



STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
October 15-16, 2025
Lewis-Clark State College
Williams Conference Center
500 8th Avenue, Lewiston, ID 83501

A regular meeting of the Idaho State Board of Education was held at the Lewis-Clark State College on October 15 and 16, 2025. Board President, Kurt Liebich, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Present

Kurt Liebich
Cally Roach
Cindy Siddoway
Debbie Critchfield

William G. Gilbert, Jr.
Shawn Keough
David Turnbull
Peter Koehler

President Liebich welcomed Peter Koehler to the Board, and thanked Dr. Linda Clark for her service on the Board and for the significant impact Dr. Clark has had on education in Idaho.

BOARDWORK

1. Agenda Review and Approval

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Keough) I move to approve the agenda as posted. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

2. Minutes Review and Approval

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Roach) I move to approve the minutes for the August 20, 2025, Regular Board Meeting. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

3. Rolling Calendar

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Roach) I move to set October 14-15, 2026, as the date, and Lewis-Clark State College as the location, for the October 2026 Regular Board Meeting;

AND

I move to eliminate the February 2026 Regular Board Meeting;

AND

I move to change the location of the June 16-18, 2026, Regular Board Meeting from Idaho State University to Boise State University;

AND

I move to change the date and location of the August 19, 2026, Virtual Board Meeting to August 12-13, 2026, at Idaho State University. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

CONSENT

PPGA

1. Idaho Division of Career Technical Education - Limited Occupational Specialist Certificate Extension – Action Item
2. Idaho State Rehabilitation Council Membership – Action Item
3. Accountability Oversight Committee Appointment – Action Item

IDE

4. Emergency Provisional Certificate Recommendations – Action Item
5. Career Technical Education Appointment to the Professional Standards Commission – Action Item
6. Proposed Adoption of the World-Class Instructional Design Assessment (WIDA Consortium) – Alternate Assessment Achievement Level Standards – Action Item

IRSA

7. Graduate Medical Education Committee New Appointments – Action Item

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Roach) I move to approve the Consent Agenda. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – LEWIS-CLARK STATE COLLEGE

1. Dr. Cynthia Pemberton, President, Lewis-Clark State College presented Lewis-Clark State College's Annual Report.
2. Lewis-Clark State College students Rayne Martinez, Katherine Schneider, Connor Alexander, Levi Johnson, Rosalia Tamayo-Navejar, Carol Carillo, Zander London, and Fabian Rebeterano addressed the Board.
3. Lewis-Clark State College employees Allison M. Silvestri, Charles D. Bell, Diana L. Higgins, Jack N. DeWenter, Brent L. Booth, Bryce G. Kammers, Heidi L. Greene, and Robert Clifford addressed the Board.

President Liebich placed the Board at recess at 3:16 p.m.

President Liebich reconvened the Board at 3:27 p.m.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Dr. Heidi Estrem, Chief Academic Officer, Office of the State Board of Education (OSBE), presented the first reading of Board Policy II.G., Policies Regarding Faculty (Institutional Faculty Only).

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Turnbull) I move to approve the first reading of amendments to Board Policy II.G. Policies Regarding Faculty (Institutional Faculty Only) as presented in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

2. Patrick Coulson, Chief Financial Officer, OSBE, and Mark Eisenman, Chief Audit Executive, OSBE, presented the first reading of Board Policy V.H., Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Roach) I move to approve the first reading of the proposed amendments to Board Policy V.H. as presented in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

3. Patrick Coulson and Stacy Pearson, Interim Chief Financial Officer, Boise State University presented the first reading of Board Policy V.X., Intercollegiate Athletics.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Koehler) I move to approve the first reading of the proposed amendments to Board Policy Section V.X. as presented in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

4. Patrick Coulson presented the second reading of Board Policy V.T., Fee Waivers.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Roach) I move to approve the second reading of the proposed amendment to Board Policy V.T. Fee Waivers as presented in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

5. Brian Foisy, Vice President for the Division of Finance and Administration, University of Idaho (UI) and Kim Salisbury, Senior Associate Vice President for Finance and Planning, UI, presented their request for Design Phase Authorization of the Tennis Center Restoration Project.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Turnbull) I move to approve the request by the University of Idaho to implement the planning, programming, and design phases of a Capital Project for the University of Idaho Tennis Courts Improvements, in the amount of \$770,100. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

7. Jennifer White, Executive Director, Idaho State Board of Education, presented Peter Risse to be appointed as the Administrator of the Idaho Division of Career and Technical Education (IDCTE) and Adrian San Miguel and Tia Davis as Assistant Administrators at IDCTE.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Koehler) I move to appoint Peter Risse as Administrator of the Idaho Division of Career Technical Education at the rate of \$78.99/hour with a start date of September 29, 2025.

AND

I move to approve the designation of Adrian San Miguel and Tia Davis as Assistant Administrators at the Idaho Division of Career Technical Education. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

1. Superintendent Critchfield, Idaho Department of Education (IDE), presented an update on K-12 education.
2. Greg Wilson, Chief of Staff, IDE, presented the Assessment Item Review Committee's recommendations.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Critchfield / Koehler) I move to approve the removal of the one (1) flagged item from the 2025-26 Assessment Item Review Committee. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

President Liebich placed the Board at recess at 5:35 p.m.

Thursday, October 16, 2025 – 9:00 a.m. (Pacific Time)

President Liebich reconvened the Board at 9:01 a.m.

PLANNING, POLICY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS (9:05-9:30 pm)

1. Matthew Reiber, External Affairs and Strategy Officer, OSBE, and Peter Risse, Administrator, IDCTE, presented the second reading of Board Policy VII.C., Idaho Division of Career Technical Education Certification.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Keough / Roach) I move to approve the second reading of Board Policy VII.C. Career Technical Educator Certification as provided in Attachment 1.

Motion carried by voice vote.

2. Jeff Tucker, General Manager of Idaho Public Television, presented a budget update to the Board.
3. Board Member David Turnbull, provided the Board an update on the Boise State University President Search.

INSTRUCTION, RESEARCH AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

1. Dr. Heidi Estrem and Dr. Adam Bradford, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Idaho State University (ISU), presented the first reading of Board Policy III.E., Certificates and Degrees.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Roach / Turnbull) I move to approve the first reading of proposed amendments to Board Policy III.E. Certificates and Degrees as submitted in Attachment 1 and to establish a cap of no more than three new reduced-credit baccalaureate programs per postsecondary institution as part of a pilot phase that will allow Board staff and participating institutions to assess public interest and industry need. Board staff and participating institutions are directed to report back to the Board with findings and recommendations in accordance with a timeline established by the Board's Executive Director.

2. Dr. Heidi Estrem presented the first reading of Board Policy III.Q., Admission Standards.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Roach / Keough) I move to approve the first reading of proposed amendments to Board Policy III.Q, Admission Standards as presented in Attachment 1.

3. Dr. Heidi Estrem presented the first reading of Board Policy III.U., Instructional Material Access and Affordability.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Roach / Keough) I move to approve the first reading of Board Policy III.U. Instructional Material Access and Affordability, as submitted in Attachment 1.

4. Dr. Heidi Estrem provided an update on Academic Program Exemptions – Community Colleges (Idaho Code § 67-5909D).

President Liebich placed the Board at recess at 9:59 a.m.
President Liebich reconvened the Board at 10:11 a.m.

WORK SESSION

IRSA

1. Dr. Heidi Estrem led a discussion on Demonstrating the Value of Postsecondary Education.

INFORMATIONAL

PPGA

1. Lewis-Clark State College – Annual Progress Report – Information Item

IDE

2. Professional Standards Commission 2024-2025 Annual Report – Information Item

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Turnbull) I move to adjourn the meeting. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

President Liebich adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.