

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioners
June 21, 2023
Boise, Idaho

President Laird Stone called the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar to order at 12:00 p.m. at the Law Center in Boise, Idaho. In attendance at the meeting were Commissioners, Gary Cooper, Jillian Caires and Kristin Bjorkman, 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 §74-206(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

Judicial Council Interviews – The Commissioners interviewed five applicants for the Idaho Judicial Council: Judy Ruud, Russell Johnson, Daniel Mortensen, Jeffrey Ventrella, and Michael Howard. After the interviews, the Commissioners discussed the nine candidates for the two positions available, the five interviewed today, and the four interviewed on May 12, 2023 – John Bush, Keely Duke, Norm Semanko, and John Rumel. The statute taking effect on July 1, 2023, directs the Commissioners to submit three names to the Governor for each position for his consideration. After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and passed to submit the following names to the Governor: two panels – Dan, Mike, Keely and Norm, Keely and JB.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Commissioners moved into Executive Session at 2:35 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Minnich
Executive Director