

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioner
December 9, 2022
Boise, Idaho

President Kristin Bjorkman called the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 9:05 p.m. at the Law Center, in Boise, Idaho. In attendance at the meeting were Commissioners Gary Cooper, Laird Stone, Mary York and Jillian Caires (via Zoom), Bar Counsel Joe Pirtle, Deputy Bar Counsel Julia Crossland, Associate Director Maureen Braley and Executive Director Diane Minnich, who acted as secretary.

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 admissions 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 from each Commissioner, to move into Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code §74-101819206(1)(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; and (3) discuss with legal counsel pending and/or potential litigation.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Minutes – It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2022, Board of Commissioners meeting as submitted.

2022 Resolution Process – The Commissioners were provided with the comments from resolution meeting attendees.

Judicial Council Legislation – The Commissioners were provided with the draft legislation and letter to the Governor regarding the proposed Judicial Council legislation. Commissioner York reported that proposed legislation was prepared by the task force and there was consensus on the proposed legislation.

Retiring Judges – President Bjorkman requested information about creating a licensing status for retired judges. The Executive Director reported that this may be a rule change proposal for the 2023 resolution process.

Strategic Planning Session – The Commissioners discussed the draft strategic plan. The next steps are to approve the plan and then develop an implementation plan. The Commissioners agreed that once finalized the plan should be published and provided to various volunteer groups. The staff agreed to prepare an inventory of what activities we already doing.

University of Idaho Law School Visit – The Commissioners were provided with a request from the law school to move the visit to the morning of January 13, 2023. The Commissioners agreed, with the understanding that the meetings start early and conclude by 11:30 to allow adequate time

for the BOC meeting. The staff agreed to contact the Dean prior to the meeting to determine if there are any specific issues or information that the law school wants to discuss or have provided for the meeting.

2023 BOC Meeting Schedule – The Commissioners were provided with the 2023 schedule of meetings and events.

President Bjorkman provided a copy of a case involving the New Jersey State Bar Association.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Reports – The Commissioners were provided with the September and October financial reports. As of October 31, 88.2% of the income was received, and 77.3% of the expenses incurred. President Bjorkman requested that the Commissioners receive a more detailed investment report at a future meeting.

MEMBER SERVICES

Social media report – The Commissioners were provided with a report on social media engagement from the Communications Director.

Letters and news clippings for the past month were provided in PDF format to the Commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at out at 10:40, the Commissioners returned to General Session at 12:50 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director