

**PIACB Annual Meeting Held 8/26/21**  
**Meeting Chat – Edited Transcript**

[11:27 AM] Clark, Janice

Please feel free to submit comments to the Board using this chat or send an email to the board at pia.opengov@oag.state.md.us

[11:33 AM] Debra Gardner (Guest)

Will comments in the chat be part of the minutes of the meeting?

[11:34 AM] Rachel Graham (Guest)

Will there ever be a time that a training on the PIA - similar to what is offered for OMA - be available?

[11:34 AM] Ida Williams (Guest)

Does the Board have a specific timeframe to resolve disputes?

[11:37 AM] Debra Gardner (Guest)

I would like to suggest that the Board explore its authority to address issues that remain unresolved in the language of the statute by regulation. One example would be guidance on the discretion of custodians in deciding fee waivers.

[11:40 AM] (Guest)

Since procedures related to HB 183 should be finalized and made available to the public before the 7-1 - 2022, when might the public expect them?

[11:42 AM] Rachel Graham (Guest)

It would be really helpful.

[11:42 AM] Mosier, Bob

I would encourage the Board to offer the training Ms. Graham suggests. It would be very valuable to agencies.

[11:42 AM] Kershner, Lisa

The Ombudsman office will give PIA presentations and trainings on request

[11:43 AM] Kershner, Lisa

Trainings will likely be remote so long as covid is an issue.

[11:43 AM] Rachel Graham (Guest)

The OMA training is a virtual Web based training. That would be great.

[11:43 AM] Mosier, Bob

Ms. Kershner, perhaps a standard recorded training that agencies could access could be done, with more specific trainings on a case-by-case basis?

[11:44 AM] Kershner, Lisa

We've done some of that and will work to expand to cover new law

[11:44 AM] (Guest)

To AAG Klemm: Please confirm whether PIACB's authority is limited to the boundaries of the statute. In other words, the Board cannot deviate or go beyond the constraints of the law.

[11:46 AM] Ida Williams (Guest)

Does the Board have a specific timeframe to resolve disputes when they get involved?

(11:49 AM) Ida Williams (Guest)

Yes

[11:51 AM] Ida Williams (Guest)

Thank you.

[11:52 AM] Debra Gardner (gardnerd@publicjustice.org) (Guest)

My specific question is what authority does the Board have to issue implementing regulations.

[11:53 AM] Debra Gardner (gardnerd@publicjustice.org) (Guest)

I'm not talking about handling contested matters.

[11:55 AM] Kershner, Lisa

Yes!

[11:57 AM] Kershner, Lisa

Thank you, All!