



# State of Idaho

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### Public Hearing Minutes of 06/15/2026

**Division Staff** Jessica Spoja, Executive Officer  
**Present:** Ryan Bernard, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief  
Amanda Lee, Board Support Specialist

The hearing was called to order at 10:00 AM MT by Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Chief (LRAC) Bernard.

This was a public hearing to provide an opportunity for members of the public to review and comment on the intended changes to IDAPA 24.32.01 being considered by this regulatory board.

**Public Comment:** Hailie Johnson-Waskow, Waskow Policy, LLP, and Gary Lowe, Professional Engineer, asked for clarification on the sentence added to Section 100.03.b which states that the Board reserves the right to exclude examination topics not offered by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES). Executive Officer (EO) Spoja explained that because the NCEES Public Land Survey System (PLSS) exam referenced in the rule change is not yet available and is expected to be released in October 2027, this provision allows the Board to grant licensure without that exam until it becomes available.

Ms. Johnson asked several more questions listed with the answers below:

- How many questions does the PLSS exam have?
  - EO Spoja confirmed the exam will have 75 questions and a time constraint of five (5) hours.
- Will there be an impact to reciprocity if this rulemaking is not passed?
  - EO Spoja and LRAC Bernard confirmed that reciprocity from states in the west may be negatively impacted as other states have adopted this exam as a requirement for licensure.
- Will there be additional costs to the licensee for the PLSS exam?
  - EO Spoja confirmed there will be an additional cost to take the PLSS exam.
- Is there a reason that questions from the PLSS exam cannot be included on the Idaho specific exam?
  - EO Spoja explained that the Board preferred this option because NCEES exam questions are proprietary and cannot be shared with the Board for inclusion in the Idaho exam. Additionally, if the PLSS specific questions were added to the Idaho exam, other states would not be able to verify that the content meets their requirements for reciprocity.
- What is the Board's plan if this rulemaking is not passed?

- EO Spoja stated she will reach out to the Executive Officers of other western states to deliberate any alternative options.

LRAC Bernard stated that questions and comments will be accepted at any point during the rulemaking process and will be communicated to the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further comments, the hearing was adjourned at 10:15 AM.