GENERAL SESSION MINUTES
Board of Commissioners of the Idaho State Bar
August 28, 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 8:55 a.m. MST at the Hyatt Place in downtown 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 Admissions Administrator, Tasha Sorrells-Landeros, 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 July 22, 2026.

July 2026 NextGen Uniform Bar Exam Report and Admissions Statistics – Ms. Braley introduced the report prepared by Admissions Administrator, Tasha Sorrells-Landeros, regarding the July 2026 administration of the NextGen Bar Examination and admissions statistics. Ms. Braley further stated that the first administration of the NextGen Bar Examination in Idaho was a success despite problems in other states. Ms. Sorrells-Landeros referenced NextGen administration problems in Washington and Missouri related to Wi-Fi bandwidth, which were avoided in Idaho. Ms. Braley stated that the Idaho State Bar ("ISB") is currently contingency planning for the February administration and considering alternate venues, including universities, high schools, and the Chinden Campus to ensure proper Wi-Fi. Consideration is also being given to capping the number of examinees to minimize bandwidth dependence.

Medical Malpractice Prelitigation Screening Panel Appointments – Ms. Braley discussed how 16 applications to serve on the screening panel have been received. Some applicants do not have active licenses to practice law. Ms. Braley mentioned that she spoke with Nathan Nielson at the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses and that the division interprets Section 6-1002, Idaho Code, to require lawyers appointed to the screening panels to be actively licensed. It was moved, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote to appoint all applicants who have active licenses to practice law to serve on panels, including Mr. Hardesty.

Magistrate Commission Appointments – Ms. Braley explained that the Board is being asked to consider and approve the recommended appointments from the District Bar Associations to serve as "Attorney A" members of the Magistrate Commissions, for which current appointments expire on September 30, 2026. Commissioner Wolfe abstained from voting on the appointments. It was moved, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote of the remaining commissioners to appoint Jennifer Brumley (District 1), Cheyenne House (District 4), Tyler McGee (District 5), Nathan Palmer (District 6), and Challis McNally (District 7) as "Attorney A" members of their respective district Magistrate Commissions.

ABA Delegate Appointment – Ms. Braley explained how the vacancy caused by Jonathan Shirts's resignation from his position as the ISB-appointed ABA delegate earlier this year needs to be filled and how the ISB invited attorneys to apply for the position by posting the opportunity on the ISB website and in The Weekly Brief for one month. Three applications were received. It was moved, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote to appoint Nicole Owens.

Summary of August 2026 ABA Annual Meeting – Ms. Braley introduced the report prepared by Kendall Bjornsen, the ABA Young Lawyer Delegate, about the ABA's Annual Meeting in Chicago. Judge Oths, Executive Director of the Idaho Judicial Council and an elected delegate to the ABA House of Delegates, attended the Annual Meeting and discussed potential law school accreditation issues that arose in the meeting.

Meeting with Members of the Idaho Judicial Council – Members of the Idaho Judicial Council joined the meeting and discussed matters of mutual interest, including judicial recruitment and retention, nominations, and appointments. Attendees included Executive Director, Judge Oths, Chief Justice Bevan, Justice Brody, and Judge Carnaroli. Mike Kennedy and Keely Duke also attended the meeting remotely.

Investiture Ceremony for New Court of Appeals Judge Gene Petty – The Board traveled to the Idaho Supreme Court ("ISC") for the investiture ceremony of Judge Gene Petty.

2026 Resolutions – Ms. Braley explained that there are drafts of five resolutions for the Board's consideration.

Mr. Hoskins introduced the proposed resolution to amend the Idaho Bar Commission Rules ("IBCR") to increase admissions fees for reexamination, deferment, and legal intern licenses. Mr. Hoskins discussed his memorandum containing a fiscal impact analysis of the proposed fee increase. It was moved, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote to accept the proposed resolution regarding admission fee increases and to submit the resolution to members for a vote in the fall of 2026.

Mr. Hoskins introduced the proposed resolution to amend IBCR to increase the minimum Mandatory Continuing Legal Education ("MCLE") requirement; expand "Accredited Activities" to include pro bono service, mock trial participation, and mentoring; permit carryover credit; and make technical corrections. Mr. Hoskins noted that the proposed resolution contained the MCLE Task Force's original substantive recommendations but also included the Board's additional recommendations to increase the minimum MCLE requirement and to permit carryover credit. It was moved to accept the proposed resolution regarding MCLE changes and to submit the resolution to members for a vote in the fall of 2026. The motion was seconded but prior to voting it was clarified that, for purposes of carryover credit, such credits would retain their character, except in the case of ethics credits, which will only count toward general credits if carried over from one reporting period to the next. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Pirtle introduced the proposed resolution to amend IBCR to expand the circumstances in which an applicant is qualified for admission to include an applicant who did not receive a juris doctorate from an Approved Law School but has actively engaged in the practice of law for three of the five

prior years. It was moved, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote to accept the proposed resolution regarding qualifications for admission and to submit the resolution to members for a vote in the fall of 2026.

Mr. Pirtle introduced the proposed resolution to repeal and replace Idaho Rule of Professional Conduct ("IRPC") 1.14 to conform to the new ABA Model Rule 1.14, which was amended in February of 2026 to address clients with "decision-making limitations," rather than clients with "diminished capacity." It was moved, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote to accept the proposed resolution regarding clients with decision-making limitations and to submit the resolution to members for a vote in the fall of 2026.

Mr. Pirtle introduced the proposed resolution to amend IRPC 7.2(d) to modernize advertising rules to require mere contact information, as opposed to an office address, on advertising communications. It was moved, seconded, and passed by unanimous vote to accept the proposed resolution regarding advertising rules and to submit the resolution to members for a vote in the fall of 2026.

Strategic Plan Execution Update – Mr. Hoskins introduced the Strategic Plan Execution Update, dated August 20, 2026. With regard to Strategic Goal No. 1 (Attorney Management System), he highlighted changes to the original timeline, noting that changes to the User Story Session timeline necessitated a one-month delay in vendor selection. He referenced his Key Update on the Attorney Management System ("AMS") Member Survey and the plan to commission a PhD-level evaluation scientist to assist in the creation and analysis of the AMS member survey. Regarding Strategic Goal No. 2 (Financial Stewardship), Mr. Hoskins highlighted that the new payroll software, ADP Run, went live with its first payroll on July 15, 2026. He also mentioned that a new Finance Manager, Michele Allen, has been hired and will begin work on September 8, 2026. He discussed progress on the chart of accounts and process innovations. Finally, Mr. Hoskins reported that the transition to a new accounting system is slightly ahead of schedule, with Statements of Work (SOWs) executed earlier in the week.

Idaho Supreme Court AI Workgroup – Mr. Pirtle discussed how the ISC established a workgroup to examine the use of artificial intelligence within the Idaho courts and provided an update on its activities. Mr. Pirtle stated he expects an order from the ISC in September of 2026, memorializing the workgroup's recommendations.

Supplemental Insurance – Ms. Braley explained that she and Mr. Pirtle met with the State of Idaho's Risk Management professionals and their insurance brokers to discuss supplemental insurance coverage for the ISB, the Board, and staff. Risk Management will provide a quote. Mr. Pirtle mentioned that he had also since clarified with the Office of the Attorney General ("AG") that the AG will provide representation to the ISB, even if no money damages are sought.

Legal Research Tools – Ms. Braley mentioned that Mr. Pirtle and Ms. Lundberg have evaluated enhanced legal research tools available through Westlaw. Mr. Pirtle explained the quotes from Westlaw. Commissioners encouraged Mr. Pirtle to get competing quotes from other providers.

BOC Meeting and Event Schedule – Ms. Braley introduced the current meeting schedule and upcoming events through 2027.

July 2026 Monthly Financials – Ms. Braley referenced the July financial statements and stated that although consultant fees are higher than budgeted, personnel costs are lower, and additional salary savings are expected through 2027.

2026-2027 Idaho Academy of Leadership for Lawyers (IALL) Class Applications – Ms. Braley explained that applications for the 2026-2027 IALL class are being accepted through September 14, 2026.

2026 Resolution Roadshow Update – Ms. Braley referenced the report created by Ms. Baker regarding Roadshow dates, locations, and speakers. Ms. Baker stated that Justice Meyer will be attending in Districts 1 and 2, and Justice Zahn will attend in the remaining districts. She further stated that local Administrative District Judges will be providing programming in their respective districts.

2027 Annual Meeting – Ms. Baker stated that planning for the 2027 Annual Meeting is currently underway. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 2027, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, at the Coeur d'Alene Resort's Hagadone Event Center. Ms. Baker referenced the preliminary schedule.

Advocate Commissioner Article Schedule – Ms. Braley introduced the current article schedule created by the new Communications Coordinator, Sally Boylan.

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 3:24 p.m.

The Board moved out of Executive Session at 4:42 p.m. and into the General Session.

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

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.

The meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m., MST.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Ryan Braley
Executive Director