City Boards &amp; Commissions</i> Call City Hall	515-833-2512					

Number of Seats Available in November Election

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<b>Van Meter</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 4 year term	-	-	-	1	-	-
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 4 year term	-	3	-	2	-	3
<i>School Board</i> 5 members - 4 year term	-	3	-	2	-	3
<i>City Boards &amp; Commissions</i> Call City Hall	515-996-2644					
<b>Waukee</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 4 year term	-	-	-	1	-	-
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 4 year term	-	3	-	2	-	3
<i>School Board</i> 7 members - 4 year term	-	4	-	3	-	4
<i>City Boards &amp; Commissions</i> List of Boards & Commissions: <a href="https://www.waukee.org/658/Boards-and-Commissions">https://www.waukee.org/658/Boards-and-Commissions</a> To apply, go to: <a href="http://www.waukee.org/FormCenter/City-Clerk-4/BoardsCommissionsCommittees-Application-66">http://www.waukee.org/FormCenter/City-Clerk-4/BoardsCommissionsCommittees-Application-66</a>						
<b>Woodward</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 4 year term	-	-	-	1	-	-
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 4 year term	-	3	-	2	-	3
<i>School Board</i> Woodward Granger School District	Check Granger section for Woodward Granger School Board Information					
<i>City Boards &amp; Commissions</i> Call City Hall	515-438-2560					

Number of Seats Available in November Election

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
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## County Government

### County Supervisors

3 members - 4 year term

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### County Attorney

4 year term

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### County Auditor

4 year term

1	-	-	-	1	-
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### County Recorder

4 year term

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### County Sheriff

4 year term

1	-	-	-	1	-
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### County Treasurer

4 year term

-	-	1	-	-	-
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### County Boards & Commissions

List of Dallas County Boards & Commissions: <https://www.dallascountyiowa.gov/our-community/get-involved>

To apply, go to: <https://www.dallascountyiowa.gov/our-community/get-involved/volunteer/boards-and-commission-duties>

## State Legislature

### Iowa Senate

4 year term

To find the Senate district where you live, go to: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/find>

#### Senate District 14

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#### Senate District 16

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### Iowa House of Representatives

2 year term

To find the legislative district where you live, go to: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/find>

#### House District 27

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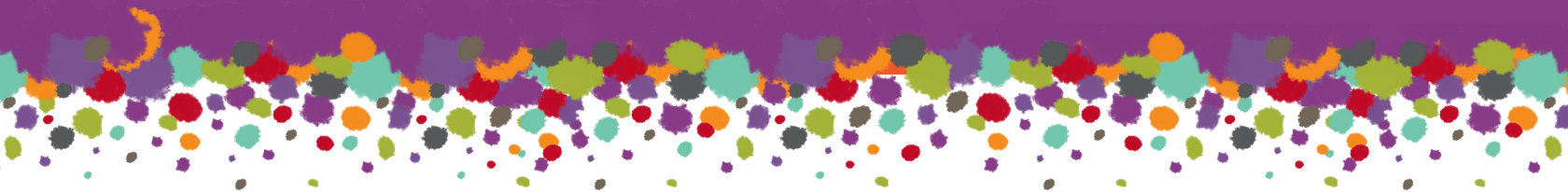
#### House District 28

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#### House District 46

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# Warren County



Number of Seats Available in November Election

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<b>City Government</b>						
<b>Ackworth</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 2 year term	–	1	–	1	–	1
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 4 year term	–	3	–	2	–	3
<i>School Board</i> Southeast Warren Community Schools 5 members - 4 year term	–	2	–	3	–	2
<i>City Boards &amp; Commissions</i> Call City Clerk	515-988-1828					
<b>Carlisle</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 4 year term	–	1	–	–	–	1
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 4 year term	–	2	–	3	–	2
<i>School Board</i> Carlisle Community School District 5 members - 4 year term	–	3	–	2	–	3
<i>City Boards &amp; Commissions</i> Contact City Clerk	515-989-3224					

Number of Seats Available in November Election

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<b>Cumming</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 4 year term	–	1	–	–	–	1
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 4 year term	–	2	–	3	–	2
<i>School Board</i> Norwalk Community School District	Check Norwalk section for Norwalk School Board Information					
<i>City Boards &amp; Commissions</i> Call Cumming City Hall	515-981-9214					
<b>Hartford</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 2 year term	–	1	–	1	–	1
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 4 year term	–	2	–	3	–	2
<i>School Board</i> Carlisle Community School District	Check Carlisle section for Carlisle School Board Information					
<i>City Boards &amp; Commissions</i> Call Hartford City Hall	515-989-0267					
<b>Indianola</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 4 year term	–	1	–	–	–	1
<i>City Council</i> 6 members - 4 year term	–	3	–	3	–	3
<i>School Board</i> Indianola Community School District 7 members - 4 year term	–	3	–	4	–	3
<i>City Boards &amp; Commissions</i> List of Boards & Commissions: <a href="https://www.indianolaiowa.gov/164/Boards-Commissions">https://www.indianolaiowa.gov/164/Boards-Commissions</a> To apply, go to: <a href="https://www.indianolaiowa.gov/documentcenter/view/98">https://www.indianolaiowa.gov/documentcenter/view/98</a>						



Number of Seats Available in November Election

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<b>Martensdale</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 2 year term	–	1	–	1	–	1
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 4 year term	–	3	–	2	–	3
<i>School Board</i> Martensdale - St. Marys Community School District 5 members - 4 year term	–	3	–	2	–	3
<i>City Boards &amp; Commissions</i> Contact Martensdale City Hall	<a href="https://cityofmartensdale.com/boards-and-commissions">https://cityofmartensdale.com/boards-and-commissions</a>					
<b>Milo</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 2 year term	–	1	–	1	–	1
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 4 year term	–	3	–	2	–	3
<i>School Board</i> Southeast Warren School District	Check Ackworth section for Southeast Warren School Board Information					
<i>City Boards &amp; Commissions</i> Contact Milo City Clerk	<a href="mailto:cityclerk@cityofmilo.com">cityclerk@cityofmilo.com</a> 641-942-6241					
<b>New Virginia</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 2 year term	–	1	–	1	–	1
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 4 year term	–	2	–	3	–	2
<i>School Board</i> Interstate 35 School 5 members - 4 year term	–	2	–	3	–	2
<i>City Boards &amp; Commissions</i> Contact the City Clerk	641-449-3492 or by email at <a href="mailto:cityclerk@newvirginia.com">cityclerk@newvirginia.com</a>					

Number of Seats Available in November Election

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<b>Norwalk</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 4 year term	–	1	–	–	–	1
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 4 year term	–	2	–	3	–	2
<i>School Board</i> Norwalk Community School District 5 members - 4 year term	–	2	–	3	–	2
<i>City Boards &amp; Commissions</i> To apply, go to: <a href="https://www.norwalk.iowa.gov/government/boards_commissions_committees/index.php">https://www.norwalk.iowa.gov/government/boards_commissions_committees/index.php</a>						
<b>St. Marys</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 2 year term	–	1	–	1	–	1
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 2 year term	–	3	–	2	–	3
<i>School Board</i> Martensdale-St. Marys School District	Check Martensdale section for Martensdale-St. Marys School Board Information					
<b>Sandyville</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 2 year term	–	1	–	1	–	1
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 2 year term	–	5	–	5	–	5
<i>School Board</i> Indianola Community School District	Check Indianola section for Indianola School Board Information					
<b>Springhill</b>						
<i>Mayor</i> 2 year term	–	1	–	1	–	1
<i>City Council</i> 5 members - 2 year term	–	5	–	5	–	5
<i>School Board</i> Norwalk Community School District	Check Norwalk section for Norwalk School Board Information					

Number of Seats Available in November Election

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<b>County Government</b>						
<i>County Supervisors</i> 3 members - 4 year term	1	-	2	-	1	-
<i>County Attorney</i> 4 year term	-	-	1	-	-	-
<i>County Auditor</i> 4 year term	1	-	-	-	1	-
<i>County Recorder</i> 4 year term	-	-	1	-	-	-
<i>County Sheriff</i> 4 year term	1	-	-	-	1	-
<i>County Treasurer</i> 4 year term	-	-	1	-	-	-

*County Boards & Commissions*

List of County Boards & Commissions and to apply visit:

<https://www.warrencountya.gov/government/about-the-county/board-commissions/>

## State Legislature

### Iowa Senate

*4 year term*

To find the Senate district where you live, go to: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/find>

*Senate District 11*

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### Iowa House of Representatives

*2 year term*

To find the legislative district where you live, go to: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/find>

*House District 21*

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*House District 22*

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# State of Iowa and Federal



Number of Seats Available in November Election

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<b>Iowa Statewide Offices</b> <i>4 year term</i>						
<b>Governor</b>	-	-	1	-	-	-
<b>Attorney General</b>	-	-	1	-	-	-
<b>Auditor</b>	-	-	1	-	-	-
<b>Secretary of Agriculture</b>	-	-	1	-	-	-
<b>Secretary of State</b>	-	-	1	-	-	-
<b>Treasurer</b>	-	-	1	-	-	-

## State of Iowa Boards & Commissions

There are 195 State of Iowa Boards and Commissions that require members to serve. Boards range from professional licensing boards such as Accountancy or Nursing to Advisory Boards such as the Board of Corrections. Each board has a minimum of 3 members and some of the larger state boards have as many as 12 members. State law requires that all boards be balanced by gender, political affiliation, ethnicity and geography.

For a complete list of Iowa Boards and Commissions, go to: [Iowa Talent Bank Boards & Commissions](#)

To apply for an Iowa Board or Commission appointment, go to: [Iowa Talent Bank Open Board Positions](#)

Number of Seats Available in November Election

	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
<b>Federal Elections</b>						
<b>U.S. President</b> 4 year term	1	-	-	-	1	-
<b>U.S. Senate</b> 2 members - 6 year term	-	-	1	-	1	-
<b>U.S. Congress</b> <i>4 members - 2 year term</i>						
<i>District 1 - NE Iowa</i>	1	-	1	-	1	-
<i>District 2 - SE Iowa</i>	1	-	1	-	1	-
<i>District 3 - Des Moines &amp; SW Iowa</i>	1	-	1	-	1	-
<i>District 4 - NW/North Central Iowa</i>	1	-	1	-	1	-

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