Idaho Digital Learning Alliance

Virtual Meeting of the Board of Directors
9199 W. Black Eagle Drive, Boise ID 83709
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September 8, 2026

Tuesday, September 8, 2026	*10:00 AM*

Board Members Present

- Mr. Norm Stewart, Mr. Thane Price, Mrs. Karla LaOrange, Mrs. Megan Sindt, Mr. Matt Valadao, Mr. John Stiffler, Mr. Brian Lee, Mrs. Alica Holthaus

Board Members Absent

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Staff Members Present

- Mr. Brian Smith, Dr. Jeff Simmons, Mr. Jeff Farden, Mr. Monte Woolstenhulme, Ms. Julie Patterson, Ms. Kim Caldroney

Others Present

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

I. Agenda

The meeting began at 10:01 a.m. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. John Stiffler and seconded by Mr. Brian Lee. The motion is unanimously approved.

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 Mr. Brian Lee and seconded by Mr. Matt Valadao. The motion is unanimously approved.

IV. Action Items

1. Policies, 1st Reading
    a. #5240 - Sexual Harassment/Intimidation in the Workplace
    b. #3085 - Sexual Harassment, Discrimination, and Retaliation
    c. #3085-P(1) - Sexual Harassment, Discrimination, and Retaliation - Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure, Requirements and Definitions

    A motion to approve the first reading of policy #'s 5240, #3085, and #3085-P(1) was made by Mrs. Alica Holthaus and seconded by Mr. Matt Valadao. The motion is unanimously approved.

2. Policies, 2nd Reading
    a. #5205 - Job Descriptions
    b. #5210 - Work Day
    c. #5230 - Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities
    d. #5235 - Health Examinations

    A motion to approve and adopt as board policy on this reading for policy #'s 5205, #5210, #5230, and #5235 was made by Mr. Brian Lee and seconded by Mr. John Stiffler. The motion is unanimously approved.

3. Policies, Final Reading
    a. #5120 - Equal Employment Opportunity and Non-Discrimination
    b. #5125 - Reporting New Employees
    c. #5130 - Administrative Leave
    d. #5200 - Applicability of Personnel Policies

    A motion to approve and adopt as board policy #'s 5120, #5125, #5130, and #5200 was made by Mr. Matt Valadao and seconded by Mrs. Alica Holthas. The motion is unanimously approved.

V. Updates

1. Superintendent Update - Mr. Jeff Simmons
    a. FY 28 Budget Request
    Dr. Simmons reported that the IDLA budget is part of the SDE budget and the request needs to be made by September 8th for fiscal year 2028. We have already seen enrollments exceed the funding we have been allocated. A request has been submitted to increase funding.
    b. On Ramp Grant
    Dr. Simmons reported that this was an Apple community education initiative. They have informed us that they will not approve any CEI grants this year. Fall courses are still being offered; spring courses will not.
    c. Enrollment Update
    Dr. Simmons reported that enrollment #'s are at 8608 for the summer and above what we have been appropriated for. Fall enrollment is at 10,873, and not all districts have started yet. We are already very close to the 11,250 enrollment funding.
    d. Admin Alt Auth
        i. Kim Wray
        ii. Katie Mosman

Mr. Jeff Farden reported that two additional staff members will seek Administrative alternate authorization, which will help with capacity overall.

e. IDLA Portal - Ms. Julie Patterson
Ms. Julie Patterson gave a presentation and overview of the IDLA portal, explaining that it is the front door for all users and brings together the various locations our audiences need to visit.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 am, with a motion made by Mr. Matt Valadao, and seconded by Mr. Brian Lee. The motion is unanimously approved.

2026 - 2027 Board Meeting Dates

- October 13, 2026, Virtual 10:00 AM MST
- November 3, 2026, Face to Face, Boise, Noon MST
- January 12, 2027, Virtual 10:00 AM MST
- February 2, 2027, Face to Face, Boise, Noon MST
- April 13, 2027, Virtual 10:00 AM MST
- May 11, 2027, Virtual 10:00 AM MST
- June 8, 2027, Face to Face, Boise, Noon MST