GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar
October 5, 2026
Boise, Idaho

President, F.J. Hahn, called the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar ("the Board") to order at 8:36 a.m. MST at the Law Center in Boise, Idaho. In attendance at that time were Commissioners, F.J. Hahn, Patty Weeks, Taylor Mossman-Fletcher, and T. Matthew Wolfe, II, as well as Executive Director, Maureen Ryan Braley, who acted as secretary. Bar Counsel, Joe Pirtle; Assistant Bar Counsel, Samantha Lundberg; Deputy Director, Jared Hoskins; and Program and Legal Education Director, Teresa Baker, also attended the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Consistent with the authority granted in Idaho Code § 3-408, and under the supervisory power of the Idaho Supreme Court and acting as an agency thereof for purposes of Idaho Code § 74-202(4)(a), it was moved, seconded, and passed that the Board move into a confidential session to discuss matters involving admission and professional discipline as provided under Idaho Bar Commission Rules 223 and 521. It was also moved, seconded, and passed, after an aye vote was recorded of each Commissioner, to move into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(b), (d) and (f), to: (1) review personal records of attorneys for licensing purposes; (2) consider information obtained as part of an inquiry into an individual's fitness to practice law; (3) discuss with legal counsel pending and/or potential litigation; and (4) consider evaluation of an employee.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 8:37 a.m.

The Board moved out of Executive Session at 11:14 a.m. and into the General Session.

GENERAL SESSION

It was moved, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote to approve amendment of the General Session Agenda to include Client Assistance Fund Claim No. 8 in addition to Claim Nos. 1-7.

Minutes – It was moved, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the General Session minutes of the Board meeting on August 28, 2026.

Formal Charge Request – "Attorney B" – Upon motion, duly seconded, the Commissioners found by unanimous vote that (1) there is probable cause that "Attorney B" as identified during the Executive Session violated the Idaho Rules of Professional Conduct; and (2) Bar Counsel is authorized to proceed with a formal charge complaint.

Client Assistance Fund Claim – "Attorney A" – Upon motion, duly seconded, the Commissioners approved by unanimous vote the recommendation of the Client Assistance Fund Committee to pay claim Nos. 1-8 against "Attorney A" as identified during the Executive Session. President Hahn will sign the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order authorizing payment of the claims.

Magistrate Commission Appointments – Ms. Braley reminded the Board that it made five appointments at its meeting on August 28 – to the First, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh District Magistrate Commissions. Ms. Braley explained that following the Board's August 28 meeting, the Fifth District discovered a procedural defect with their nomination. The Fifth District decided to redo their nomination process and a new nomination from the Fifth District, as well as nominations from the Second and Third Districts, have since been received. It was moved, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the slate of nominees and appoint Wynn Mosman, Kimberly Brooks, and Dennis Vorhees to the Second, Third, and Fifth District Magistrate Commissions, respectively. Commissioner Wolfe recused himself from the vote as it pertained to the Fifth District Magistrate Commission.

Dissolution of Pro Bono Commission – Ms. Braley explained how participation in, and enthusiasm for, the Commission have waned in recent years. She mentioned how Justice Brody had discussed dissolving the Commission and focusing on other ways the Courts and the Bar can continue to promote pro bono work outside the Commission. She mentioned that Judge Brailsford also supports dissolving the Commission and that the Commission members, during their meeting on September 14, 2026, discussed dissolution and are in support. It was moved and seconded to support dissolution of the Commission. Commissioners Hahn, Wolfe, and Mossman voted aye. Commissioner Weeks voted nay. Motion passed.

Public Notice of Client Assistance Fund Reimbursement – Ms. Lundberg stated that the Client Assistance Fund ("CAF") Committee met on September 11, 2026, and unanimously voted to recommend to the Board that the Idaho State Bar ("ISB") publish a public notice following payment of a CAF claim. Unlike formal discipline, Ms. Lundberg explained, there is no requirement in IBCR that any notice be published when the Board orders that a Claimant be reimbursed from the fund based on an attorney's dishonest conduct. There is also no rule prohibiting it. Ms. Lundberg recommended that the notice be published on the ISB website in the "Public Discipline and Other Notices" section and in the Advocate. It was moved, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote to approve publication of notice following approval of payment of a CAF claim.

Meeting with District Bar Association ("DBA") Delegates to Consider 2026 Resolutions – Delegates from the various DBAs were present, including Lisa Chesebro (District 1), Clarissa Greensmyth (District 3), Yecora Daniels and Daivd Arkoosh (District 4), Qiva Dinuri (District 5), Mathew Bardsley (District 6), and Landry Davis (District 7). The DBA delegates joined the meeting for consideration of 2026 Resolutions pursuant to IBCR 905 and 906. Ms. Braley explained that IBCR 906(e)(3) provides that all resolutions submitted by the DBAs, Idaho Supreme Court, and Board shall be automatically considered submitted for resolution process consideration, unless two-thirds of the delegates present at the October meeting conclude that a proposed resolution is clearly outside the scope of the ISB's authority. All other resolutions must be approved by a majority vote at the October meeting to be circulated to the membership. No motion was made to determine that any of the resolutions were outside the scope of the ISB's authority. Commissioners discussed their assignments for the presentation of the resolutions at the Roadshow meetings.

Mandatory Bar Litigation Update – Mr. Pirtle explained that the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed a district court's dismissal of claims against the Utah State Bar related to its status as an integrated (i.e., mandatory) bar on August 31, 2026. Mr. Pirtle further reported on the current status of litigation impacting mandatory bars.

Supplemental Insurance – Ms. Braley reported that she and Mr. Pirtle are waiting on Risk Management to provide a quote for supplemental insurance for director and officer liability. Commissioners discussed their desire to independently get a quote separate from Risk Management.

2027 Licensing Update – Ms. Braley introduced Licensing Administrator, Annette Strauser's, memorandum addressing the 2027 online license renewal process. The 10-year effort to transition licensing renewal to 100% online submission is complete. Licensing applications for 2027 will be submitted completely online, as online renewals are more efficient and accurate. Since 2016, online licensing renewals have increased from 47% to 87%. Mr. Hoskins noted that this change will not affect most members but that efforts will be made to ensure a smooth transition process for those affected, e.g., sending targeted letters, educational materials, and instructions directly to members who submitted paper applications for 2026.

Strategic Plan Execution Update – Mr. Hoskins provided a status update on execution of the ISB's Strategic Goals. Regarding the first prong of the Strategic Goals (procurement, development, and implementation of a new association management system ("AMS")), Mr. Hoskins reported that user story interviews and requirements compilation are complete as scheduled and that market analysis is underway and on schedule. He noted that the AMS Member Survey was deployed for two weeks and closed successfully on Monday, September 28. The contract evaluation scientist, Dr. Miller, is currently analyzing the results and preparing his report. Mr. Hoskins mentioned that he expects vendor selection to extend until the end of December due to likely delays in data mapping and contract negotiation.

Regarding the second prong (financial stewardship), Mr. Hoskins reported that implementation of the new payroll system is complete and that the transition to an outsourced accounting model is on schedule. The new Finance Manager, Michele Allen, began working on September 8, 2026, and has already made a significant and positive impact. He reported that the chart of accounts has been finalized and that several business process innovations are underway and will continue. Lastly, Mr. Hoskins noted that implementation of a new accounting system is ahead of schedule.

BOC Meeting and Event Schedule – Ms. Braley introduced the current meeting schedule and upcoming events through 2027.

August 2026 Monthly Financials – Ms. Braley referenced the August financial statements and stated that, overall, the budget is on track despite certain lines being ahead or behind, e.g., personnel costs are down while consultant costs are up. Ms. Braley noted that these variances were expected given the decision to transition to an outsourced accounting model.

Idaho Academy of Leadership for Lawyers (IALL) Report – Ms. Braley provided an update about the incoming IALL class and schedule. Commissioners discussed potentially changing the schedule for the next IALL class.

Bench and Bar CLE & Reception – Run of Show – Ms. Braley referenced Ms. Baker's schedule and run of show for the Bench and Bar CLE & Reception on Tuesday, October 6, from 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at JUMP.

Advocate Commissioner Article Schedule – Ms. Braley introduced the current article schedule created by Communications Coordinator, Sally Boylan.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m., MST.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Ryan Braley
Executive Director