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BOARD DETERMINES EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS VALID

In response to a complaint filed by the Office of the Attorney General, the Idaho State Board of Education met today and determined that no open meeting violation occurred at its May 15, 2023 executive session, and therefore no cure was necessary. The Board adopted this determination by a unanimous vote.

Following the vote, Board President Dr. Linda Clark made the following statement: "The attorneys engaged in this transaction determined that the exemption applied. Even now, with the benefit of hindsight analysis, we believe the exemption applies; therefore, no violation occurred, and no cure is necessary."

The Office of the State Board of Education is now in the process of seeking to retain independent counsel for purposes of advising the Board as to the merits of the legal claims and defenses to the lawsuit filed by the Office of the Attorney General, and representing the Board in court.

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