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BOARD APPROVES TUITION AND FEE INCREASES

The Idaho State Board of Education approved a 3.5 percent tuition and fee increase at each of Idaho's four-year institutions for the coming academic year. The move occurred during a special Board meeting held today in Boise.

Institution leaders based their requests on inflationary costs, increased operational pressures and costs associated with state mandated cost of living increases for employees.

"We have to keep in mind that where our institutions are starting from is a position of incredible affordability, we have some of the lowest cost tuition rates in the entire nation," Board President Kurt Liebich said. "Inflation is real. We are in an environment that we haven't seen since the 1970s. I think all of the institutions articulated why there is a need for this increase, and I think it is reasonable and necessary for the health and sustainability of our institutions."

Here's a breakdown of what the 3.5 percent increase means for annual tuition and fee costs at each institution for full-time resident undergraduate students in academic year 2025/26:

	Current Year	Next Year
• Idaho State University	\$8,610	\$8,914
• Lewis-Clark State College	\$7,610	\$7,876

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| • University of Idaho | \$9,084 | \$9,400 |
| • Boise State University | \$9,048 | \$9,364 |

Students participating in recent Board meetings have talked openly about the value proposition of higher education in Idaho compared to other states. Many testified that Idaho's resident tuition and fees rates are a primary reason they are attending college in Idaho.

Other actions during today's special Board meeting include:

- Board President Kurt Liebich announced that Board member Bill Gilbert and Board member Cally Roach will serve on the Board's executive committee as vice president and secretary respectfully and that Dr. Linda Clark will continue to serve on the executive committee as past president.
- The Board formally appointed Dr. Jeremiah Shinn to serve as Boise State's interim president until the Board names a new president. Shinn currently serves as Boise State's vice president for student affairs and enrollment management. Current Boise State President Dr. Marlene Tromp will transition to her new role as president of the University of Vermont after Boise State's Spring commencement next weekend.

The Idaho State Board of Education's next regular meeting is scheduled June 17-18, 2025 on the campus of Idaho State University in Pocatello.

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