

Idaho Digital Learning Alliance

Virtual Meeting of the Board of Directors
9199 W. Black Eagle Drive, Boise ID 83709

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May 19, 2026

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 @ 10:00 AM

Board Members Present

- Mr. Norm Stewart , Mr. Brian Lee, Mr. Jeff Schutte, Mr. Greg Wilson, Mr. Matt Valadao , Mrs. Karla LaOrange, Mrs. Megan Sindt, Mrs. Michelle Clement Taylor

Board Members Absent

- Mr. John Stiffler

Staff Members Present

- Dr. Jeff Simmons, Mr. Ryan Gravette, Mr. Brian Smith, Mr. Jeff Farden, Ms. Kim Caldronney, Ms. Julie Patterson,

Others Present

- Mr. John Foster

Call to Order, Introductions, and Welcome @ 10:00 AM

I. Agenda

The meeting began at 10:02 am

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Brian Lee and seconded by Mr. Greg Wilson. The motion is unanimous.

II. Public Comment

Open Forum is held only during regularly scheduled Board meetings—not during special meetings or Executive Sessions—and is limited to a total of fifteen minutes, with individual speakers allowed up to five minutes each. The Board Chair may adjust speaking time, limit the number of speakers, or request group representatives to summarize shared viewpoints. Priority is given to individuals addressing agenda items or those who have not recently spoken at Open Forum. Public testimony must not include comments about employees, personnel matters, disciplinary issues, personal grievances, or partisan political topics. Board members do not respond during the forum, but concerns raised will be recorded and may be addressed at a future time.

III. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes
2. Expenditures
3. Personnel

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mrs. Karla LaOrange and seconded by Mr. Brian Lee. The motion is unanimous.

IV. Action Items

1. Policies, 1st Reading

- a. #2320 - Health, Sex Education, and Human Sexuality
- b. #5000 - Personnel Policies Guiding Principles
- c. #5100 - Hiring Process and Criteria
- d. #5100-P(1) - Hiring Process and Criteria - Procedures of Obtaining Personnel Records for Applicants
- e. #5100-P(2) - Hiring Process and Criteria - Veteran's Preference
- f. #5110 - Criminal History/Background Checks

Policy #2320 is already in place; the definition of human sexuality is now written out in this policy.

A motion to approve the first readings of policy #'s #2320, #5000, #5100, #5100-P(1), #5100-P(2), and #5110 was made by Mr. Matt Valadao and seconded by Mr. Brian Lee.

The motion is unanimous.

2. Policies, 2nd Reading

- a. #3270 - District Provided Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks
- b. #3275 - District Provided Mobile Computing Devices
- c. #3570 - Student Records
- d. #3570-P(1) - Student Records - Maintenance of School Student Records
- e. #4260 - Records Available to the Public
- f. #8605 - Retention of District Records
- g. #8700 - Computer Software
- h. #9550 - Cybersecurity Data Breach Response Policy

A motion was made by Mr. Brian Lee and seconded by Mrs. Karla LaOrange to approve and adopt as board policy #'s 3270, #3275, #3570, #3570-P(1), #4260, #8605, #8700, and #9550. The motion is unanimous.

3. Policies, Final Reading

- a. #7225 - Financial Fraud and Theft Prevention
- b. #7455 - Federal Department of Suspension
- c. #7460 - Use of Public Funds - Prohibition on Contracting with Abortion Providers
- d. #7500 - New Fees or Increase of Fees
- e. #7600 - Declaration of Financial Emergency
- f. #7600-P(1) - Declaration of Financial Emergency - Financial Emergency Declaration Requirements

A motion to approve and adopt as board policy #'s 7225, #7455, #7460, #7500, #7600, and #7600-P(1) was made by Mrs. Karla LaOrange and seconded by Mr. Brian Lee. The motion is unanimous.

V. Updates

1. Board Member Updates- All
The board members updated each other on various topics from within their regions, districts and industries.
2. Superintendent Update - Mr. Jeff Simmons
 - a. 2026 - 2027 Data
Dr. Simmons went over the pass rates and total enrollments from the previous year - He did mention that there will be changes next year due to budgetary impacts and legislation.
 - b. Draft 26-27 Strategic Plan
Dr. Simmons updated the board members on the proposed strategic plan. This is the most recent work that the leadership team did. The focus has been on the intent language pieces from the new legislation.

VI. Executive Session

Per **[Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b)] To consider the evaluation, dismissal, or discipling of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent or public school student.**

Section 74-206 Idaho Code

RESOLUTION TO RECESS FROM A PUBLIC MEETING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chair announced that the next order of business would be Executive Session.
After a full and complete discussion, upon motion duly made by

Mr. Brian Lee and seconded by
Mr. Matt Valadao, the following resolution was presented:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees/Directors of Idaho Digital Learning Alliance recess from a public meeting into executive session in the manner and for the purpose authorized by Section 74-206(1)(b), Idaho Code, to [To consider the evaluation, dismissal, or discipling of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent or public school student;], as set forth in Section 74-206(1) (b), Idaho Code.

Executive Session was entered into at 10:46 a.m.

A roll call vote was taken and the following board members were present:

A motion to enter into executive session made by Brian Lee, seconded by Matt Valadao

A Roll Call Vote was taken and the following board members were present:

Norm Stewart, Chair

Megan Sindt

Brian Lee

Jeff Schutte

Greg Wilson

Matt Valadao

Karla LaOrange, Vice Chair

The following staff were also present in Executive Session:
Dr. Jeff Simmons

Executive Session concluded at 12:27 p.m.

VII. Resume Open Session

Action, if any, Finalize Annual Evaluation for Superintendent Simmons
Mr. Brian Lee made a motion to approve the Superintendent evaluation as discussed in the Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Matt Valadao. The motion is unanimous.

A motion to adjourn at 12:29 p.m. was made by Mr. Matt Valadao and seconded by Mr. Brian Lee. The motion is unanimous.

2026 Board Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, June 16, 2026 - Face-to-Face, Boise, Noon MST