GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar
July 22, 2026
Boise, Idaho

President, F.J. Hahn, called the business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar ("the Board") to order at 8:46 a.m. MST at the Law Center in Boise, Idaho. In attendance at that time were Commissioners, F.J. Hahn, Patty Weeks, Leslie Hayes, Taylor Mossman-Fletcher, and T. Matthew Wolfe, II, 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; Program and Legal Education Director, Teresa Baker; and former Commissioners, Hon. Robert Jackson and Kristin Bjorkman, also attended the meeting.

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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 8:47 a.m.

The Board moved out of Executive Session at 11:04 a.m. and into the General Session.

GENERAL SESSION

Minutes – It was moved, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the General Session minutes of the Board meeting on June 16, 2026.

Time-Sensitive Resolution Addressing Changes to Servicemembers Civil Relief Act – Ms. Braley introduced the resolution prepared by Ms. Lundberg amending Idaho Bar Commission Rule ("IBCR") 229 to conform to the recent changes to the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. Ms. Lundberg informed the Board that the resolution voting had closed the night before and that 708 members voted in favor, with 65 against. Ms. Braley mentioned that the successful resolution will not go into effect until the Idaho Supreme Court ("ISC") enters an order. Ms. Braley will send a letter to the ISC requesting an order.

MCLE Task Force Recommendation – Mr. Hoskins introduced his memorandum detailing the background and recommendations of the MCLE Task Force. Commissioners discussed whether expansion of the activities for which attorneys may receive MCLE credit served the statement of purpose in IBCR 400, whether the minimum MCLE requirement should be increased to coincide with expanded permissible activities, whether carryover credit should be allowed, and when the effective date of a resolution would be.

It was moved, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote to accept, and to prepare a single resolution incorporating, the recommendations of the MCLE Task Force, as reflected in the July 13, 2026, memorandum from Mr. Hoskins, with the following modifications and an effective date that applies in the next full reporting period to those members reporting therein after adoption of the rule changes by the ISC: (a) removing the annual cap on the number of eligible credits for Alternative Activities; (b) increasing the minimum credit hours required by IBCR 402(a)(1) to thirty-six (36) credits per reporting period; (c) increasing the cap on credits from self-study programs, published legal writing, pro bono service, mock trial, mentoring, or any combination thereof, to eighteen (18) credits per reporting period; and (d) permitting up to twelve (12) excess credits from live CLE programming to carry over into the subsequent reporting period (but not counting toward ethics credits in the subsequent reporting period).

2026 Resolutions – Ms. Braley introduced her memo dated July 14, 2026, detailing a slate of six potential resolutions for the fall of 2026. Commissioners discussed whether Resolution No. 2, regarding fee increases in Section II of IBCR, should be tabled until a comprehensive and thorough analysis of all fees is conducted. Commissioners agreed that they would further consider the resolution at the August 2026 Board meeting, subject to a "sensitivity analysis" of how much revenue could potentially be garnered by increasing certain fees in Section II.

It was moved, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote to accept the slate of resolutions, excluding Resolution No. 4 regarding the process for amending circulated resolutions, for final approval at the August 2026 Board meeting.

Strategic Plan Report – Mr. Hoskins introduced and summarized his memo dated July 13, 2026, regarding execution of the Board's strategic goals for 2026-2028. Commissioners discussed the proposed timeframes for Strategic Goal No. 1, implementation of a new attorney management system (AMS). Mr. Hoskins informed the Board that the timelines regarding development and implementation are just guesses until all system requirements are known and a contract is executed with a vendor. Commissioners stated their desire to ensure the financial viability of the selected vendor before executing a contract. Mr. Hoskins stated that the timeframes would be continually adjusted as progress is made on the project. Mr. Hoskins discussed the "user stories" he is gathering from ISB staff. Commissioners discussed surveying bar members to obtain feedback and input regarding the new AMS.

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 this month.

Idaho Supreme Court Granata Award Nomination – Ms. Braley introduced two letters, dated June 1, 2026, from Justice Meyer soliciting nominations for the Granata and Kramer awards. Commissioners discussed several possible nominations. It was moved, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the slate of candidates discussed to forward on to the ISC.

Recap of Meeting with Idaho Law Foundation on 6/17/26 – Commissioners shared their thoughts about the joint meeting with the Board of Directors of the Idaho Law Foundation. Commissioners discussed the topic of legal deserts, which was a significant topic of discussion at the joint meeting. Commissioners and staff stated the importance of the topic and their view that addressing the issue thoughtfully will require significant participation of multiple stakeholders, including but not limited to the ISC, University of Idaho College of Law, State Public Defender, and potentially the Idaho Legislature. Members discussed the possibility of all stakeholders jointly outsourcing the facilitation of the discussion and analysis. Staff mentioned the need to conduct some nationwide research to understand the current landscape and will consider utilizing interns for the research. Commissioners and staff stated that they would continue to discuss the topic and educate themselves in preparation for further discussion with other stakeholders in the future.

Report on 2026 ALPS Bar Leaders Retreat – Commissioner Hahn, Ms. Braley, and Mr. Hoskins shared their thoughts about their recent trip to Missoula for the retreat. They expressed that the retreat was a good opportunity for team building, networking, and understanding the common issues faced by other bar organizations. Programming on leadership and "trail blazing" was also appreciated.

BOC Meeting and Event Schedule – Ms. Braley introduced the current meeting schedule and upcoming events, including the 2026 Roadshow schedule.

June 2026 Financials – Ms. Braley referenced the June financial statements and stated that, overall, expenditures and revenue are tracking with the progress of the fiscal year.

Office Furniture – Ms. Braley informed the Commissioners that the furniture replacement process was almost complete. Commissioners and staff commended the work of ISB staff, Jon Wadley, who led the effort. Ms. Braley noted that the new furniture has been an immediate functional improvement and a boost in staff morale.

2026 ISB Annual Meeting Survey Results and Report – Ms. Baker introduced the survey results and mentioned that there were 31 responses from in-person participants and seven from those that attended remotely. She noted that feedback suggests participants liked the one-day format. Ms. Baker further discussed attendance statistics, social event participation, and associated revenue and expenses. Commissioners discussed the logistics and finances of possibly holding the event outside of Boise in 2027.

Advocate Article schedule – Ms. Braley referenced the Advocate article schedule.

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m., MST.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Ryan Braley
Executive Director