

IDAPA 24.15.01
NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING—WRITTEN SUMMARY

Pursuant to Idaho Code section 67-5220(3)(f), the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL) provides the following written summary of unresolved issues, key information considered, and conclusions reached during and as a result of the negotiated rulemaking on June 1, 2026, pertaining to IDAPA 24.15.01—Rules of the Idaho Licensing Board of Professional Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists, Docket No. 24-1501-2601.

Through this rulemaking, the Division seeks to reduce a regulatory burden on marriage and family therapists by decreasing the direct supervisory hour requirements for marriage and family therapists.

Procedural Overview:

DOPL submitted all necessary forms to publish a Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules—Negotiated Rulemaking in the May Administrative Bulletin.

The Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules—Negotiated Rulemaking was published in the [May 6, 2026 Administrative Bulletin](#). The Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules contained details to participate in a negotiated rulemaking public meeting set for June 1, 2026, and explained how written comments could be submitted.

June 1, 2026, Negotiated Rulemaking Meeting:

The negotiated rulemaking meeting was attended by the following persons:

- **Division of Financial Management:** Brenda Nunley
- **American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy:** Stephanie Alvarez
- **Veritas Advisors:** Matt Cantwell

The table below summarizes the discussion at the June 1, 2026, negotiated rulemaking meeting.

Under the “Response” column, “Response” indicates the answer provided by DOPL staff to the member of the public, when responding to questions. Staff did not respond to comments from members of the public but will communicate all comments to the Board of Professional Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists.

Stakeholder	IDAPA Rule(s)	Comments/ Questions	Response
Stephanie Alvarez, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy	24.15.01	In support of the rulemaking because she wants to decrease regulatory burden and encourage more individuals to pursue licenses to be Marriage and Family Therapists	N/A

Next Steps:

The Idaho Licensing Board of Professional Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists voted to adopt Proposed Rules at their June 5, 2026, Board meeting.

Materials pertaining to the negotiated rulemaking, including any available preliminary rule drafts, can be found on the DOPL website via the following link: <https://dopl.idaho.gov/cou/cou-statutes-rules-and-guidance/>

For assistance on technical questions concerning this negotiated rulemaking, please contact **Ryan Bernard, Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Chief**, at (775) 870-7926.