



Brad Little, Governor
Tom Kealey, Director

Economic Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Idaho Department of Commerce
June 27, 2024

Members	Idaho Commerce Staff
(T) Jeremy Grimm, <i>Region I</i>	Tom Kealey, Director
(T) Paul Kimmell, <i>Region II</i>	Jake Reynolds, Business Development & Operations Administrator
(T) Brian Wonderlich <i>Region III</i>	Ewa Szewczyk, Grants and Contract Manager
(T) Randy Bauscher <i>Region IV</i>	Cathy Perry, Grants and Contracts Operations Analyst
(T) Fred Titensor, <i>Region V</i>	Jason Barnes, Business Attraction Team Manager
(T) John Radford <i>Region VI</i>	Adam Boher, Business Attraction Specialist
Vacant <i>Region VII</i>	Jeremy Collier, Executive Assistant
(T) Eve Knudtsen <i>At-Large</i>	
(A) <i>Absent</i>	
(T) <i>denotes via zoom meeting</i>	

Call to Order: 2:05 PM

Chairman Paul Kimmell called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM with a quorum present and a roll call and introduction of all members including the newest EAC Member Thomas Beckwith.

Call for Conflict of Interest:

Chair Paul Kimmell confirms none

Directors Welcome and Update:

- Update concerning EDA funding and success
- Update on Broadband program
- Community Development Block Grants- Ongoing support and success
- IGEM program update- reiteration of end of program.
- Semi-conductor: Micron construction well underway.
- Energy in high demand
- Multiple large projects in Agriculture
- Large amount of Tech hubs working on coming on-line
- Tourism continues to grow in outdoor rec sector
- Focus on economic development in Idaho
- Workforce update in Commerce specifically

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Paul Kimmell: asked for motion to approve minutes as is.

Moved by: Jeremy Grimm
Seconded by: Fred Titensor
Motion approved.

Chairman Paul Kimmell: Roll vote to enter into Executive Session.

Moved by: Fred Titensor
Seconded by: Jeremy Grimm
Motion approved.

Chairman Paul Kimmell: Motions to leave executive session.

Moved by: New Tom
Seconded by: Eve
Motion approved.

Moved by: Brian Wonderlich moved to approve the project NEMO.
Seconded by: Randy
Motion approved.

Chairman Paul Kimmell: asked for a detailed report status on BEAD.

Jake Reynolds discussed challenge process and how Commerce is handling the awarding process.

Ewa Szewczyk elaborates on progress and how cities and counties will be utilizing the funds and adjudication process.

New Business: None

Chairman Kimmell: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by: Fred Titensor
Seconded by: Randy Bauscher
Motion Approved

Meeting adjourns at 3:21 PM