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## **STATE BOARD APPOINTS COLLEGE OF EASTERN IDAHO TRUSTEES AND APPROVES ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM**

(Boise). Today, the Idaho State Board of Education made two major decisions to enable the College of Eastern Idaho (CEI) to offer academic programs starting with the Fall 2017 semester.

Upon establishment of the College of Eastern Idaho Community College District (District), the State Board is required to appoint the initial five-member Board of Trustees to govern the District. The entire District is divided into five Trustee zones, with one member appointed per zone. There were more than 50 candidates who applied, and after careful review, the State Board appointed the following individuals to serve as Trustees:

Stephanie Mickelsen (Zone 1)  
Calvin Ozaki (Zone 2)  
Park Price (Zone 3)  
Craig Miller (Zone 4)  
Carrie Scheid (Zone 5)

Beginning in November 2018, CEI Trustees will be selected by voters.

The State Board also approved an Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts degree to be offered by CEI beginning with the Fall 2017 semester, which will allow CEI students to enroll as degree-seeking undergraduates. Academic coursework completed may be transferable to other four-year and two-year universities and colleges in Idaho. The curriculum to be offered is consistent with Associate of Arts programs across the state, and instructional resources will be provided through one-time state funding, community college district tax revenue, and tuition and fees. Students will also be eligible to receive financial aid as a result of having degree-seeking status.

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](http://www.boardofed.idaho.gov).

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