



**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL-TECHNICAL EDUCATION**

**APPROVED MINUTES
IDAHO STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 25, 2016
Office of the State Board of Education
Len B. Jordan Building, 3rd Floor
Boise, Idaho**

A special meeting of the Idaho State Board of Education was held February 25, 2016 at the Office of the State Board of Education in Boise, Idaho. Board President Don Soltman presided, called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm Mountain Time, and requested a roll call of members.

Present:

Don Soltman, President	Dave Hill
Bill Goesling, Secretary	Richard Westerberg
Debbie Critchfield	Linda Clark
Sherri Ybarra, State Superintendent (arrived at 2:11 p.m. MST)	

Absent:

Emma Atchley, Vice President

BUSINESS AFFAIRS & HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Idaho State University – Collaborative Agreement – Medical Education

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Westerberg/Critchfield):

I move to authorize the President of Idaho State University to execute the Collaborative Affiliation Agreement between ISU and Idaho College of Osteopathic Medicine, LLC, as presented in Attachment 1.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously 7-0. Ms. Atchley was absent from voting.

Board member Westerberg introduced the item indicating the Governor and the Department of Commerce bring forward this proposed affiliation agreement, on behalf of ISU, to the Board for its consideration.

Ms. Marilyn Whitney from the Governor Office and Ms. Megan Ronk, Director, from the Department of Commerce provided a brief overview of the item. Ms. Whitney expressed on behalf of Governor Otter the support of the Board in this endeavor. Ms. Ronk explained how from a commerce perspective they became engaged with the Idaho Osteopathic Physicians Association. At Commerce, their primary objective is to promote business growth and investment in the state. Initial conversations occurred in early January. She remarked that this program would help address the critical physician shortage in our state. She shared statistics related to physician shortage in Idaho. Following the successful launch on the school in New Mexico, they looked to the Midwest as an area of expansion and encouraged them to consider Idaho. Private investors have proposed approximately \$110,000 and the project would create 300 direct and indirect jobs. Starting wages would be near \$80,000 for graduates.

Ms. Ronk expressed that this is truly a grass roots model and a public private partnership. It would operate as a Benefit Corporation which is a new corporation class and have the ability to adopt a mission to support the public good. Ms. Ronk reviewed the accelerated timeline associated with the project and expressed that this is a real opportunity to expand medical programs in Idaho.

Dr. Clark asked for clarification on the status of Idaho's potential selection. Ms. Ronk responded that if the Board takes positive action today, it would move Idaho ahead putting it in a strong position to move forward. Dr. Clark asked about expanded residency slots. Ms. Ronk expressed there is a strong commitment to build out a residency network in Idaho and strong clinical affiliation in other states while they work through the accreditation process. Ms. Whitney remarked that building capacity in residencies is very important to the state.

OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was entertained.

M/S (Critchfield/Westerberg): To adjourn the meeting at 2:23 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.