



**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
May 2, 2024  
Office of the State Board of Education  
650 West State Street, Suite 307  
Boise, ID 83720**

A special meeting of the Idaho State Board of Education was held at the Office of the State Board of Education on May 2, 2024. Board President Dr. Linda Clark presided and called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. (MT).

**Present**

Dr. Linda Clark, President	Dr. David Hill
William G. Gilbert, Jr., Vice-President	Cally Roach
Superintendent Critchfield, Secretary	Cindy Siddoway

**Absent**

Kurt Liebich	Shawn Keough
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**Thursday, May 2, 2024, 10:30 a.m. (Mountain Time)**

**INSTRUCTION, RESEARCH AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

1. ISU – Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice (corrected motion) – Action Item

Mrs. Roach clarified that the reason this item was being brought back for the Board's attention was at the last Board meeting the motion failed to waive Policy III.G which waives the external peer review requirement. The review process will be done by the accreditation body.

**BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Roach / Gilbert) I move to approve the request by Idaho State University for a one-time waiver of Board Policy III.G.3.a.i.(2) to allow for the specialized accreditation review to fulfill the Board's external peer review requirement for the Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice program proposal. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 6-0. Shawn Keough and Kurt Liebich were absent from voting.**

There were no comments or questions from the Board.

**BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RESOURCES**

1. UI – Planning and Design for New Residential Facility – Action Item

Brian Foisy, Vice President for Finance and Administration, University of Idaho, said the request before the Board today is for \$12 million dollars of limited pre-design and development authorization for a housing improvement project. The project is designed and divided into a graduate professional parenting and family corridor and an undergraduate corridor. The graduate and professional corridors located in the south and east corner of campus include apartments with a total bed count, decreasing from 450 to 400 using only 1/3 of the old footprint. Meaning UI is preserving future development potential for university needs and other revenue generating opportunities.

The old apartments on the other 2/3's of the existing footprint on the South Hill site will not be torn down until new units are in place, allowing UI to continue to collect rents during the construction of the new units.

The undergraduate corridors located on the north end of campus near the student recreation center include remodels of almost 1,425 beds in the Wallace Resident Center, Theopolis Tower and the Elmwood property plus the addition of a new undergraduate building with 400 beds. With these projects in the undergraduate corridor, UI would eventually end the lease of the motel located north of campus known as the North Campus Communities thereby reducing bed count by 200.

To recap, with this project UI will be down 50 beds in the graduate corridor; up 400 beds for a new undergraduate facility and down 200 beds to end the North Campus Community's lease which is a net increase of 150 beds in addition to the remodel of over 100 exiting beds.

Project hard costs are estimated at approximately \$140 million dollars. Total project costs, including design and development and appropriate project contingencies is estimated at \$195 million. The ultimate source of funds for this project is debt issued either by UI directly or in connection with UI's master development partner. The debt service would be paid from housing revenues at the institution and the university would remain below the state board debt ceiling of eight percent.

UI is proposing to deliver this project in a phased approach in order to provide a check in at approximately the halfway point to verify that projects are still on time and on budget and evaluate the impact of the enrollment cliff before moving to new stages of development. This project will be broken into four new construction and renovation phases. When one phase is offline for construction the other three phases will stay online. For new construction the proposal is to begin with south hall which is the oldest and most rundown of the buildings.

Mr. Foisy said in summary the request today is only for limited approval for \$12 million dollars for pre-design and development authorization work for a housing improvement project. UI will then return to the Board at a future meeting and seek approval on the proposed financing path and full Board approval.

## **BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Gilbert / Hill) I move to approve the University of Idaho request to proceed with the initial design and development phase of the on-campus housing improvements, for a total cost of up to \$12,000,000 as described in the materials presented. Approval includes the authority for the Vice President for Finance and Administration to execute all necessary and requisite consulting and vendor contracts to implement the design and pre-development phase of this project. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 6-0. Shawn Keough and Kurt Liebich were absent from voting.**

Mr. Gilbert said there was some discussion in the BAHR meeting around having off-ramps for this project as it pertains to changes in financing. Mr. Foisy said longer conversations concerning the financing of this project will be happening.

Matt Freeman, Executive Director, Idaho State Board of Education asked if the total project costs include furniture, fixtures, and equipment. Mr. Foisy said yes, it does.

There were no further comments or questions from the Board.

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

## **BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Gilbert / Hill) I move to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m. (MT). A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried 6-0. Shawn Keough and Kurt Liebich were absent from voting.**