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Board Meeting Minutes of 10/22/2026

Board Members Present:	Troy Allbright, RN, Chair Deena Rauch, DNP, RN Kara Mahannah, LPN Michelle Anderson, DNP, APRN Kristi Hofhine, RN Sara Gibbons, PhD, RN Gus Powell, APRN Katy Rawlins, LM Andrea Roltgen, LM Valentin Garcia, Public Member	**Division Staff:**	Nicki Chopski, Executive Officer Janice Beller, General Counsel Ryan Bernard, Bureau Chief Mike Celeste, Investigations Supervisor Dyan Durham, Board Support Specialist
Board Members Absent:	Megan Reichle, RN	**Others Present:**	Reid Peterson, Board Prosecutor

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

APPROVAL of 07/23/2026 MINUTES
A motion was made and seconded to approve the July 23, 2026, meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

DIVISION BUSINESS
Board Training – Open Meeting Law: Ms. Beller presented training on Idaho Open Meeting Law.

Board Training – Universal Discipline: Ms. Beller provided an overview of House Bill 703 and Idaho Code Section 67-2616, which created a universal discipline framework for the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses-administered boards, effective July 1, 2026.

Financial Update: Dr. Chopski presented the financial report for the first quarter of fiscal year 2027 and encouraged questions from the Board members.

DOPL PMR/Strategic Plan: Dr. Chopski presented the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL) Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Performance Report and the DOPL FY 2027 Strategic Plan.

PDMP Update: Dr. Chopski presented the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program statistics updated for FY 2026.

BOARD BUSINESS
Negotiated Rulemaking, Nurse Rules Language IDAPA 24.34.01:

a. **Public Comment:** No public comments were made.

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b. **Vote to go Pending:** A motion was made and seconded to move the status of the Nursing Rules Proposed changes to Pending. The motion carried unanimously.

Negotiated Rulemaking, MID-AC Rules Language IDAPA 24.26.01:

a. **Public Comment:** Mr. Bernard shared written comments that he received in support of the Proposed Midwifery Rule changes.
b. **Vote to go Pending:** A motion was made and seconded to move the status of the Midwifery Rule Proposed changes to Pending. The motion carried unanimously.

Delegated Authority Review: A motion was made and seconded to approve delegated authority items with 4, 5, and 6 removed and with the amendments to 14 as discussed. The motion carried unanimously.

Policy Review: A motion was made and seconded to change the language of subsection C of the Board of Nursing's Faculty Qualifications policy to read: "Clinical preceptors in all nursing programs shall be licensed at or above the level for which the student is preparing and experientially qualified. Their functions and responsibilities will be clearly defined by the nursing program." The motion carried.

Conference Attendance and Updates: The Board discussed participation in upcoming conferences. A motion was made and seconded to support upcoming travel as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Waiver Request: National Midwifery College: A motion was made and seconded to approve a limited waiver under Idaho Code 67-9415(1)(a), for National College of Midwifery students seeking Idaho licensure who had begun their coursework prior to July 28, 2026, but who had not begun or completed the Idaho-required Midwifery Education Accreditation Council-accredited midwifery courses prior to that date. Students have until July 1, 2027, to complete the required courses. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to allow the Board Chair to sign the waiver order as directed by the Board's decision today. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: No public comments were made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made and seconded to enter Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code Section 74-206(1)(d) and Section 74-106(9) to consider records related to a licensee's ability to obtain or retain a license, which is exempt from public disclosure. The vote was: Ms. Mahannah, aye; Dr. Anderson, aye; Ms. Hofhine, aye; Dr. Gibbons, aye; Mr. Allbright, aye; Mr. Powell, aye; Ms. Rawlins, aye; Ms. Roltgen, aye; Mr. Garcia, aye; and Dr. Rauch, 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

Motion Regarding Application:

A motion was made and seconded to approve application 2016330 with the terms discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

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Motion Regarding Impact of Criminal Conviction:
A motion was made and seconded to respond to the Impact of Criminal Conviction as discussed in executive session. The motion carried.

APRN-AC Recommendations:
A motion was made and seconded to accept the Committee recommendations, which encompassed the following actions:

- To close case number 2045702. The motion carried unanimously.
- To close with a Letter of Concern case number 2031154. The motion carried unanimously.
- To authorize the Board prosecutor to negotiate an Agreement in Lieu of Discipline with the terms discussed in executive session and authorize the executive officer to approve on behalf of the Board for case numbers 2091893, 2099373, and 2127794. The motion carried unanimously.
- To authorize negotiation of a Stipulation and Consent Order with the terms discussed in executive session for case number 2031928. The motion carried unanimously.

Motions Regarding Discipline:
A motion was made and seconded to close case number 2104712. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to close with a Letter of Concern case numbers 2134601 and 2149067. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the Board prosecutor to negotiate an Agreement in Lieu of Discipline with the terms discussed in executive session and authorize the executive officer to approve on behalf of the Board for case number 2053151. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to authorize negotiation of a Stipulation and Consent Order with the terms discussed in executive session for case numbers 2102373, 2121445, 2127300, 2127836, and 2128969. The motion carried unanimously.

A further motion was made and seconded to allow the Board prosecutor to proceed with the filing of an Administrative Complaint should any of the negotiations fail or expire. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:19 PM.

The next meeting is on 01/14/2027.

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