STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
August 12-13, 2026
Idaho State University
ICCU Bengal Alumni Center
1601 E Bonneville St
Pocatello, ID 83201

A regular meeting of the Idaho State Board of Education was held at Idaho State University on August 12 - 13, 2026. Board Vice-President, Bill Gilbert, called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. (MT).

Present
William G. Gilbert, Jr., Vice President
Cally Roach, Secretary
Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent
Shawn Keough
Cindy Siddoway
Peter C. Koehler
David Turnbull

Absent
Kurt Liebich, President

Wednesday, August 12, 2026 - 12:30 p.m. (Mountain Time)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. The Board convened into Executive Session to consider presidential contracts pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b).

BOARD ACTION
M/S (Roach / Critchfield) I move that the Board convene into Executive Session to consider presidential contracts pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b). (7 AYES 0 NAYS 1 ABS) ***Motion carried by roll call vote.***

The Board entered Executive Session at 12:30 p.m.
Vice-President Gilbert reconvened the Board into regular session at 1:00 p.m. and stated that the Board concluded its discussion and took no action on the matters discussed.

BOARDWORK

1. Agenda Review and Approval – Action Item

BOARD ACTION
M/S (Roach / Critchfield) I move to approve the agenda as posted. ***Motion carried by voice vote.***

2. Minutes Review and Approval – Action Item

BOARD ACTION
M/S (Roach / Critchfield) I move to approve the minutes for the June 16-18, 2026, Regular Board Meeting and the July 1, 2026, Special Board Meeting. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

3. Rolling Calendar – Action Item

BOARD ACTION
M/S (Roach / Critchfield) I move to set August 11, 2027, as the date for the August 2027 Regular Board Meeting to occur via videoconference originating from the Office of the State Board of Education in Boise. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

CONSENT

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1. Board Policy V.V. Scholarships – Second Reading – Action Item
2. Boise State University – Event Security, Parking, and Traffic Control Services Contract with BEST Crowd Management – Action Item
3. Idaho State University – Head Softball Coach Contract – Action Item
4. University of Idaho – Head Basketball Coach Contract– Action Item

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5. Board Policy III.N. Statewide General Education – Second Reading – Action Item

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6. Data Management Council Appointments – Action Item
7. College of Idaho Educator Preparation Program Review – Action Item
8. Boise State University SPED Director Program Application – Action Item
9. Boise State University Literacy Specialist Program Application – Action Item
10. Board Policy I.B. Procedures Repeal – Second Reading – Action Item
11. Board Policy VII.A. CTE General Policies and Definitions – Second Reading – Action Item
12. Board Policy VII.B. CTE Program Delivery – Second Reading – Action Item

BOARD ACTION
M/S (Roach / Critchfield) I move to approve the Consent Agenda. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

PUBLIC COMMENT
No public comment offered.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY

1. Idaho State University Annual Report – Information Item

President Robert Wagner, Idaho State University (ISU), presented ISU's annual report.

2. Idaho State University Students address the Board

   ISU students TeAnna Hutchins, Evellyn Dance, Will Frejistre, Traci Murri, Evan Walker, Kaleb Jex, and Karson Jex appeared before the Board and answered a range of questions posed by board members.

3. Idaho State University Employees address the Board

   ISU employees Jim Skidmore, Faculty Senate Chair and Associate Professor of Philosophy; Chuck Rizzo, Executive Director for Safety, Environmental and Research Integrity; Nicole Joseph, Executive Director of Admissions & Recruitment; Jonathan Armstrong, Professor of Music; Karen Hartman, Faculty Athletic Representative and Professor of Communication; Tara Young, Acting Executive Director of the School of the Arts and Professor of Theatre & Dance; Devaleena Pradhan, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences; Marty Vizcarra, Senior Project Manager and former Staff Council President; Darin Jernigan, Clinical Professor and Co-Chair of Health Occupations; and Joseph Wilcox, AVP of Clinical Strategy & Finance; addressed the Board.

Chair Gilbert placed the Board at ease 2:35 p.m.
Chair Gilbert reconvened the Board at 2:41 p.m.

COLLEGE OF EASTERN IDAHO

1. College of Eastern Idaho Annual Report – Information Item

   President Lori Barber, College of Eastern Idaho (CEI) and Park Price, Chair, CEI Board of Trustees, delivered CEI's annual report.

WORK SESSION
IRSA

1. Nuclear Energy and Postsecondary Education: Aligning Idaho's Workforce Strategy – Information Item

   Heidi Estrem, Chief Academic Officer, Office of the State Board of Education (OSBE) and Hope Morrow, Manager, Workforce & Economic Programs, Idaho National Laboratory (INL), presented a work session for the Board regarding nuclear energy and post-secondary education and how it aligns with Idaho's workforce strategy.

PLANNING, POLICY, AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

1. Board Agenda and Cover Page Changes – Information Item

Board Member Keough highlighted the improvements to the Board Agenda and Cover Page.

2. Board Policy I.A. Policy Making Authority – Second Reading – Action Item

   Alison Henkin, Policy Director, OSBE, presented the Second Reading of Board Policy I.A., Policy Marking Authority.

BOARD ACTION
M/S (Keough / Siddoway) I move to approve the second reading of amendments to Board Policy I.A. Policy Making Authority, as provided in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

3. Board Policy VII.C. CTE Certification – Second Reading – Action Item

   Alison Henken and Peter Risse, Administrator, Idaho Department of Career and Technical Education (IDCTE), summarized the changes to Board Policy VII.C., CTE Certification.

BOARD ACTION
M/S (Keough / Critchfield) I move to approve the second reading of Board Policy VII.C. Career Technical Educator Certification as provided in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

4. Educator Preparation Program Work Group Report – Information Item – Alison Henken and Heidi Estrem

   Alison Henken, Heidi Estrem, Emma Wood, Director of Assessment and Accreditation, Idaho State University; Brooke Blevins, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President, University of Idaho; Royal Toy, Assistant Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Lewis Clark State College; and Sherry Dismuke, Associate Dean for Educator Preparation, Boise State University, presented the Educator Preparation Program Work Group Report.

5. Generative AI in Education Framework – Action Item – Alison Henken and IDE staff

   Alison Henken, and Scott Thunstrom, Director, Content and Curriculum, Idaho Department of Education (IDE), briefed the Board regarding the 2026 Idaho Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Education Framework.

BOARD ACTION
M/S (Keough / Critchfield) I move to approve the 2026 Idaho Generative Artificial Intelligence in Education Framework as submitted in Attachment 1 and authorize

the Idaho State Department of Education to make non-substantive administrative changes to the document, including formatting and addressing typographical errors, grammar, consistency, and syntax. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

6. Rule Docket 08-0203-2602 Content Standards – Action Item

   Kristine Moriarty, Policy Director, IDE, reviewed the changes to Rule Docket 08-0203-2602, Content Standards.

BOARD ACTION
M/S (Keough / Siddoway) I move to approve the proposed rule, Docket No. 08-0203-2602, pertaining to documents incorporated by reference, including the K-12 academic content standards. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

7. Rule Docket 08-0203-2601 Graduation Requirements and Assessment – Action Item

   Kristine Moriarty summarized the purpose of Rule Docket 08-0203-2601 Graduation Requirements and Assessment.

BOARD ACTION
M/S (Keough / Critchfield) I move to approve the proposed rule, Docket No. 08-0111-2601, pertaining to graduation requirements and assessments. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

8. Rule Docket 08-0202-2601 Bullying and Certification – Action Item

   Alison Henken introduced Rule Docket 08-0202-2601, Bullying and Certification. Pete Risse explained the purposes of the proposed changes from an IDCTE viewpoint.

BOARD ACTION
M/S (Keough / Critchfield) I move to approve the proposed rule, Docket No. 08-0202-2601, pertaining to Bullying and Certification alignment. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

9. Rule Docket 08-0202-2602 Driver Education – Action Item

   Board Member Keough summarized the changes to Rule Docket 08-0202-2602, Driver Education. Kristine Moriarty highlighted some additional changes and the purpose behind them.

BOARD ACTION
M/S (Keough / Siddoway) I move to approve the proposed rule, Docket No. 08-0202-2602, pertaining to the incorporated document Operating Procedures for Idaho Public Driver Education Programs. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

10. Rule Docket 08-0202-2603 Accreditation Terminology – Action Item

    Board Member Keough summarized the necessity of the changes to Rule Docket 08-0202-2603, Accreditation Terminology.

BOARD ACTION
M/S (Keough / Roach) I move to approve the proposed rule, Docket No. 08-0202-2603, pertaining to Accreditation Terminology. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

11. Temporary Proposed Rule 08-0601-2601 Resolution of Athletic Participation Disputes – Action Item

    Jennifer White, Executive Director, OSBE, addressed proposed rule, Docket 08-0601-2610, Resolution of Athletic Participation Disputes.

BOARD ACTION
M/S (Keough / Turnbull) I move to approve the temporary proposed rule, Docket No. 08-0601-2601, pertaining to resolution of athletic participation disputes. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

12. Rule Docket 08-0111-2601 Proprietary and Postsecondary Accreditation – Action Item

    Board Member Shawn Keough presented Rule Docket 08-0111-2601, Proprietary and Postsecondary Accreditation.

BOARD ACTION
M/S (Keough / Roach) I move to approve the proposed rule, Docket No. 08-0111-2601, pertaining to accreditation terminology associated with post-secondary institutions and proprietary schools. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

13. Strategic Plans of the Board, Agencies and Institutions – Action Item

    Amy Brumfield, Director, System Initiatives, OSBE, presented the Strategic Plans of the Board, agencies, and institutions and reviewed the purposes of the plans.

BOARD ACTION
M/S (Keough / Critchfield) I move to approve the strategic plans of the Board, institutions, and agencies as presented in Attachments 2 and 4 through 17. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

Vice President Gilbert placed the Board at recess at 4:57 p.m. on August 12, 2026.
Vice President Gilbert reconvened the Board at 8:00 a.m. on August 13, 2026.

COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO

1. College of Southern Idaho Annual Report – Information Item

   President Dean Fisher, College of Southern Idaho (CSI) and Dr. Josh Kern, Chair CSI Board of Trustees, presented CSI's annual report.

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

1. Superintendent's K-12 Update – Information Item

   Superintendent Critchfield delivered the K-12 Update.

2. Mathematics Instructional Guide – Information Item

   Superintendent Critchfield and Scott Thunstrom reviewed the Mathematics Instructional Guide.

3. Praxis Steps Modular Assessment – Action Item

   Superintendent Critchfield presented the Praxis Steps modular assessment.

BOARD ACTION
M/S (Critchfield / Siddoway) I move to approve the Praxis Steps modular assessment pathway for approved Praxis content area assessments for teacher certification. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

4. 2026 Curricular Materials Review – Action Item

   Superintendent Critchfield outlined the 2026 Curricular Materials Review process.

BOARD ACTION
M/S (Critchfield / Turnbull) I move to approve the recommendations of the Curricular Materials Selection Committee to adopt curricular materials and related instructional materials as provided in Attachment 1 for the following content areas: Arts and Humanities K-12; World Languages K-12; Computer Applications K-12; Computer Science K-12; Digital Literacy 9-12; Driver Education; and Career & Technical Education Agriculture Welding, Ag Small Engine Repair, Plant and Soil, Business Management, Network Support, Programming and Software Development, Cosmetology, Nursing Assisting, Electronics Technology, Aircraft Maintenance, and Welding. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

Vice President Gilbert placed the Board at ease at 9:10 a.m.
Vice President Gilbert reconvened the Board at 9:20 a.m.

WORK SESSION
IRSA

1. Ready for AI: Preparing Postsecondary Students for an AI-Integrated World – Information Item

   Heidi Estrem, Chief Academic Officer, OSBE, Jonathan Lashley, Deputy Academic Officer, OSBE, Liza Long, Director, Digital Learning and Artificial Intelligence, OSBE, Joel Gladd, Department Chair, Integrated Studies, College of Western Idaho, and Kevin Rank, Lecturer, Information Technology Management, BSU, presented Ready for AI: Preparing Postsecondary Students for an AI-Integrated World and how the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) Grant is improving educating students in AI.

Vice President Gilbert placed the Board at ease at 10:20 a.m.
Vice President Gilbert reconvened the Board at 10:31 a.m.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RESOURCES

1. FY 2028 Budget Requests – Action Item

   Patrick Coulson, Chief Financial Officer, OSBE, presented the FY 2028 Budget Requests and requested delegated authority to the Executive Director to submit the FY28 maintenance of current operations budgets.

BOARD ACTION
M/S (Turnbull / Koehler) I move to delegate authority to the Executive Director to submit the FY 2028 maintenance of current operations budgets, as well as any Division of Financial Management approved line item requests, for agencies and institutions to the Division of Financial Management and the Legislative Services Office by the September 1, 2026, deadline, and to revise budgets as necessary to comply with any guidance provided by the Division of Financial Management.
Motion carried by voice vote.

2. FY 2028 Capital Project Requests and Six-Year Plans – Action Item

   Patrick Coulson delivered the FY28 Capital Project Requests and Six-Year plans.

BOARD ACTION
M/S (Turnbull / Siddoway) I move to approve the capital projects listed in the table in Attachment 1 from Boise State University, Idaho State University, University of Idaho, and Lewis-Clark State College and to submit projects requesting Permanent Building Funds to the Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council for the FY 2028 budget cycle.

AND

I move to approve the Six-Year Capital Improvement Plans for FY 2028 through FY 2033 for Boise State University, Idaho State University, the University of Idaho, and Lewis-Clark State College, as provided in attachments 2 - 5. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

3. Boise State University – FY 2026 Athletics Budget Update – Information Item

   Stacy Pearson, Chief Financial Officer, BSU, Jeff Banka, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, and Jeramiah Dickey, Athletic Director, BSU, provided an update regarding BSU's FY26 Athletics Budget.

4. Idaho State University – P3 Student Housing Project Pre-Development Agreement – Action Item

   Brian Sagendorf, Sr. Vice President, Operations, Idaho State University (ISU); Fred Parrish, Interim Vice President, Finance and University Planning, ISU; Brooks Pierce, Managing Director at Rieth Jones Advisors; and Richard Rieth, Principal and Co-Founder of Rieth Jones Advisors, presented ISU's P3 Student Housing Project Pre-Development Agreement and discussed how this agreement will benefit students.

BOARD ACTION
M/S (Turnbull / Koehler) I move to approve the request by Idaho State University (ISU) to enter into a Pre-Development Agreement with Radnor Property Group for the development of new student housing on the Pocatello campus. I further authorize ISU's Vice President of Operations to execute the agreement and all necessary related documents. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

Vice President Gilbert placed the Board at ease at 11:13 a.m.
Vice President Gilbert reconvened the Board at 11:25 a.m.

5. University of Idaho – Design Authorization Proposed Joint Military Science & Veterans Assistance Center – Action Item

   President Scott Green, University of Idaho (UI); Brian Foisy, Vice President, Division of Finance and Administration; Kim Salisbury, Senior Associate Vice President, Finance and Planning Division of Finance, UI; Stephen Sell, Executive Director, Engineering Services, UI presented their Designed Authorization Proposed Joint Military Science and Veterans Assistance Center.

BOARD ACTION
M/S (Turnbull / Koehler) I move to approve the request by the University of Idaho to implement the planning, programming, and design phases of a Capital Project for the University of Idaho Joint Military Science & Veterans Assistance Center, in the amount of $1,757,940.00. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

6. Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation – Administrator Appointment – Action Item

   Executive Director White, OSBE, presented the administrator appointment for the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

BOARD ACTION
M/S (Turnbull / Critchfield) I move to appoint MiKayla Monaghan as Administrator of the Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation at the rate of $65.00/hour effective August 17, 2026. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

BOARD ACTION
M/S (Critchfield / Kohler) I move to adjourn the meeting. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

Vice President Gilbert adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.