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Board Meeting Minutes of 09/01/2026

Board Jared Birch, O.D.-Chair
Members Lauren Huber, O.D.
Present: William Black, O.D.

Division Tabitha Edwards, Executive Officer
Staff Janice Beller, General Counsel
Present: Candace Villarreal, Board Support Specialist

Board Terri Haley, O.D.
Members
Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 AM by Jared Birch, O.D.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 6/02/2026 meeting minutes. The motion carried.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Financial Update: Ms. Edwards presented the financial report for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2026 and encouraged questions from the Board members.

Board Training-Universal Discipline: Ms. Beller presented information regarding Universal Discipline Idaho Code section 67-2616.

Board Training-Public Member: The Board directed staff to hold this training pending appointment of a Public Member.

BOARD BUSINESS

Review Public Comment and Vote Rules to Go Pending: Mr. Birch initiated the discussion regarding public comment received during the recent comment window for the current proposed changes to IDAPA section 24.10.01. The Board reviewed written public comments submitted by Lisa White, Executive Director of the Idaho Optometric Physicians, then reviewed the drafted language and provided guidance to staff. Mr. Birch invited additional public comment. No further comments were offered. Additional language changes to the proposed rules were made based on the public comments provided.

Following additional Board discussion, a motion was made and seconded to adopt the amended language. The motion carried.

Additionally, another motion was made and seconded to move the drafted rules to pending. The motion carried.

Board Elections: A motion was made and seconded to re-elect Jared Birch as the Board Chair. The motion carried.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 AM.

The next meeting is on 12/01/2026.

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