

**Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Health Law Section of the  
Idaho State Bar  
October 2, 2025**

**Call to Order:**

A meeting of the Health Law Section of the Idaho State Bar was called to order by Section Chair Lauren Smyser at 12:07 p.m. at the office of the Idaho State Bar and via video teleconference on Thursday, October 2, 2025.

**General Business:**

Ms. Smyser addressed the following matters of Section business:

- Minutes: A motion was made, and seconded, to approve minutes from the Section's meeting on August 7, 2025. With no objections, the motion to approve previous meeting minutes was approved.
- Financial Report: Section Secretary and Treasurer Brent Wilson provided a financial report based on the Section's Financial Statement as of June 30, 2023.
- Ms. Smyser reviewed the following articles submitted for the Section's sponsorship of the 2025 November/December issue of the Advocate:

Bryan Nickels: Ensuring Due Process in Health Care Professional Licensure Adjudications.

Chelsea Kidney: Parsing the Policy: A Healthcare Attorney's Guide to the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" and State Medicaid Reform.

Nick Healey and Kristina Abdalla: Idaho's Medical Ethics Defense Act (HB 59): Expanded Conscience Protections and Emerging Legal Tensions.

Thomas J. Mortell and Jean E. Shroeder: Navigating the Idaho Patient Act and Medical Liens: Protecting Patients and Supporting Providers

Ms. Kidney's article was selected as the issue's featured article.

- All Day/Bar-Wide CLE 2026: the Section will host a Bar-wide CLE in 2026. It is imperative to select a date as soon as possible. The Section typically holds this CLE in October. The Section will send a follow up with an email to members for input.
- Section Fairs: the Section will participate in the October 22 Section Fair to be held at the University of Idaho School of Law campus. At least two volunteers are needed to represent the Health Law Section at the fair. The Section will send an email to members soliciting volunteers.

- Elections: elections for the Section officers will be held at the Section's December meeting. The current Vice Chair will automatically succeed to the Chair position. Positions subject to election include Vice Chair, Secretary/Treasurer, and at-large Council Members. Anyone interested in running for or nominating someone for any of these positions should notify Ms. Smyser.

**CLE:**

Tom Mortell and Jean Schroeder, Hawley Troxell, Boise, Idaho, presented a half hour CLE on updates and recent developments under the Idaho Patient Act.

**Adjourn:**

There being no further business, Ms. Smyser adjourned the meeting at 12:44 p.m.

Brent Wilson  
Secretary/Treasurer