State of Idaho
Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses
Idaho Board of Registration for Professional Geologists

**BRAD LITTLE**
Governor
**RUSSELL BARRON**
Administrator

11341 W Chinden Blvd.
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0063
(208) 334-3233
dopl.idaho.gov

# Draft Meeting Minutes of 08/18/2026

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Board Members Present:** | Kurt Priebe, Chair<br>Jerry Fairley, Vice Chair<br>Austin Zinsser | **Division Staff Present:** | MiChell Bird, Executive Officer<br>Janice Beller, General Counsel<br>Allegra Earl, Licensing Program Manager<br>Amanda Lee, Board Support Specialist |

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 AM MT by Chair Priebe.

**Approval of 02/04/2026 Minutes:**
A motion was made and seconded to approve the February 4, 2026, meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**DIVISION BUSINESS**
**Financial Report:** Executive Officer (EO) Bird presented the Fiscal Year 2026, Quarter 4 Financial Report.

**Legislative Update:** EO Bird informed the Board of House Bill 703, the Universal Discipline bill adopted as Idaho Code § 67-2616 during the 2026 Legislative Session.

**Open Meeting Law Training:** General Counsel (GC) Beller presented the Open Meeting Law Training Presentation.

**Universal Discipline Training:** LC Beller presented the Universal Discipline Training Presentation which provided an overview of the disciplinary enforcement tools available under the statute, which took effect July 1, 2026.

**State Travel Policy Update:** EO Bird reviewed the updated State Travel Policy that went into effect on July 1, 2026.

**BOARD BUSINESS**
**Board Member Vacancies:** EO Bird reviewed the vacancies of the Board.

**2027 Election of Officers:** A motion was made and seconded to elect Kurt Priebe as Chair and Jerry Fairly as Vice Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

**2027 Meeting Calendar:** A motion was made and seconded to hold a Board meeting on February 3, 2027. The motion carried unanimously.

DRAFT

**License Base Report:** Licensing Program Manager Earl provided the License Base Report for July 1, 2026, through August 17, 2026.

**Hydrology License Discussion:** Amy Steimke and Craig Tesch from the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) attended to discuss the new Coursework Guidance document and its implications for IDWR staff and recruitment. The Board discussed the possibility of creating a Hydrology/Hydrogeology License but noted that it would require legislative action. The Board also discussed national certifications for hydrologists and hydrogeologists. The Board agreed to include more detail in licensure denial letters to help guide individuals towards licensure.

**Public Comment:** There were no public comments.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – Applications**
A motion was made and seconded for the Board to enter into executive session under Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law, Idaho Code § 74-106(9). The purpose of the executive session is to discuss documents relating to the fitness of a licensee to obtain or retain a license or registration. Roll call: Chair Priebe-Aye, Vice Chair Fairly-Aye, and Board Member Zinsser-Aye. The motion carried unanimously.

**Motion to Exit Executive Session:** A motion was made and seconded to exit executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

**MOTIONS RESULTING FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION**
**Motions re: Applications:** A motion was made and seconded to approve application numbers 1958757, 1996098, 2094141, and 218267 to sit for the Fundamentals of Geology (FG) exam. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve application numbers 2106403 and 2112399 to sit for the FG and the PG exam. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve application numbers 2012129, 2078075, 2086947, 2087696, 2093988, 2107424, and 2112347 to sit for the PG exam. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

DRAFT