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Idaho Board of Acupuncture

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**Board Meeting Minutes of 05/15/2026**

**Board Members Present:** Matthew Melton, Chair  
Dana Logan  
Cass Hedrick  
Margret J. Blair

**Division Staff:** John Price, Executive Officer  
Greg Loos, General Counsel  
Allegra Earl, Licensing Program Manager  
Dyan Durham, Board Support Specialist

**Board Members Absent:** Sara Rodgers

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 by Matthew Melton.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 11/07/2025 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** No public comment was made.

**DIVISION BUSINESS**

**2026 Legislative Session Overview:** Mr. Price presented the 2026 legislative update to the Board. DOPL proposed four pieces of executive agency legislation: H0703 Universal Discipline; H0787 Board Merger of the Board of Podiatry into the Idaho State Board of Medicine; H0935 Board Merger of the Board of Dentistry into the Idaho State Board of Dentistry; and H0777 Idaho Controlled Substances Act. All of these bills have successfully passed and have been signed by the Governor.

Additionally, Mr. Price shared that the proposed rules were approved and will go into effect on July 1, 2026. The Board will also be moving to biennial licensure effective July 1, 2026.

**2026 DOPL Strategic Plan:** Mr. Price shared the 2026 DOPL Strategic Plan with the Board.

**Respectful Workplace Training:** A respectful workplace training video was presented to the Board.

**Financial Update:** Mr. Price presented the Board's financial report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of FY2026, which indicated that the Board had a cash balance of (\$61,715.00) as of March 31, 2026.

**BOARD BUSINESS**

**Board Consolidation Discussion:** Mr. Price informed the Board of the Division's intention to propose consolidating the Board of Acupuncture with the Allied Health Advisory Board (AHAB) through executive agency legislation during the next legislative session. He discussed with the Board the potential advantages of consolidating with AHAB. This consolidation would help ensure the financial stability of the Board and provide added safeguards against potential deregulation. Mr. Price also mentioned that, for cases requiring disciplinary action, there are plans to establish an advisory committee comprised of licensed acupuncturists to provide guidance to the AHAB Board.

**Licensing Report:** Ms. Earl presented the licensing report.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 PM.

The next meeting is on 10/16/2026.

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