



Brad Little, Governor  
Tom Kealey, Director

## Economic Advisory Council Meeting Minutes Idaho Department of Commerce

Wednesday, July 24, 2019  
700 West State Street, Boise – J.R. Williams Building  
Second Floor, Clearwater Conference Room

Members	Idaho Commerce Staff
Steve Meyer, <i>Region I</i>	Tom Kealey, <i>Director</i>
(T) Robin Woods, <i>Region II</i>	Jake Reynolds, <i>Business Development &amp; Operations Administrator</i>
Mike Reynoldson, <i>Region III</i>	Susie Davidson, <i>Business Attraction Manager</i>
(T) John Craner, <i>Region IV</i>	Dennis Porter, <i>Community Development Manager</i>
Rick Phillips, <i>Region V</i>	Ewa Szewczyk, <i>Grants and Contracts Manager</i>
(T) Mark Young, <i>Region VI</i>	Jason Barnes, <i>Business Attraction Specialist</i>
(T) Dave Wilson, <i>Region VII</i>	Autumn Braase, <i>Senior Business Attraction Specialist</i>
(T) Sandy Patano, <i>At-Large</i>	Mark Blaiser, <i>Grants and Contracts Operations Analyst</i>
	Magaly Carrillo, <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
	Rylon Hofacer, <i>Senior Research Analyst</i>
	Sharon Deal, <i>Senior Community Development Specialist</i>
	Tony Tenne, <i>Senior Community Development Specialist</i>
	James Varner, <i>Community Development Analyst</i>
(T) denotes via telephone	Andrea Vlassis-Zahn, <i>Business Attraction Specialist</i>

### Call to Order

Chairman Steve Meyer called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. with a quorum present.

### Approval of Minutes

Chairman Meyer noted that the minutes for the April 24, 2019 Economic Advisory Council (EAC) meeting had been distributed and if there were no corrections, he would entertain a motion to approve the minutes as distributed.

Rick Phillips would like to show on the April 24, 2019 EAC meeting minutes that he voted aye for the Plummer Senior Center application.

### Motion

To approve the meeting minutes from the April 24, 2019 EAC meeting minutes with the change to Rick Phillips vote on the Plummer Senior Center application.

Moved by: Sandy Patano

Seconded by: Mark Young

**All in favor. Motion Approved.**

### **Call for Conflict of Interest**

Chairman Meyer asked the Council if they have a conflict of interest and would like to recuse themselves. (No response from the Council)

### **Director's Welcome**

Director Tom Kealey welcomed the Council to the EAC meeting and introduced the new Commerce employees. Director Kealey asked the Council to review the Commerce Strategic Plan to discuss at another time and gave an overview of the Broadband Task Force meetings.

### **Motion to Move to Executive Session**

Chairman Meyer announced he would entertain a motion to move the Council to executive session to review the details of the TRI's proprietary scoring process ***pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d) to review records exempt from public disclosure under Idaho Code Sections 74-107(6), and 67-4708.***

Rick Phillips moved to enter executive session. Mike Reynolds seconded.

Roll call vote to move into executive session

Steve Meyer – Aye

Robin Woods – Aye

Mike Reynoldson – Aye

Rick Phillips – Aye

Mark Young – Aye

Dave Wilson – Aye

Sandy Patano – Aye

With over two-thirds majority in favor, the Council moved into executive session at 2:13 p.m.

### **Return to Public Session**

Chairman Meyer noted that the Council returned to the public session at 2:42 p.m.

Chairman Meyer indicated the Council:

1. Reviewed and discussed Project Drive application for a refundable tax credit; and
2. After discussions were concluded, the executive session was closed upon motion by Rick Phillips, seconded by Mike Reynolds and a majority vote.

### **Motion**

In the matter of the application for project drive, I move that the Council approve the application and instruct the Director to enter into an agreement with project drive upon the following terms:

- A post-performance refundable tax credit which represents 23% of new state revenue for 11 years.
- Tax credit certificate issued post-performance upon review and verification by Commerce.
- No less than 50 new jobs, or 60% of the total annual projected new jobs, whichever is greater.
- Average annual wages must equal or exceed the average Kootenai county wage of \$38,100.
- Company must maintain the minimum required jobs for the term of the incentive agreement.

- Company must maintain operations in Idaho for the term of the agreement.
- Any additional terms deemed necessary by the Director not otherwise conflicting with the above conditions.

Moved by: Rick Phillips  
Seconded by: Sandy Patano

Roll Call Vote:  
Steve Meyer – Aye  
Robin Woods – Aye  
Mike Reynoldson – Aye  
Rick Phillips – Aye  
Mark Young – Aye  
Dave Wilson – Aye  
Sandy Patano – Aye

With two-thirds majority vote. Motion Approved.

John Craner joined the meeting at 2:30

### **Community Development Block Grant Updates**

Dennis Porter briefed the Council on the block grant budgets, the Plummer stand-by application, the Idaho administrative rule change, and two program changes that include new set aside for facility plans for water and sewer and increase amounts for senior/community centers and parks.

### **New Business**

Director Kealey informed the council there was an announcement at SelectUSA about a Taiwan business coming to Nampa. He also gave an update to the Council about the Department of Commerce and the Broadband Task Force meetings.

### **October in Person Meeting**

Possible dates for the October 2019 EAC meeting 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in Idaho Falls. Jake Reynolds will follow up with the Council to set the dates.

### **Motion**

To Close the Meeting.

Moved by: Rick Phillips  
Seconded by: Sandy Patano  
All in favor. Motion approved.

**Chairman Meyer adjourned the meeting at 3:28 p.m.**