



Brad Little, Governor
Tom Kealey, Director

Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 30, 2025
Idaho Capitol Building
Room WW53 and via Zoom

Idaho Broadband Advisory Board Members		Idaho Commerce Staff	
Chairman Sen. Doug Ricks, Idaho Legislator		Director Tom Kealey, Idaho Department of Commerce	
Vice-Chair Rep. Vander Woude, Idaho Legislator		Ramón Hobdey-Sánchez, State Broadband Program Manager	
Sen. James Ruchti, Idaho Legislator		Jake Reynolds, Idaho Department of Commerce	
Sen. Treg Bernt, Idaho Legislator		Kim Glineski, State Broadband Project Manager	
Rep. Brandon Mitchell, Idaho Legislator (Z)		Krista Baker, State Broadband Project Manager	
Rep. James Holtzclaw, Idaho Legislator		Alexis Malcomb, Idaho Department of Commerce	
Andrew Emerson (Z)		Sarah Lawrence, Bespoke GIS Solutions (Z)	
Margie Watson		Jackie Reader, Bespoke GIS Solutions (Z)	
Rick Belluzzo		Jeremy Collier, Idaho Department of Commerce	
(Z) denotes via Zoom (A) denotes absent		Jamie Hayward, Idaho Department of Commerce	

To view/hear entire meeting A/V, please click [LINK](#).

Call to order: Chairman Ricks called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. with a quorum present.

Approval of Meeting Minutes May 14, 2025.

Motion by: Margie Watson
To approve meeting minutes with corrected date.
Seconded by: Rick Belluzzo
All in favor: Motion passes

Idaho BEAD Program Update

Ramón Hobdey-Sánchez, and the Idaho Office of Broadband Team presented policy updates to the Idaho BEAD Program to comply with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) 6/6/25 BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice. In response to questions from the Board, Mr. Hobdey-Sánchez advised the State would be responsible for locations that ISPs request to be excluded and noted the options the state must meet the provisions. He advised members of the compressed BEAD subgrantee selection timeline, which the notice cut from 135-190 days to 90 days. With regards to audited financial statements, Mr. Hobdey-Sánchez noted ongoing assessments of the possibility of accepting audited financials after a provisional award has been issued.

Motion by: Andrew Emerson

To adopt and incorporate NTIA's 6/6/25 BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice as is and acknowledges that it now supersedes and overrides the contemplated subject matter that exists in Idaho's current BEAD Initial Proposal Volume II.

Seconded by: Rep. Vander Woude
All in favor: Motion passes

Idaho BEAD Scoring Matrix Update

Ramón Hobdey-Sánchez, State Broadband Program Manager, presented an update on the Idaho BEAD Scoring Matrix. He noted the changes made to Idaho's BEAD scoring matrix to comply with the NTIA 6/6/25 BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice. Mr. Hobdey-Sánchez explained the criteria for the three new scoring matrix options that had been developed by IOB.

In response to questions from the Board, Mr. Hobdey-Sánchez noted that States must ensure taxpayers receive the greatest benefit from Broadband infrastructure.

Motion: Rep. Vander Woude

To adopt a new BEAD scoring matrix in compliance with NTIA's 6/6/25 BEAD Restructuring Policy Notice and that the Idaho Office of Broadband applies scoring matrix 2 to the evaluation and ranking process of grant applications.

Seconded by: Rick Belluzzo

All in favor: Motion passes.

Mr. Hobdey-Sánchez and the Board discussed the formation of a sub-committee to make fast changes to comply with incoming advice from NTIA. The Board established the sub-committee, comprising of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and one Governors Appointee, Andy Emerson.

New Business: None.

Next IBAB Meeting: Mid-August, tentative.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:32 AM.