



**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
December 17, 2025  
Office of the State Board of Education  
650 West State Street, Suite 307  
Boise, ID 83720**

A regular meeting of the Idaho State Board of Education was held at the office of Idaho State Board of Education on December 17, 2025. Board President, Kurt Liebich, called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. (MT).

**Present**

Kurt Liebich, President  
William G. Gilbert, Jr., Vice President  
Cally Roach, Secretary  
David Turnbull  
Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent

Kurt Liebich  
Shawn Keough  
Cindy Siddoway  
Peter C. Koehler

**BOARDWORK**

1. Agenda Review and Approval – Action Item

**BOARD ACTION**

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

2. Minutes Review and Approval – Action Item

**BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Gilbert / Roach) I move to approve the minutes for the October 15 and 16, 2025 Regular Board Meeting, and the November 20, 2025 Special Board Meeting. *Motion carried by voice vote.***

3. Rolling Calendar – Action Item

**BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Gilbert / Roach) I move to set December 16, 2026, as the date for the December 2026 Regular Board Meeting to occur via videoconference originating from the Office of the State Board of Education in Boise. *Motion carried by voice vote.***

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Richard Hershman, Vice President of Government Relations, National Association of College Stores, provided testimony in opposition of Board Policy III.U, Instructional Material Access and Affordability.

2. Amy Vecchione provided testimony in support of Board Policy III.U, Instructional Material Access and Affordability.

## **CONSENT**

### **BAHR**

1. FY2025 College/Universities Audits – Reported by Idaho State Board of Education External Auditor Clifton Larsen Allen LLP – Action Item
2. Retirement Committee – Idaho State Board of Education Optional Retirement Program (ORP) 401(a), Supplemental 403(b), and Voluntary Deferred Compensation 457(b) Plan Restatements – Action Item
3. Boise State University – University Ticketing Service – Action Item
4. Boise State University – 6-Year Capital Plan Updates – Action Item
5. University of Idaho – 6-Year Capital Plan Updates – Action Item
6. University of Idaho – Employment Contract Head Women’s Basketball Coach, Arthur Moreira – Action Item

### **PPGA**

7. Idaho State Rehabilitation Council Appointments – Action Item
8. Data Management Council Appointments – Action Item
9. College of Southern Idaho Educator Preparation Program Review – Action Item

### **IDE**

10. Emergency Provisional Certificate Recommendations – Action Item

### **IRSA**

11. General Education Committee Appointment – Action Item

## **BOARD ACTION**

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

## **PLANNING, POLICY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

1. Division of Career Technical Education – Educator Apprenticeship Program – Action Item – Alison Henken, Policy Director, Office of the State Board of Education (OSBE) and Peter Risse, Administrator, Idaho Career Technical Education presented the proposed administration changes of the K-12 and Special Education Teacher registered apprenticeship program.

## **BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Keough / Turnbull) I move to approve the request by the Division of Career Technical Education to assume administration of the K-12 and Special Education Teacher registered apprenticeship programs approved by the Board. *Motion carried by voice vote.***

2. Board Policy I.Q. Accountability Oversight Committee – First Reading – Action Item – Alison Henken presented the first reading of Board Policy I.Q..

## **BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Keough / Turnbull) I move to approve the first reading of amendments to Board Policy I.Q. Accountability Oversight Committee, as provided in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.***

3. Idaho State Department of Education – Federal Flexibility Recommendations – Information Item – Alison Henken and Superintendent Critchfield, Idaho Department of Education (IDE) presented the process of the Federal Flexibility Recommendations.

## **IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

1. Superintendent Critchfield delivered an update on K-12 education.
2. 2025 Curricular Materials – Action Item – Greg Wilson, Chief of Staff, IDE, presented the 2025 Curricular Materials recommendation.

## **BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Critchfield / Roach) I move to approve the recommendation of the Curricular Materials Selection Committee to adopt curricular materials and related instructional materials for K-12 Science and CTE, as submitted in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.***

*President Liebich placed the Board at recess at 10:31 a.m.*

*President Liebich reconvened the meeting at 10:45 a.m.*

## **INSTRUCTION, RESEARCH AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

1. Board Policy III.E. Certificates and Degrees – Second Reading – Action Item – Heidi Estrem, Chief Academic Officer, OSBE, introduced the second reading of Board Policy III.E., Certificates and Degrees.

## **BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Roach / Turnbull) I move to approve the second 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 shared by the Board's Executive Director. *Motion carried by voice vote.***

2. Board Policy III.Q. Admission Standards – Second Reading – Action Item – Heidi Estrem presented the second reading of Board Policy III.Q., Admission Standards.

**BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Roach / Gilbert) I move to approve the second reading of proposed amendments to Board Policy III.Q, Admission Standards as presented in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.***

3. Board Policy III.U. Instructional Material Access and Affordability – First Reading – Action Item – Heidi Estrem introduced the first reading of Board Policy III.U., Instructional Material Access and Affordability.

**BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Roach / Turnbull) I move to approve the first reading of Board Policy III.U. Instructional Material Access and Affordability, as submitted in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.***

4. Idaho State University – Bachelor of Applied Science in Applied Business and Professional Sales (3YR) – Action Item – Heidi Estrem presented Idaho State University's (ISU), proposal to create a reduced-credit Bachelor of Applied Science in Applied Business and Professional Sales.

**BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Roach / Critchfield) I move to approve the request by Idaho State University to create a reduced-credit Bachelor of Applied Science in Applied Business and Professional Sales as presented in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.***

5. Idaho State University – Bachelor of Applied Science in Intelligent and Trustworthy Digital Systems (3YR) – Action Item – Heidi Estrem presented ISU's proposal to create a reduced-credit Bachelor of Applied Science in Intelligent and Trustworthy Digital Systems.

**BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Roach / Turnbull) I move to approve the request by Idaho State University to create a reduced-credit Bachelor of Applied Science in Intelligent and Trustworthy Digital Systems as presented in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.***

6. Idaho State University – Bachelor of Applied Science in Law Enforcement Management and Leadership (3YR) – Action Item – Heidi Estrem introduced ISU's request to add a Three-Year BAS in Law Enforcement Management and Leadership.

**BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Roach / Critchfield) I move to approve the request by Idaho State University to add a Three-Year BAS in Law Enforcement Management and Leadership as presented in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.***

7. Idaho State University – Family Nurse Practitioner Graduate Certificate – Professional Program Fee – Action Item – Heidi Estrem presented ISU’s request to add a professional program fee to the Nursing: Family Nurse Practitioner Graduate Certificate program.

**BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Roach / Turnbull) I move to approve the request by Idaho State University to add a professional program fee of \$200.00 per credit to the Nursing: Family Nurse Practitioner Graduate Certificate program, in conformance with the program budget submitted to the Board in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.***

8. Nuclear and Critical Materials Postsecondary Programs and Partnerships – Information Item – Heidi Estrem; Blake Sanchez, North Idaho, College (NIC) Student Body President; Isaac Celedon, Boise State University (BSU), Student Body President; Denise Aberle-Cannata, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, College of Western Idaho (CWI); Dr. Suzie Long, Dean of the College of Engineering, University of Idaho (UI); Dr. Adam Bradford, Provost, Idaho State University (ISU); Dr. Todd Combs, Deputy Lab Director and Chief Research Officer, Idaho National Laboratory (INL); Trevor Elordi, Vice President, Workforce Training and Continuing Education and Facilities and Operations, College of Eastern Idaho (CEI); Dr. Lori Barber, President, CEI; Gordon Jones, President, CWI; Scott Green, President, UI; Dr. Dean Fisher, President, College of Southern Idaho (CSI); Dr. Jeremiah Shinn, President, BSU; Dr. Nick Swayne, President, NIC; and Dr. Robert Wagner, President, ISU; presented on the Nuclear and Critical Materials Postsecondary Programs and Partnerships.

*President Liebich placed the Board at recess at 11:45 a.m.*

*President Liebich reconvened the meeting at 12:45 p.m.*

**BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RESOURCES**

1. Policy II.G. Policies Regarding Faculty (Institutional Faculty Only) – Second Reading – Action Item – Heidi Estrem introduced the second reading of Policy II.G., Policies Regarding Faculty (Institutional Faculty Only).

**BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Gilbert / Turnbull) I move to approve the second 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, introduced the Second Reading of Policy V.E. Gifts and Affiliated Foundations.

**BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Gilbert / Koehler) I move to approve the second reading of the proposed revisions to Board Policy V.E. - Gifts and Affiliated Foundations, as presented in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.***

3. Policy V.H. Audits – Second Reading – Action Item – Mark Eisenman, Chief Audit Executive, OSBE, presented the Second Reading of Policy V.H., Audits.

**BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Gilbert / Roach) I move to approve the second reading of the proposed amendments to Board Policy V.H. – Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee as presented in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.***

4. Policy V.K. Construction Projects – Second Reading – Action Item – Patrick Coulson introduced the Second Reading of Policy V.K., Construction Projects.

**BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Gilbert / Turnbull) I move to approve the second reading of proposed amendments to Policy V.K.- Construction Projects, as provided in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.***

5. Policy V.X. Intercollegiate Athletics – Second Reading – Action Item – Stacy Pearson, Interim Chief Financial Officer, Boise State University (BSU) presented Policy V.X., Intercollegiate Athletics.

**BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Gilbert / Roach) I move to approve the second reading of the proposed amendments to Board Policy Section V.X. – Intercollegiate Athletics as presented in Attachments 1-3. *Motion carried by voice vote.***

6. Boise State University – LIMBR Center Planning and Design – Action Item – Drew Alexander, Associate Vice President, Campus Operations, BSU, and Annie Hightower, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, BSU, presented their request for the planning and design of the LIMBR Center.

**BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Gilbert / Koehler) I move to approve the request by Boise State University for planning and design of the LIMBR Center project for a total cost not to exceed \$630,000.00. *Motion carried by voice vote.***

7. Boise State University – Morrison Center Bathrooms Remodel – Action Item – Drew Alexander, and Annie Hightower presented BSU's request of the Morrison Center's Bathroom remodel project.

**BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Gilbert / Turnbull) I move to approve the request by Boise State University for construction of the Morrison Center Restroom Remodel project for a total cost not to exceed \$4,000,000.00. *Motion carried by voice vote.***

8. Boise State University – University Plaza Parking Garage Repairs – Action Item  
Drew Alexander and Annie Hightower introduced BSU’s request for construction of the University Plaza Garage Repairs project.

**BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Gilbert / Roach) I move to approve the request by Boise State University for construction of the University Plaza Garage Repairs project for a total cost not to exceed \$2,500,000.00. *Motion carried by voice vote.***

9. Idaho State University – P3 Student Housing Development – Action Item – Brian Sagendorf, Vice President, Operations, Idaho State University (ISU) and Brooks Pierce, Managing Director, ISU, presented ISU’s request to solicit proposals to develop additional student housing.

**BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Gilbert / Roach) I move to approve Idaho State University's request to solicit proposals from the private market for a public-private partnership to develop additional student housing on the Pocatello campus. I further authorize ISU’s Vice President of Operations to execute all necessary documents for this solicitation. ISU will seek final board approval of the development agreement and contracts before construction begins. *Motion carried by voice vote.***

10. University of Idaho – 4<sup>th</sup> Street Renovations and Improvements Project, Prichard Gallery – Action Item – Brian Foisy, Vice President, Division of Finance and Administration, University of Idaho (UI), introduced UI’s request to implement a design-build process and construction phases of the Prichard Gallery.

**BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Gilbert / Turnbull) I move to approve the request by the University of Idaho to implement a design-build process and the planning, programming, design, and construction phases of a Capital Project for the University of Idaho 4th Street Building Renovations and Improvements, Prichard Gallery, in the amount of \$2,800,000. Authorization includes the authority for the Vice President for Finance and Administration to execute all necessary and requisite consulting and vendor contracts to implement the project. *Motion carried by voice vote.***

*President Liebich placed the Board at ease at 1:45 p.m.*

*President Liebich reconvened the meeting at 1:55 p.m.*

11. Undergraduate Medical Education Update – Information Item – Jennifer White, Executive Director, OSBE, provided the Board an updated regarding Undergraduate Medical Education.
12. University of Idaho – Regional Medical Education Campus Model Collaboration Agreement with the University of Utah School of Medicine – Action Item – *Board Acting as the Board of Regents* – Sunny Wallace, Chief of Staff, UI, introduced UI’s proposed agreement with the University of Utah Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine.

## **BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Gilbert / Turnbull) I move to approve the request by the University of Idaho to enter into a Collaboration (“Bridge”) Agreement with the University of Utah Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine for the development of a regional medical-education campus model in Idaho, and to authorize the University of Idaho to proceed with associated planning, programming, and design activities in partnership with Idaho State University and the University of Utah. *Motion carried by voice vote.***

13. Outcomes Based Funding Update – Information Item – Jennifer White presented the Board with an update regarding the Outcomes Based Funding Model report that is due to the Legislature by January 1.

*President Liebich placed the Board at ease at 2:24 p.m.*

*President Liebich reconvened the meeting at 2:44 p.m.*

## **WORK SESSION**

### **IRSA**

1. Postsecondary Civics Education: Present and Future – Information Item – Heidi Estrem, Isaac Celedon, Blake Sanchez, President Cynthia Pemberton, Lewis-Clark State College; President Dean Fisher, President Scott Green, President Lori Barber, President Robert Wager, President Nick Swayne, and President Gordon Jones, presented how each of their institutions are supporting Postsecondary Civics Education.

## **INSTRUCTION, RESEARCH AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

9. America’s Next 250: Enhancing Postsecondary Civic Knowledge and Engagement in Idaho – A Plan – Action Item – Heidi Estrem introduced America’s Next 250: Enhancing Postsecondary Civic Knowledge and Engagement in Idaho plan.

## **BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Roach / Critchfield) move to approve *America’s Next 250: Enhancing Postsecondary Civic Knowledge and Engagement in Idaho* plan for postsecondary civics education and direct Board staff to establish institutional reporting metrics and timelines. *Motion carried by voice vote.***

10. Update on Academic Program Exemptions (Idaho Code § 67-5909D) – Information Item – Jennifer White provided the Board an update on Academic Program Exemptions.

#### **PLANNING, POLICY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**

4. State Board of Education Re-brand – Action Item – Jennifer White introduced the rebrand of the State Board of Education.

#### **BOARD ACTION**

**M/S (Siddoway / Gilbert) I move to approve the State Board of Education re-brand, including the logo, mission statement, values, and tagline as presented in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.***

#### **INFORMATIONAL**

##### **BAHR**

1. Boise State University – Campus Master Plan Summary – Information Item
2. College/Universities – Financial Ratios Annual Report – Information Item
3. College/Universities – Net Position Balances Annual Report – Information Item

##### **PPGA**

4. 2025 Annual Educator Evaluation Review – Information Item

##### **IDE**

5. English Learners Proficiency Report – Information Item

#### **BOARD ACTION**

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

*President Liebich convened the meeting at 4:44 p.m.*