



STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 17, & 18, 2026

Boise State University

Simplot Ballroom

1700 University Drive

Boise, ID 83725

A regular meeting of the Idaho State Board of Education was held at the Boise State University on June 16 – 18, 2026. Board President, Kurt Liebich, called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. (MT).

Present

Kurt Liebich, President

William G. Gilbert, Jr., Vice President

Cally Roach, Secretary

Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent

Shawn Keough

Cindy Siddoway

Peter C. Koehler

David Turnbull

Tuesday, June 16, 2026 – 8:00 a.m. (Mountain Time)

BAHR

1. David Turnbull, Board Member and Chair, Boise State President Search, Kurt Liebich, President, Idaho State Board of Education, and Jennifer White, Executive Director, Office of the State Board of Education (OSBE) announced, Dr. David Hahn as the Sole Finalist for the Boise State University President Search. – Information Item

EXECUTIVE SESSION – (Closed to the Public)

1. The Board convenes into Executive Session to:
 - conduct Presidential Evaluations pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b);
 - consider a Boise State University personnel matter pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(a) & (b);
 - conduct the Executive Director evaluation pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b).

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Gilbert / Koehler) I move that the Board convene into Executive Session to conduct Presidential Evaluations pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b), consider a Boise State University personnel matter pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(a) & (b), and conduct the Executive Director evaluation pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b). Motion carried by roll call vote. (8 AYE, 0 NAY)

President Liebich convened the Board into Executive Session at 8:15 a.m.

President Liebich reconvened the Board into Regular Session at 4:03 p.m. and stated “The Board concluded its discussion and took no action on the matters discussed.”

President Liebich placed the Board at recess at 4:03 p.m.

President Liebich reconvened the meeting at 12:33 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2026.

BOARD ACTION

David Turnbull requested a unanimous consent request to remove Item 6, Executive Officer’s Contracts, from the BAHR portion of the agenda. *There was no objection and the motion was granted.*

BOARDWORK

1. Agenda Review and Approval – Action Item

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Turnbull / Keough) I move to approve the agenda as posted. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

2. Minutes Review and Approval – Action Item

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Turnbull / Keough) I move to approve the minutes for the April 15-16, 2026, Regular Board Meeting, the April 28, 2026, Special Board Meeting, and the May 19, 2026, Special Board Meeting. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

3. Rolling Calendar – Action Item

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Turnbull / Keough) I move to set June 15-17, 2027, as the dates, and Boise State University as the location, for the June 2027 Regular Board Meeting. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

CONSENT

BAHR

1. Boise State University – Employment Agreement for Head Football Coach – Action Item
2. Boise State University – Employment Agreement Amendments for Assistant Football Coaches – Action Item

3. Idaho State University – Network Infrastructure Replacement Financing Agreement – Action Item
4. University of Idaho – License Agreement Between UI and T-Mobile West, LLC – Action Item

IDE

5. Emergency Provisional Applications – Action Item
6. Professional Standards Commission Appointments – Action Item
7. Assessment Item Review Committee Appointments – Action Item
8. Remote School / Hardship Status Applications – Action Item
9. Tuition Waiver Requests – Action Item

IRSA

10. Higher Education Research Council (HERC) Appointments – Action Item

BOARD ACTION

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY

1. Interim President, Nancy Glenn, Boise State University, (BSU), presented BSU's Annual Report.
2. Boise State University students, Carson Cole, ASBSU President; Dominic Mancini, ASBSU VP Greek Affairs; Bode Campos, Construction Management; Kasi Ward, Nursing; and Minnie Aagard, Orientation Leader; addressed the Board.
3. Boise State University employees, Paige Peterson, Asst. Director of Visit Experience, Admissions; Amy Ulappa, Professor, Department of Biological Sciences & VP of Faculty Senate; Don Warner, Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry; Erik Hadley, Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of History and President of Faculty Senate; Hannah Carter, Associate Teaching Professor, Department of Teaching, Learning and Community Engagement; Cara Van Sant, Venture College Director, Division of Research and Economic Development; Natalie Maurant Hodges, Clinical Associate Professor, Director Interventional Radiology and Interventional Cardiology Programs, Advanced Medical Imaging Degree Coordinator, School of Medical Imaging and Radiologic Sciences; Jenny Alderden, Associate Professor, School of Nursing; addressed the Board.

President Liebich placed the Board at ease at 2:10 p.m.

President Liebich reconvened the Board at 2:23 p.m.

COLLEGE OF WESTERN IDAHO

1. Gordon Jones, President, College of Western Idaho (CWI), delivered CWI's Annual Report.

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

1. Superintendent Critchfield provided a K-12 Update.
2. Superintendent Critchfield, Allison Duman, Director, K-12 Initiatives, and Jacque Deahl, State Coordinator, GEAR Up Idaho, presented the proposed changes to the College and Career Competencies for approval.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Critchfield / Siddoway) I move to adopt the proposed changes to the College and Career Competencies, as submitted by the Idaho Department of Education, in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

3. Superintendent Critchfield shared the necessary details of the Praxis Assessments and Qualifying Scores.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Critchfield / Keough) I move to approve the adoption of Praxis Elementary Education Fundamentals Series 8003-8006 and multi-state qualifying scores as outlined in Attachment 2, effective September 1, 2026. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

President Liebich placed the Board at ease at 3:52 p.m.

President Liebich reconvened the meeting at 4:06 pm.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND HUMAN RESOURCES

2. Patrick Coulson, Chief Financial Officer, Office of the State Board of Education (OSBE) summarized the changes to Board Policy II.R., Retirement Plan Committee.

BOARD ACTION

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

3. Patrick Coulson outlined the modifications to Board Policy V.N., Grants and Contracts.

BOARD ACTION

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

4. Patrick Coulson reviewed the proposed changes to Board Policy V.V., Scholarships.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Turnbull / Koehler) I move to approve the first reading of the amendments to Board Policy V.V. Scholarships, as presented in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

5. Patrick Coulson summarized the FY2027 Appropriated Funds Operating Budgets.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Turnbull / Roach) I move to approve the FY 2027 operating budgets for the Office of the State Board of Education, Idaho Public Television, Idaho Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Idaho Public Charter School Commission, College and Universities, Career Technical Education, Agricultural Research and Extension Service, Health Education Programs, and Special Programs, as presented in Attachments 2-28. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

Jenny Davidson, President of Friends of Idaho Public Television, Byron Yankey, and Kurt Liebich acknowledged and commended Jeff Tucker, General Manager of Idaho Public Television, for his service to the State of Idaho. The Board expressed its gratitude and congratulated Mr. Tucker on his retirement.

6. Patrick Coulson reviewed the proposed appointment of Scott Graf as General Manager, Idaho Public Television.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Turnbull / Critchfield) I move to appoint Scott Graf as General Manager of Idaho Public Television at the rate of \$67.50/hour effective June 21st, 2026. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

President Liebich placed the Board at ease at 4:30 p.m.

President Liebich resumed the meeting at 4:36.

7. Drew Alexander, Associate Vice President, Campus Operations, BSU, and Annie Hightower, Chief Operating Officer, BSU delivered BSU's East Stadium Redevelopment Feasibility Study Update.

President Liebich placed the Board at recess at 5:03 p.m.

Thursday, June 18, 2026 – 9 a.m. (Mountain Time)

President Liebich reconvened the Board at 9:05 a.m.

PLANNING, POLICY, AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

1. Alison Henken, Policy Director, OSBE, Scott Thunstrom, Director, Content and Curriculum, Idaho Department of Education (IDE), and Greg Wilson, Chief of Staff, IDE, briefed the Board regarding the Idaho Comprehensive Literacy Plan.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Keough / Siddoway) I move to approve the Idaho Comprehensive Literacy Plan as submitted in Attachment 1 and authorize the Idaho State Department of Education to make nonsubstantive administrative changes to the document, including formatting and addressing typographical errors, grammar, consistency, and syntax. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

2. Jeff Simmons, Superintendent, Idaho Digital Learning Academy (IDLA), provided the Board an overview of IDLA's Annual Report.
3. Peter Risse, Administrator, Division of Career Technical Education, (IDCTE), reported IDCTE's Annual Report.
4. Alison Henken and Peter Risse delivered the IDCTE Pedagogy Assessment for Certification for approval.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Keough / Roach) I move to conditionally approve adoption of the NOCTI Construction 5463 Written Assessment for CTE industry endorsement use for an initial implementation period of three years, with a required review at the conclusion of the initial implementation period. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

5. Alison Henken and Peter Risse introduced the First Reading of Board Policy VII.A., CTE General Policies.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Keough / Siddoway) I move to approve the first reading of amendments to Board Policy VII.A. as provided in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

6. Alison Henken and Peter Risse introduced the First Reading of Board Policy VII.B., CTE Program Delivery.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Keough / Koehler) I move to approve the first reading of amendments to Board Policy VII.B. as provided in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

7. Alison Henken highlighted the proposed edits to Board Policy I.A., Policy Making Authority.

BOARD ACTION

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

8. Alison Henken presented the First Reading of Board Policy I.B., Procedures Repeal.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Keough / Roach) I move to approve the first reading of amendments to Board Policy I.B., Board Procedures, as provided in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

9. Alison Henken outlined the Second Reading of Board Policy IV.D. Certification and the Career Ladder.

BOARD ACTION

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

10. Alison Henken and Peter Risse presented the First Reading of Board Policy VII.C., CTE Certification.

BOARD ACTION

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

11. Executive Director Jennifer White, OSBE, and Alison Henken delivered the Legislative Ideas - 2027 Legislative Session report.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Keough / Roach) I move to approve the legislative ideas presented in Attachment 1 to move forward in the Executive Agency Legislative Process and I move to authorize the Executive Director to submit these legislative ideas or to remove or amend proposals as necessary through the Governor's legislative process. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

President Liebich placed the board at ease at 11:03 a.m.

President Liebich reconvened the Board at 11:16 a.m.

INSTRUCTION, RESEARCH AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

1. Jonathan Lashley, Deputy Chief Academic Officer, OSBE, and Heidi Estrem, Chief Academic Officer, OSBE, briefed the Board regarding the Open Education in Idaho Report 2026.
2. Heidi Estrem presented the Second Reading of Board Policy III.Q., Admission Standards.

BOARD ACTION

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

3. Heidi Estrem reviewed the Second Reading of Board Policy III.V., Articulation and Transfer.

BOARD ACTION

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

4. Heidi Estrem presented the Second Reading of Board Policy III.D., Official Calendars.

BOARD ACTION

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

5. Heidi Estrem summarized the proposed changes to Board Policy III.P., Students.

BOARD ACTION

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

6. Heidi Estrem explained the reasoning to repeal 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.*

7. Heidi Estrem provided the Second Reading of Board Policy III.U., Instructional Material Access and Affordability.

BOARD ACTION

M/S (Roach / Siddoway) I move to approve the second reading of Board Policy III.U. Instructional Material Access and Affordability, as submitted in Attachment 1. *Motion carried by voice vote.*

8. Heidi Estrem presented the First Reading of Board Policy III.N., Statewide General Education.

BOARD ACTION

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

9. Heidi Estrem and Jonathan Lashley provided the Board a report on Dual Credit – Credit with a Purpose Strategy.

BOARD ACTION

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

President Liebich convened the meeting at 12:14 p.m.