

**GENERAL SESSION MINUTES**  
**Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioners**  
**April 30, 2026**  
**Boise, Idaho**

President, Hon. Robert Jackson, called the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar (“the Board”) to order at 12:20 p.m. MST at the Law Center in Boise, Idaho. In attendance at that time were Commissioners, Hon. Robert Jackson, Kristin Bjorkman, F.J. Hahn, Patty Weeks, and Leslie Hayes, 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.

**GENERAL SESSION**

**Minutes** – It was moved, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the General Session minutes of the Board meeting on April 3, 2026.

**Results from Contested Judicial Election Survey** – Mr. Hoskins mentioned that the survey closed on April 27, 2026, and was posted on the website and sent to media outlets along with a press release on April 28, 2026. He noted that Bar Counsel had already fielded one public records request for all judicial surveys since 2000.

**Admissions Report** – Ms. Braley introduced the Admissions Report and referenced the admissions statistics for the February 2026 bar exam as of April 23, 2026, including number of applicants, number of test-takers, and passage rates. There was a 45.8% passage rate.

**Strategic Planning Session** – Ms. Braley referenced the agenda for the upcoming strategic planning exercise on May 1-2, 2026.

**Report on 2026 Western States Bar Conference** – Commissioners Jackson, Hahn, and Bjorkman discussed the recently attended conference and the observation that most states seem to be experiencing issues similar to Idaho, including legal desserts, alternative paths for admission, artificial intelligence, and attacks on the judiciary and rule of law.

**Recap of Annual Meeting with Idaho Supreme Court** – Ms. Braley reflected on the recent meeting with the Idaho Supreme Court and noted some of the discussion on the proposed resolutions, including those contemplating potential changes to the resolution amendment process, conformance with the SCRA, bar exam fees, and time-sensitive resolutions.

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

**2026 Annual Meeting** – Ms. Baker discussed the upcoming Annual Meeting agenda and noted that sponsorships are ahead of projections.

## **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 1:44 p.m.

The Board moved out of Executive Session at 3:49 p.m. and into the General Session.

**Client Assistance Fund Claim – “Attorney B”** – Upon motion, duly seconded, the Commissioners approved by unanimous vote the recommendation of the Client Assistance Fund Committee to pay a claim against “Attorney B” as identified during the Executive Session. President Jackson will sign the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order authorizing payment of the claim.

**Advocate Commissioner Article Schedule** – Ms. Braley introduced the schedule and the Commissioner/President's Column Rotation.

**January 2026 Financials** – Ms. Braley introduced the Idaho State Bar Financial Statements for the period ending January 31, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m., MST.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Ryan Braley  
Executive Director