



Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners

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Phil McGrane, Secretary of State

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Debbie Critchfield, Superintendent of Public Instruction

Dustin T. Miller, Secretary to the Board

Summary Minutes

State Board of Land Commissioners Regular Meeting
November 18, 2025

The regular meeting of the Idaho State Board of Land Commissioners was held on Tuesday, November 18, 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

Four Land Board members were present at the physical location; Superintendent Critchfield joined via Zoom webinar. 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—October 2025
 - B. Leases/Permits Transactions and Revenue—October 2025
 - C. Fire Season Update—Final
 - D. Land Bank Fund

For the record, Secretary of State McGrane arrived at approximately 9:11 a.m., as the presentation of agenda item 1D began.

2. Endowment Fund Investment Board—presented by Tom Wilford, EFIB Board Chair, and Chris Anton, EFIB Manager of Investments
 - A. FY2025 Annual Report
 - B. Land Board Audit Committee Report
 - C. Manager's Monthly Report
3. Performance Review of Total Endowment—presented by Dustin Miller, Director

Consent—Action Item(s)

4. August 13, 2025 Live Auction, Geothermal Lease H800110—presented by Mike Murphy, Program Manager-Minerals Leasing

Recommendation: Direct the Department to award geothermal lease H800110 to Velikan Renewables LLC, the high bidder at the auction.

5. Emmett Airport Pond Surplus Property (Idaho Fish and Game)—presented by Jessica Hale, Program Manager-Real Estate

Recommendation: Direct the Department to offer the Airport Pond property for disposition in accordance with the Surplus Property Act, Idaho Code §§ 58-331–335; and, if public auction is ultimately necessary, authorize the Department to offer the Airport Pond at public auction in Gem or Ada County.

6. Approval of Draft Minutes—September 16, 2025 Regular Meeting

Consent Agenda Board Action: A motion was made by Controller Woolf that the Land Board approve and adopt the Consent Agenda. Secretary of State McGrane seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Regular—Action Item(s)

7. Adoption of Pending Rule IDAPA 20.03.02, Rules Governing Mined Land Reclamation—presented by Andy Mork, Program Manager-Minerals Regulatory

Recommendation: Adopt the pending rule with changes to the proposed rule text for IDAPA 20.03.02, Rules Governing Mined Land Reclamation.

Board Action: A motion was made by Secretary of State McGrane that the Land Board adopt the pending rule changes proposed to the text of IDAPA 20.03.02, Rules Governing Mined Land Reclamation. Controller Woolf seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

8. Adoption of Pending Rule IDAPA 20.03.04, Rules for the Regulation of Beds, Waters, and Airspace Over Navigable Lakes in Idaho—presented by Marde Mensinger, Program Manager-Navigable Waters

Recommendation: Adopt the pending rule with changes to the proposed rule text for IDAPA 20.03.04, Rules for the Regulation of Beds, Waters, and Airspace Over Navigable Lakes in the State of Idaho.

Board Action: A motion was made by Controller Woolf that the Land Board adopt the pending rule with changes to the proposed rule text for IDAPA 20.03.04, Rules for the Regulation of Beds, Waters, and Airspace Over Navigable Lakes in the State of Idaho. Secretary of State McGrane seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

9. Statement of Investment Policy Annual Review—presented by Jim Elbin, Division Administrator-Trust Lands

Recommendation: Approve the revised Statement of Investment Policy.

Board Action: A motion was made by Controller Woolf that the Land Board approve the revised Statement of Investment Policy. Governor Little seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-1, with Attorney General Labrador voting in opposition.

10. Reconsideration of Disposition of Driggs 160 Endowment Parcel—presented by Jim Elbin, Division Administrator-Trust Lands

Recommendation: Proceed with the disposition of 160 acres of rangeland near Driggs (Driggs 160) through public auction.

Board Action: A motion was made by Secretary of State McGrane that the Land Board continue to proceed with the disposition, with the condition that the Land Board add the condition of honoring the full term of the lease to at least the initial auction and set the minimum bid price at the current valuation that was provided to the Idaho Department of Lands. Controller Woolf seconded the motion for discussion. Voice vote: Aye—McGrane, Woolf; Nay—Critchfield, Little, Labrador. The motion failed on a vote of 2-3.

A motion was made by Controller Woolf that the Land Board proceed with the disposition of the 160 acres of rangeland near Driggs, the Driggs 160, through public auction, but also request that the Department have a real estate expert review and come back to the Land Board with a plan that goes through all of these steps. Attorney General Labrador seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 4-1, with Secretary of State McGrane voting in opposition.

For the record, Superintendent Critchfield exited the meeting's Zoom webinar at approximately 10:16 a.m., at the conclusion of agenda item 10.

11. USFS/IDL Land Exchange Concept—presented by Bill Haagenson, Deputy Director-Resource Management

Recommendation: Direct the Department to continue evaluating a potential exchange of endowment land around Payette Lake for federal land.

Board Action: A motion was made by Secretary of State McGrane that the Land Board direct the Department of Lands to continue the evaluation of a potential exchange of endowment land around Payette Lake for federal land, with all of the direction that was given through the conversation among the Land Board. Controller Woolf seconded the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 3-1, with Attorney General Labrador voting in opposition.

Information

12. USFS-IDL Joint Shared Stewardship Presentation—presented by Ara Andrea, IDL Shared Stewardship Coordinator; Jon Songster, IDL Bureau Chief-GNA; Jeff Lau, IDL-USFS North Idaho Shared Stewardship Coordinator; Brian Davis, IDL-USFS South Idaho Shared Stewardship Coordinator

For the record, Secretary of State McGrane stepped out of the meeting at approximately 10:32 a.m. and returned at approximately 10:43 a.m., during the presentation of agenda item 12.

Executive Session

None

There being no further business before the Land Board, at 10:46 a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Controller Woolf. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

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