



## **Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners**

Brad Little, Governor and President of the Board

Phil McGrane, Secretary of State

Raúl R. Labrador, Attorney General

Brandon D Woolf, State Controller

Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Dustin T. Miller, Secretary to the Board

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### **Summary Minutes**

State Board of Land Commissioners Regular Meeting  
September 16, 2025

The regular meeting of the Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at the State Capitol, Lincoln Auditorium (WW02), Lower Level, West Wing, 700 W. Jefferson St., Boise, Idaho, and via webinar. The meeting began at 8:59 a.m. The Honorable Governor Brad Little presided. The following members were in attendance:

Honorable Governor Brad Little  
Honorable Secretary of State Phil McGrane  
Honorable Attorney General Raúl Labrador  
Honorable State Controller Brandon Woolf  
Honorable Superintendent of Public Instruction Debbie Critchfield

All Land Board members were present at the physical location. Governor Little, Attorney General Labrador, Controller Woolf, and Superintendent Critchfield constituted a quorum to start the meeting. Secretary of State McGrane arrived after the meeting started.

### **Reports**

1. Department Reports—presented by Dustin Miller, Director
  - A. Timber Sales Revenue—August 2025
  - B. Leases/Permits Transactions and Revenue—August 2025
  - C. Fire Season Update
2. Endowment Fund Investment Board—presented by Chris Anton, EFIB Manager of Investments
  - A. Manager's Report
  - B. Investment Report

### **Consent—Action Item(s)**

3. August 6, 2025 Live Auction, Grazing Lease G700347—presented by Addie Faust, Program Manager-Natural Resources Leasing

Recommendation: Direct the Department to award the new grazing lease, GR70000678, to Gerald Martens.

#### 4. Approval of Draft Minutes—August 19, 2025 Regular Meeting

**Consent Agenda Board Action:** A motion was made by Controller Woolf that the Land Board approve and adopt the Consent Agenda. Superintendent Critchfield seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

For the record, Secretary of State McGrane arrived at approximately 9:16 a.m., as the presentation of agenda item 5 began.

#### Regular—Action Item(s)

##### 5. FY2027 Department of Lands Budget—presented by Dustin Miller, Director

**Recommendation:** Approve the Department's FY2027 budget request as submitted to Division of Financial Management and Legislative Services Office on Friday, August 29, 2025.

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Controller Woolf that the Land Board approve the Department's FY2027 budget proposal that was submitted on August 29, 2025 to LSO and DFM. Superintendent Critchfield seconded the motion. For the record, Governor Little abstained from voting. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

##### 6. August 5, 2025 Live Auction and Approval of Solar Lease M600110—presented by Jason Laney, Section Manager-Leasing

**Recommendation:** Approve auction results for lease M600110, provide final approval of lease M600110, and direct the Department to award the lease to D.E. Shaw Renewable Investments.

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Controller Woolf that the Land Board approve the auction results for lease M600110, provide final approval of lease M600110, and direct the Department to award the lease to D.E. Shaw Renewable Investments. Governor Little seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-1, with Attorney General Labrador voting in opposition.

##### 7. Leasing: Minimum Annual Rent and Assignment Fee Increases—presented by Jim Elbin, Division Administrator-Trust Lands

**Recommendation:** Approve the increases in the minimum rent and lease assignment fees.

**Board Action:** No action was taken by the Land Board for lack of a motion.

##### 8. Approval of FY2026 Timber Sales with Clearcut Harvest Units: Bald Larch, Found It 40, Builda Burma, Divided Cedar—presented by Jake Strohmeyer, Division Administrator-Operations

**Recommendation:** Approve the Bald Larch, Found It 40, Builda Burma, and Divided Cedar timber sales.

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Controller Woolf that the Land Board approve the Bald Larch, Found It 40, Builda Burma, and Divided Cedar timber sales. Secretary of State McGrane seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

9. Saraceno Land Exchange—presented by Zane Lathin, Section Manager-Real Estate

Recommendation: Approve the exchange and direct the Department to complete and close the as-proposed Saraceno land exchange, including using Land Bank funds to offset the difference in values.

Board Action: A motion was made by Controller Woolf that the Land Board approve the exchange and direct the Department to complete and close the as-proposed Saraceno land exchange, including using Land Bank funds to offset the difference in values. Superintendent Critchfield seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

10. Adoption of Pending Rule IDAPA 20.03.08, Easements on State-Owned Lands—presented by Roger Hall, Bureau Chief-Real Estate

Recommendation: Adopt the pending rule for IDAPA 20.03.08 Easements on State Owned Land.

Board Action: A motion was made by Controller Woolf that the Land Board adopt the pending rule for IDAPA 20.03.08, Easements on State-Owned Land. Secretary of State McGrane seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

## **Information**

11. FY2025 Gross Revenue Record—presented by Jim Elbin, Division Administrator-Trust Lands

12. Cottage Site Leasing and Disposition Update—presented by Jim Elbin, Division Administrator-Trust Lands

## **Executive Session**

None

There being no further business before the Land Board, at 9:55 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Controller Woolf. Superintendent Critchfield seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

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