

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioners
June 16, 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 8:47 a.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 30, 2026.

Resignation of ABA Delegate – Ms. Braley discussed the recent resignation of Jonathan Shirts as the Idaho State Bar (“ISB”) Delegate to the American Bar Association. His current two-year term is set to expire at the conclusion of the ABA Annual Meeting in August. The Commissioners discussed how the position should be left open for now, that the opportunity will be advertised, and applications will be solicited so that a new delegate may be appointed at the Board meeting on August 28, 2026.

Appointment to Idaho Legal Aid Services Board of Directors – Ms. Braley mentioned that Sunrise Ayers, the Executive Director of Idaho Legal Aid Services (ILAS), contacted her to request that the Board reappoint attorney, Lora Breen, to serve on the ILAS Board of Directors. It was moved, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote to reappoint Ms. Bree.

Section Liaison Assignments – Ms. Braley referenced the Commissioner Liaison Assignments to Sections list and the Commissioners discussed their preferred assignments. Ms. Baker made the requested changes to the assignments. It was moved, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the list as modified.

ISB Committee Appointments – Ms. Braley introduced her memo regarding 2026 Committee Appointment Recommendations. It was moved, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the recommendations.

Medical Malpractice Prelitigation Screening Panel Appointments – Ms. Braley stated that the Division of Occupational Licenses contacted her to request that the Board appoint attorneys to serve as chairs of medical malpractice prelitigation hearing panels, pursuant to Idaho Code § 6-1002. Three attorneys, James Price, Mark Fuller, and David Knotts, requested to be appointed. It was moved, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote to appoint these three attorneys but to continue to solicit interest from other attorneys to make potential further appointments.

Time-Sensitive Resolution Addressing Changes to Servicemembers Civil Relief Act – Ms. Braley introduced the draft resolution prepared by Ms. Lundberg proposing to amend Idaho Bar Commission Rule (IBCR) 229 to conform to the recent changes to the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. It was moved, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the time-sensitive resolution to submit to ISB membership for a vote in July 2026 recommending that IBCR 229 be repealed and replaced, as recommended by Ms. Lundberg, subject to one edit replacing the fixed application fee amount of \$1,200 with a general reference to the fee amount for Experienced Attorneys in IBCR 203(c)(1)(C).

Strategic Planning Goals – Ms. Braley referenced the draft of the strategic goals set during the Board’s strategic planning session on May 1-2, 2026. It was moved, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the strategic goals subject to the wordsmithing of Ms. Braley.

Admissions Report – Ms. Braley introduced the Admissions Report and its statistics on February 2026 Bar Exam passage rates and July 2026 Bar Exam applications. Ms. Braley reminded the Board of the upcoming implementation of the NextGen Bar Exam in July. Commissioners discussed plans for in-person grading for the first administration of the NextGen Bar Exam and possible remote grading for subsequent administrations.

Report on 2026 Jackrabbit Bar Conference – Commissioners Jackson, Hayes, and Weeks discussed their recent trip to the conference in New Mexico. Particular state reports included topics such as AI, alternative pathways to licensure, and legal deserts.

Joint Meeting with Idaho Law Foundation on 6/17/26 – Ms. Braley reminded the Board about the upcoming joint meeting with the Board of Directors of the Idaho Law Foundation and what to expect process-wise in terms of open discussion and updates from each board president.

BOC Meeting and Event Schedule (Including 2026 Roadshow Dates) – Ms. Braley introduced the current meeting schedule and upcoming events.

2026 Annual Meeting Schedule and Run of Show – Ms. Baker outlined the schedule and logistics of the Milestone Reception & Distinguished Lawyer and Outstanding Young Lawyer Award Program.

Member Benefit Provider Approval – Ms. Baker introduced the idea of adding a health insurance provider as a member benefit provider. It was moved, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote to approve 1099 Workers as a member benefit provider.

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 12:12 p.m.

The Board moved out of Executive Session at 1:40 p.m. and into the General Session.

Client Assistance Fund Claim – “Attorney A” – Upon motion, duly seconded, the Commissioners determined by unanimous vote that the request for review was untimely and approved the recommendation of the Client Assistance Fund Committee to dismiss the claim against “Attorney A” as identified during the Executive Session. Incoming President Hahn will sign the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

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.

Accounting Report – Ms. Braley introduced the February 2026 - May 2026 Financials and noted they are up to date.

Meeting with Auditors (Sorren) – Ms. Braley introduced Interim Controller, Debbie Dudley, and Morgan Browning of Sorren CPAs, PC. Mr. Browning explained that the auditors' role was to express an opinion as to whether the ISB's financial statements fairly present the financial position of the organization. Mr. Browning stated that the ISB received an unqualified, or “clean,” opinion and congratulated Ms. Braley and the Board. It was moved, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote to accept the Audit Report as presented.

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The Board moved into Executive Session at 2:50 p.m.

The Board moved out of Executive Session and adjourned at 4:24 p.m., MST.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Ryan Braley
Executive Director