



DATA PRACTICES HEARINGS FY26

This report provides information regarding receipts and expenditures for data practices hearings at the Court of Administrative Hearings.

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INTRODUCTION

Legislative Request

This report is issued to comply with Minnesota Statute, section 13.085, subdivision 7 (2026):

By September 1 each year, the chief administrative law judge must report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the office on receipt and expenditure of money under this section in the preceding fiscal year.

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Cost

As requested by Minnesota Statute 3.197, this report cost approximately \$100 to prepare.

REPORT

Purpose

The Government Data Practices Act provides that all government data are public unless a state or federal law says the data are not public.¹ The Act also provides that government agencies must keep all data in a way that makes it easy for members of the public to access public data.

If a government agency refuses access to public government data, the law allows individuals to file a complaint with the Court of Administrative Hearings (CAH).²

This report describes receipts received by CAH and expenditures made by CAH to hear these data practices complaints in Fiscal Year 2026.

Receipts

In previous years, receipts consisted of an appropriation from the general fund and filing fees.³ The general fund appropriation was allocated between CAH's Data Practices Fund, Election Campaign Fund, and Municipal Boundary Adjustment Fund. Transfers between the Data Practices Fund and Election Campaign Fund were completed when either was facing a deficit.

In state fiscal year 2026, CAH did not split its General Fund appropriation into three separate funds. Data Practices, Election Campaign, and Municipal Boundary Adjustment activities were accounted for within a single fund. As a result, there was no transfer between what were previously separate funds.

Expenditures

Expenditures consist of hours billed for each portion of an hour worked by an Administrative Law Judge or Staff Attorney to hear data practices complaints filed with CAH. The hourly rate billed is consistent with the hourly rate annually approved by the Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB).⁴

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Receipts		Expenditures	Deficit	Transfer from Election Campaign Fund to Data Practices Fund	Year-End Balance
Initial allocation of General Fund appropriation to Data Practices Fund	Filing fees				
\$65,000	\$8,000	(\$41,574)	\$0	\$0	\$31,426

¹ Minn. Stat. ch. 13 (2026).

² Minn. Stat. § 13.085 (2026).

³ 2019 Minn. Laws 1st Spec. Sess., ch.10, § 9; Minn. Stat. § 13.085, subd. 2(c).

⁴ See Minn. Stat. §§ 16A.126, subd. 1, and 14.53 (2026).