FROM	OBTP Public Records
TO	Robert Samuel White
DATE	November 4, 2026, 8:13 AM PT
SUBJECT	**RE: Public Records Request**

Dear Mr. White,

Thank you for your e-mails.

I appreciate you adjusting my title, as a board of two I carry a lot of roles. I don't mind if people direct their comments to one specific title, but I do appreciate you noticing that.

I want to also apologize for the delay in my response to your previous question about cost. I asked some other boards and commissions some questions prior to my response.

I would like to clarify a few things in hopes it assists you.

First each Board is run differently so some boards may have different rules for Public Records Requests.

Also, While a lot of Boards and Commissions use DAS services, we do have some independent boards who use different systems and technology platforms.

For the Board of Tax Practitioners, we do use DAS-IT and that is where the Boards archives are held.

For a Public Records request all searches start at the Board level unless there is a need to pull archives. Your public records request is for more current years which means that everything would be available to me during my search.

As mentioned in my first response to your PRR I did run a search of our e-mails and databases and found no responsive records. I would only run this through DAS-IT as a last stitch effort if the requester felt something could have been missed. In this case I don't believe that we would find anything else, but I like to let everyone know the options available.

As for cost it varies depending on how many files there are to search and how much time we estimate it will take.

After looking at your request and speaking with other small boards I wanted to share that if you have not already put a records request in with the Oregon State Police that would be your best bet. Since

your PRR is requests of Oregon State Police records they would all be held there and if any small boards and commissions communicated with them, they would also have those records and must share them with you. I am only mentioning this because small boards and commissions rarely if ever work with the State Police so many if not all small boards and commissions will not have any responsive records.

I do hope this helps to assist you and to clarify a little more.

Best,
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