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BOARD ANNOUNCES PROCESS TO SELECT BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE COLLEGE OF EASTERN IDAHO

(Boise). Today, the State Board of Education announced the process for selecting the inaugural Board of Trustees for the College of Eastern Idaho. The process is being announced as a result of the May 16th Bonneville County election in which voters approved establishing the community college district.

“A new community college in Bonneville County will be transformative for the community and the entire state by dramatically increasing access to affordable postsecondary opportunities. I congratulate and thank the voters of Bonneville County for their overwhelming support of this historic and forward-looking decision. The State Board of Education will act quickly to appoint the College of Eastern Idaho Board of Trustees so they can start the important work of offering academic programs,” said Matt Freeman, Executive Director of the Idaho State Board of Education.

Idaho state law charges the State Board with selecting the first trustees. The process is as follows:

- The Bonneville County Commission must first certify the election results and declare that the community college district is established, designating its name and boundaries. A certified copy of such order must be filed with the State Board.
- The newly established community college district must be divided into five trustee zones for purposes of equal representation among residents. The State Board must approve the zone boundaries, and it is anticipated that this will be done June 15, 2017, during the State Board’s regularly scheduled meeting.
- Upon approval of the zone boundaries, the State Board will publicly request that individuals interested in serving as a trustee submit a resume and cover letter stating their interest and qualifications. Applicants must live within the College of Eastern Idaho district. The State Board will select the five trustees from the pool of applicants. One trustee per zone will be selected, and each trustee must live within boundaries of his or her respective zone. Trustees will be selected by mid-July. The inaugural Board of Trustees will serve until the next general election, which is scheduled for November 6, 2018. More information will be available on the State Board’s web site and a future public announcement.

The State Board of Education is charged with the general supervision and governance of the public educational institutions and the public school system of the State of Idaho. To learn more about the Idaho State Board of Education, please visit www.boardofed.idaho.gov.

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