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Allied Health Advisory Board

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Board Meeting Minutes of 06/03/2026

Board	Tim Seward, RRT-Chair	Division	Orin Duffin, Executive Officer, PharmD
Members	Cory Szybala, NMD-Vice Chair	Staff:	Gabriel Arroyo, General Counsel
Present:	Tara Lyn Erbele, MD, NMD		Tabitha Edwards, Board Services Program Manager
	Rob Hruska, RRT/PSG		Candace Villarreal, Board Support Specialist
	Kimberly Young, LD		
	Jessica Carman, Public Member		

Board Dave Hammonds, AT
Members
Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by Mr. Seward.

Introductions: An introduction of Board members and staff was conducted.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the 07/30/2025 minutes. The motion carried.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Board Training-Respectful Workplace: The Board watched a video presentation from the Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses.

Board Training-Open Meeting Law: Mr. Arroyo presented information regarding open-meeting law requirements.

Two (2) Year Renewal Transition Plan: Mr. Duffin presented an overview of the transition to biennial birthdate licenses. All licenses and relevant stakeholders were notified prior to implementation, and additional guidance is available on the Boards website.

Health Professionals Recovery Program (HPRP) Update: Ms. Edwards provided the Board with an overview of the HPRP Program and highlighted current enrolled participants. The program provides a non-punitive pathway for healthcare professionals experiencing mental health or substance use disorder to receive treatment. Ms Edwards addressed the program objective, development and process. Following the presentation, she welcomed questions and comments from Board members.

Legislative Update: Mr. Duffin provided a summary of the legislative session, including updates on rules, Executive Agency Legislation, and bills affecting DOPL. The overview covered HB703 concerning Universal Discipline, HB777 related to the Uniform Controlled Substance Act, HB935 regarding the merger of Dentistry into the Board of Dentistry, HB787 concerning the integration of the Board of Podiatry into the Board of Medicine, SB1284 which failed to pass this session and would have

established an interstate compact license for dietitians and other legislation. Following the presentation, he addressed questions and comments from the Board members.

Board Consolidation Discussion: Mr. Duffin outlined the current priorities of the Idaho Legislature in conjunction with Governor Little's Executive Order 2026-01 which replaced 2025-05 and directs state agencies to improve government efficiency and reduce expenditures. He noted that, to support this objective, future discussions may occur regarding potential agency legislation focused on consolidating the Board of Acupuncture into the Allied Health Advisory Board, which could necessitate restructuring of the current Board composition.

BOARD BUSINESS

Allied Health Composition Overview: Mr. Seward provided opportunity for each Board member to provide a brief overview of their profession including typical roles and responsibilities associated with the practice. Due to his absence, Mr. Hammons submitted a written statement for the profession of Athletic Trainers. The role of Dietitians, Naturopathic Medical Doctors, Respiratory Therapists, and Medical Doctors were discussed by each member present.

Conference Attendance and Updates: The Board discussed attendance at upcoming conferences. A motion was made and seconded to support upcoming board travel as discussed. The motion carried.

Board Elections: A motion was made and seconded to elect Ms. Young as Board Chair and Mr. Seward as Vice Chair. The motion carried.

Public Comment: Mr. Seward opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was received.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 AM.

The next meeting will be held on 09/02/2026.