

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioner
June 10, 2022
Boise, Idaho

President Kurt Holzer called the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 9:55 a.m. at the Law Center in Boise, Idaho. In attendance at the meeting were Commissioners Anne-Marie Fulfer, Gary Cooper, Laird Stone, Kristin Dunn, Bar Counsel Joe Pirtle, Associate Director Maureen Braley, and Executive Director Diane Minnich, who acted as secretary.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Fourth District Magistrate Commission Appointment – The Executive Director reported that the Fourth District Trial Court Administrator contacted her requesting a temporary replacement to the Fourth District Magistrate Commission. Bryan Nickels, one of the current lawyer members, has a conflict for the upcoming magistrate judge selection process. The Executive Director contacted the Fourth District Bar Officers for a nomination. The Officers nominated Tricia Daigle to serve as a temporary member of the Commission. It was moved, seconded, and passed to appoint Tricia Daigle as a temporary replacement for Bryan Nickels on the Fourth District Magistrate Commission.

Judicial Council Appointment – The Executive Director noted that the Judicial Council position interview schedule was posted on the website, included in the E-Bulletin for two weeks, and a press release was sent to the major Idaho newspapers and the Idaho Supreme Court's Communications Manager Nate Poppino. The Zoom link to the meeting was included in the announcements.

The Commissioners reviewed potential questions for the applicants. The following questions were agreed upon and asked of each applicant:

1. Why are you interested in serving on the Judicial Council?
2. What would make you a good member of the Judicial Council?
3. What criteria would you use for deciding whether to recommend a candidate to the governor?
4. Tell me about an experience in which you analyzed information and evaluated results to choose the best person for a position?
5. What is your vision for the future of the Idaho judicial system: What changes would you advocate and why?
6. If an inappropriate question was asked of a candidate, how would you handle it? For example, what if a candidate was asked for their political ideology? Where were their parents born? Whether they belong to any religious organization? What their plans are for a family?
7. Serving on the Judicial Council is time consuming. Have you considered the time commitment, and do you have the time to commit to the Council?
8. The position requires senate confirmation, which includes a confirmation hearing. What is your experience appearing before the legislature and/or working with the legislature?
9. What are your views on the need for diversity on the bench?
10. This is your time to make a brief statement. Are there things you would like us to know that you haven't already told us about? What would you like the Commissioners to take away from your interview?

The Commissioners interviewed the following applicants for the position on the Idaho Judicial Council: Keely Duke, Andy Brassey, and John Rumel. After the interviews and deliberation, it was moved, seconded, and passed to appoint Keeley Duke to the Idaho Judicial Council.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director