



**Special Board of Education Meeting
May 2, 2025
Idaho State Board of Education
OSBE Conference Room
650 West State Street, Suite 307
Boise, ID 83720**

A special meeting of the Idaho State Board of Education was held at the offices of the Idaho State Board of Education on May 2, 2025.

Present

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

Dr. Linda Clark
Shawn Keough
Cindy Siddoway
David Turnbull

President Kurt Liebich called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. (MDT).

BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Clifton Larson Allen, LLC Contract Amendment for External Auditing Services – Action Item

Bill Gilbert provided an overview of the contract amendment for Clifton Larson Allen, LLC. The Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee, (ARC), reviewed this proposal during its February meeting and expressed support for moving forward with the extension.

Shawn Keough, ARC Committee Chair, noted that the contract and performance was thoroughly reviewed by the ARC. Patrick Coulson, Chief Financial Officer, Office of the State Board of Education, (OSBE), commented that the firm has been excellent to work with and has shown continuous improvement each year.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Keough) I move to approve the three-year contract amendment with Clifton Larson Allen, LLC for auditing services, and to authorize the Chief Financial Officer to facilitate the execution of the contract amendment with the Division of Purchasing on behalf of the State Board of Education. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

2. Boise State University – Consideration of Interim President Appointment – Action Item

Bill Gilbert explained the necessity of appointing an Interim President for Boise State University, (BSU), and provided the Board with an overview of Dr. Jeremiah Shinn's qualifications.

Kurt Liebich stated Dr. Shinn's open-ended appointment is essential due to the ongoing search process and the need for stable leadership to manage day-to-day operations effectively. David Turnbull noted that Mr. Shinn will not be applying for the position of President at BSU and that was a pivotal reason why he was chosen.

Jeremiah Shinn stated he appreciated the confidence and looks forward to serving BSU and the Board.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Turnbull) I move to approve the appointment of Dr. Jeremiah Shinn as Interim President of Boise State University, effective May 11, 2025, until a new Boise State President is selected by the State Board of Education, at an annual salary of \$449,000 (which is 95% the prior incumbent's rate) and to authorize the Board President to execute an employment agreement with Dr. Shinn.

3. FY2026 Student Tuition and Fee Requests – Idaho State University, Lewis-Clark State College, University of Idaho and Boise State University – Action Item

Bill Gilbert introduced the next agenda item, a proposed 3.5% increase in tuition and fees. He expressed appreciation to the committee members for their efforts and the thoughtful discussions on the issue. He recognized the institutions' ongoing efforts to identify efficiencies and noted that the proposed increase is driven by inflation, rising operational costs, and changes in employee compensation.

Dr. Linda Clark emphasized the importance of maintaining a consistent tuition rate across all institutions and commended the collaborative efforts between the committee and the institutions in reaching a consensus. Kurt Liebich noted that while Idaho continues to have some of the lowest tuition rates in the country, inflation is a significant factor necessitating the increase. David Turbull added that the committee will evaluate each institution individually, and future tuition adjustments may vary rather than follow a uniform approach.

Jennifer Steele, Vice President for Finance and University Planning, Idaho State University, Dr. Cynthia Pemberton, President, Lewis and Clark State College, Brian Foisy, Vice President for the Division of Finance and Administration, University of Idaho, Kim Salisbury, Associate Vice President, Budget and Planning, University of Idaho, and Alicia Estey, Chief Financial and Operating Officer and Vice President for Finance and Operations, Boise State University, each presented their respective organization's proposed tuition and fee increase.

IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Clark) I move to approve the FY 2026 annual undergraduate full-time resident tuition at Idaho State University in the amount of \$6,246.44 the consolidated mandatory fee in the amount of \$2,667.56, and the annual undergraduate full-time nonresident tuition and fees in the amount of \$28,240.

AND

I move to approve all other fees set forth in the FY 2026 Idaho State University tuition and fees worksheet as reported in ISU Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

LEWIS-CLARK STATE COLLEGE

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Keough) I move to approve the FY 2026 annual undergraduate full-time resident tuition at Lewis- Clark State College in the amount of \$6,612, the consolidated mandatory fee in the amount of \$1,264, and the annual undergraduate full-time nonresident tuition and fees in the amount of \$22,798.

AND

I move to approve all other fees set forth in the FY 2026 Lewis-Clark State College tuition and fees worksheet as reported in LCSC Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Siddoway) I move to approve the FY 2026 annual undergraduate full-time resident tuition at University of Idaho in the amount of \$7,028 the consolidated mandatory fee in the amount of \$2,372, and the annual undergraduate full-time nonresident tuition and fees in the amount of \$28,636.

AND

I move to approve all other fees set forth in the FY 2026 University of Idaho tuition and fees worksheet as reported in UI Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Turnbull) I move to approve the FY 2026 annual undergraduate full-time resident tuition at Boise State University in the amount of \$6,350.72, the consolidated mandatory fee in the amount of \$3,013.28, and the annual undergraduate full-time nonresident tuition and fees in the amount of \$28,478.

AND

I move to approve all other fees set forth in the FY 2026 Boise State University tuition and fees worksheet as reported in BSU Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

DUAL CREDIT FEE

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Clark) I move to set the statewide dual credit fee at \$75 per credit for courses delivered through a secondary school, including courses taught online using instructional staff hired by the high school or the Idaho Digital Learning Academy, for fiscal year 2026. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

TRANSCRIPT FEE

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Clark) I move to set the statewide transcript fee at \$10 per credit for fiscal year 2026 for students enrolled in a qualified workforce training course where the student elects to receive credit. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM FEE

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Roach) I move to set the statewide summer bridge program fee at \$65 per credit for fiscal year 2026 for students admitted into a summer bridge program at an institution the summer immediately following graduation from high school and enrolling in pre-determined college-level courses at the same institution the fall semester of the same year. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

POLICY, PLANNING AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

1. Legislation Update – Information Item – Joshua Whitworth
Joshua Whitworth, Executive Director, Office of the State Board of Education, stated the office is working with all the institutions to implement Senate Bill 1198 by providing them with everything they need to be successful and that everyone is fully aligned.

2. Announcement of Board Officers

Kurt Liebich reviewed how appointing the Board's Executive Officers has changed. He announced Bill Gilbert will continue serving as Vice President,

Cally Roach will serve as Secretary, and consistent with tradition and Board policy, the immediate past President, Dr. Linda Clark, will serve on the Executive Committee until her term expires.

Kurt Liebich recognized Dr. TJ Bliss for his many contributions as the Board's Chief Academic Officer and acknowledged the significant impact Joshua Whitworth has had on the Board. He extended his appreciation to both and wished them success in their future endeavors.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Keough / Turnbull) I move to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

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