



STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

April 15-16, 2026

The University of Idaho
Pitman Center, 2nd Floor
709 Deakin Avenue
Moscow, ID 83843

A regular meeting of the Idaho State Board of Education was held at the University of Idaho on April 15th and 16th, 2026. Board President, Kurt Liebich, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. (PT).

Present

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

Kurt Liebich
Shawn Keough
Cindy Siddoway
Peter C. Koehler

BOARDWORK

1. Agenda Review and Approval – Action Item

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / 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 (Gilbert / Critchfield) I move to approve the minutes for the December 17, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, and the February 18, 2026, Special Board Meeting. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

3. Rolling Calendar – Action Item

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Critchfield) I move to set April 14-15, 2027, as the date, and the University of Idaho as the location, for the April 2027 Regular Board Meeting. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

CONSENT

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1. FY 2027 Appropriation Information – Institutions and Agencies of the Idaho State Board of Education – Action Item
2. Retirement Plan Committee – Idaho State Board of Education (Board) Voluntary Deferred Compensation Plan 457(b) Restatement – Action Item
3. Boise State University – Lease Agreement with Westmark Credit Union – Action Item
4. Boise State University – Lease Amendment with BSU Foundation – Action Item
5. Idaho State University – Revised Multi-Year Contract for Cody Hawkins, Head Football Coach – Action Item
6. Idaho State University – Approval of Idaho State University (ISU) Purchasing Policy, ISUPP 2560 – Action Item
7. Idaho State University – Prison Education Program Tuition and Fee Proposal – Action Item
8. Lewis Clark State College – Ellucian Colleague Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Software License Renewal – Action Item
9. University of Idaho – Schlumberger Technology Corporation Gift - Academic Software License for Petrel Software to Idaho Geological Survey – Action Item
10. University of Idaho – FY2027 & FY2028 Building Management Services – Idaho Water Center – Action Item

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11. Emergency Provisional Certificate Recommendations – Action Item
12. Student Transportation Funding Cap Waiver Request – Action Item
13. Professional Standards Commission Appointments – Action Item
14. Curricular Materials Selection Committee Appointments – Action Item

IRSA

15. Boise State University – Bachelor of Science in Health Science and Online Program Fee in Lieu of Tuition – Action Item
16. Boise State University – Master of Science in Applied Artificial Intelligence and Online Program Fee in Lieu of Tuition – Action Item
17. Boise State University – Undergraduate Certificate in Community and Career Readiness Studies and Self Support Program Fee in Lieu of Tuition – Action Item
18. Boise State University – Undergraduate Certificate in Sport Impact – Online Program Fee in Lieu of Tuition – Action Item
19. Lewis-Clark State College – Bachelor of Science in Nursing – Professional Program Fee – Action Item
20. Lewis-Clark State College – Direct-Entry Master of Science in Nursing – Professional Program Fee – Action Item
21. Lewis-Clark State College – Elementary and Secondary Education – Professional Program Fees – Action Item
22. Lewis-Clark State College – Radiographic Sciences – Professional Program Fee – Action Item
23. Graduate Medical Education (GME) Committee New Appointment – Action Item
24. Higher Education Research Council (HERC) Appointment – Action Item

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25. State Rehabilitation Council Appointment – Action Item

BOARD ACTION

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

OPEN FORUM

1. Isaac Celedon addressed the Board and thanked them for their support during his tenure as ASBSU President.

BOARD OF REGENTS – UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

1. University of Idaho (UI) students, Sky Reinhardt, Bobby Provost, Alma Azocar, Catherine Niehenke, Owen Allenger, and Reagan Johnson addressed the Board and shared their experiences as students at the University of Idaho.
2. UI faculty and staff, Dr. Bill Smith, Director, Martin Institute; Dr. Karen Launchbaugh, Professor, Rangeland Ecology; Dr. Sanjay Sisodiya, Department Head, Department of Business and Associate Professor of Marketing; Sharon Murdock, Student Services Manager; and Trevor Fulton, Executive Director, Recreation and Well Being, shared with the Board their successes and opportunities as employees of the University of Idaho.
3. President Scott Green presented the University of Idaho's Annual Report.

President Liebich placed the Board at recess at 3:45 p.m.

President Liebich reconvened the Board at 4:00 p.m.

NORTH IDAHO COLLEGE

1. President Nick Swayne presented North Idaho College's Annual Report

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

1. Super Superintendent Critchfield presented the K-12 Update to the Board.
2. Superintendent Critchfield provided the proposed updated Civics Test.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Critchfield / Gilbert) I move to approve the updated Civics Test, as developed by the State Department of Education, for field testing in Idaho high schools during the 2026-2027 school year. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Patrick Coulson, Chief Financial Officer, Office of the State Board of Education (OSBE) summarized the first reading of Board Policy II.R., Retirement Plan Committee.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Turnbull) I move to approve the first reading of Board Policy II.R., the Retirement Plan Committee as presented in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

2. Patrick Coulson reviewed the first reading of Board Policy V.N., Grants and Contracts.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Critchfield) I move to approve the first reading of Board Policy V.N., Grants and Contracts as presented in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

3. Annie Hightower, Chief Operations Office, Boise State University (BSU) and Drew Alexander, Associate Vice President, Campus Operations, BSU, outlined BSU's Campus Master Plan (2025-2034) Update.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Turnbull) I move to approve the Boise State University Campus Master Plan Update (2025-2034) as presented in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

4. Board Member Gilbert summarized the Operating Agreement between Idaho State University (ISU) and the Idaho State University Foundation, Inc. and highlighted the importance of this type of agreement.

BOARD ACTION

I move to approve the request by Idaho State University to enter into an Operating Agreement with Idaho State University Foundation, Inc. and to authorize the President to execute the agreement in substantial conformance to the form submitted to the Board in Attachment 1.

AND

M/S (Gilbert / Critchfield) I move to approve the request by Idaho State University to enter into a Service Agreement with the Idaho State University Foundation, Inc. and to authorize the President to execute the agreement in substantial conformance to the form submitted to the Board in Attachment 3. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

5. Brian Sagendorf, Vice President, Operations, Idaho State University, (ISU), and Pauline Thiros, Director, Athletics, ISU, provided the Board with details regarding the proposed softball/golf training facility at ISU.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Keough) I move to approve the request by Idaho State University to 1) amend its Six-Year Capital Improvement Plan to include the Softball and Golf Training Facility; 2) authorize ISU to proceed with this construction project; and 3) approve a total project budget not to exceed \$4,241,245 utilizing private donor funds. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

6. Brian Sagendorf and Pauline Thiros provided the Board with details regarding the updated indoor track project.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Critchfield) I move to approve the request by Idaho State University to 1) amend its six-year capital improvement plan to include the ICCU Dome Track Replacement Project, 2) authorize the University to proceed with the procurement and installation of the donor funded project described, and 3) approve a total project budget not to exceed \$5,530,000 utilizing private donor funds. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

7. Sunny Wallace, Chief of Staff, UI, and Dr. Rayme Geidl, Interim Co-Director, Associate Director of Clinical Education, UI, and UWSOM Regional Dean, provided an overview of UI's proposed Idaho Water Center Medical Education Classroom and support suite improvements.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Keough) 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 Idaho Water Center Laboratory and Classroom Improvements in Boise, Idaho, in the amount of \$467,045. Authorization includes the authority for the Vice President for Finance and Administration to execute all necessary and requisite consulting and vendor contracts to implement the project. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

President Liebich placed the Board at recess at 5:14 p.m.

President Liebich reconvened the Board at 9:00 a.m. on April 16, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Closed to the Public

1. Executive Session

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Turnbull) I move that the Board, pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206, convene in Executive Session to

- **consider a Idaho Public Television personnel matter pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(a) & (b);**

- consider a Boise State University personnel matter pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(a) & (b);
- consider University of Idaho records that are exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) and Idaho Code § 74-107(1), (15), and (20);
- communicate with legal counsel regarding Boise State University pending litigation authority pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(f). *Motion carried by roll call vote. (8 AYE, 0 NAY)*

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:01 a.m.

President Liebich reconvened the Board in regular session at 11:09 a.m.

President Kurt Liebich stated that the Board concluded its discussion and took no action on the matters discussed.

PLANNING, POLICY, AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

1. Jennifer White, Executive Director of OSBE, summarized legislative actions from the 2026 Legislative Session affecting education.
2. Board Member David Turnbull provided the Board with an update regarding the Boise State President search.
3. Alison Henken, Policy Director, OSBE and Roger Stewart, Accountability and Oversight Committee (AOC) Chair, presented the AOC's Recommendations Report.
4. Alison Henken introduced the second reading of Board Policy I.Q., Accountability Oversight Committee.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Keough / Critchfield) I move to approve the second reading of amendments to Board Policy I.Q., Accountability Oversight Committee, as provided in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

5. Alison Henken introduced the first reading of Board Policy IV.D. Certification and Career Ladder.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Keough / Siddoway) I move to approve the first reading of amendments to Board Policy IV.D., Educator Certification and Career Ladder, as provided in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

6. Peter Risse, Administrator, Idaho Division of Career and Technical Education (IDCTE), presented IDCTE's – ISU Agricultural Science EPP Application to offer a CTE Agricultural Science and Technology (6-12) teacher endorsement program for certification purposes.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Keough / Siddoway) I move to approve Idaho State University's request to offer a CTE Agricultural Science and Technology (6-12) teacher endorsement program for certification purposes, with a required conditional review in three years. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

7. Peter Risse presented an update of the integration of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and Perkins Plans.
8. Jennifer White reviewed the purpose of delegating authority under Policy V.W. to the Executive Director.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Keough / Siddoway) I move that the Board delegate authority under Policy V.W. to the Executive Director to approve a binding settlement agreement for Boise State University in an amount exceeding \$200,000 with respect to the legal matter discussed in Executive Session, in consultation with the Board Chair. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

President Liebich placed the Board at recess at 12:16 p.m.

President Liebich reconvened the Board at 12:45 p.m.

INSTRUCTION, RESEARCH AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

1. Dr. Heidi Estrem, Chief Academic Officer, OSBE, presented the first reading of Board Policy III.D., Official Calendars.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Roach / Turnbull) I move to approve the first reading of Board Policy III.D., Official Calendars as submitted in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

2. Dr. Heidi Estrem presented the first reading of Board Policy, III.P., Students.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Roach / Keough) I move to approve the first reading of proposed amendments to Board Policy III.P., Students, as submitted in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

3. Dr. Heidi Estrem reviewed the first reading of repealing Board Policy III.T. Student Athletes.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Roach / Keough) I move to approve the repeal of Board Policy III.T., as presented in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

4. Dr. Heidi Estrem outlined the first reading of Board Policy III.Q. Admission Standards.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Roach / Siddoway) I move to approve the first reading of proposed amendments to Board Policy III.Q., Admission Standards as presented in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

5. Dr. Heidi Estrem reported on the first reading of Board Policy III.V., Articulation and Transfer.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Roach / Keough) I move to approve the first reading of proposed amendments to Board Policy III.V., Articulation and Transfer as submitted in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

6. Dr. Heidi Estrem and Dr. Gwen Gorzelsky, Vice Provost for Academic Initiatives, UI, reviewed UI's request to create a Bachelor of Science in Construction Management and the Built Environment.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Roach / Turnbull) I move to approve the request by the University of Idaho to create a Bachelor of Science in Construction Management and the Built Environment as presented by the full proposal in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

7. Dr. Heidi Estrem provided the Board an update regarding activities around America's Next 250.

INFORMATIONAL

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1. Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) Annual Report
2. Higher Education Research Council (HERC) Annual Report
3. Semi-Annual Report of Approved Program Requests

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4. University of Idaho Annual Report
5. North Idaho College Annual Report

President Liebich thanked Provost Lloyd Duman, NIC, and Provost Torrey Lawrence, UI for their service and guidance they provided their respective institutions and students. Provost Duman is retiring from NIC and Provost Lawrence is returning to the classroom.

BOARD ACTION

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