



Brad Little, Governor
Tom Kealey, Director

Economic Advisory Council Meeting

Thursday, August 28th, 2025

Idaho Department of Commerce, Sawtooth Conference Room
700 West State Street, Boise Idaho 83702

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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
(A) Randy Bauscher <i>Region IV</i>	Cathy Stankey, Grants and Contracts
(T) Fred Titensor, <i>Region V</i>	Jason Barnes, Business Attraction Manager
(T) John Radford <i>Region VI</i>	Adam Bohrer, Business Attraction Specialist
(T) Tom Beckwith, <i>Region VII</i>	Betsy Hiddleston, Business Attraction Specialist
(T) Eve Knudtsen <i>At-Large</i>	Jamie Hayward, Management Assistant, Recording Secretary
(A) <i>Absent</i>	
(T) <i>denotes via zoom meeting</i>	

Chairman Paul Kimmell called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM MDT with a quorum present.

Introduction of Council Members and Idaho Commerce staff.

Motion from Chairman Kimmell to update EAC Agenda for minutes showing April 2025 minutes and not October.

Motion Seconded by Eve Knudtsen

Motion approved

Chairman Paul Kimmell asked for motion to approve the 4/23/25-4/24/25 minutes.

Moved by: Fred Titensor

Seconded by: John Radford

Motion approved. Aye

Chair Paul Kimmell Call for Conflict of Interest: none heard

Commerce Welcome by Director Kealey

- Director Kealey spoke on Tourism and strategic plans for Commerce as a whole. Broadband is in the final stages of approval and BEAD application selections will be announced once the NTIA approves the final proposal.

Idaho Tax Reimbursement Incentive Application: Project Caseus

Quorum

The Council may act to enter Executive Session Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(d) to review records exempt from public disclosure under Idaho Code Section 74-107(1), 74-107(6), and/or 67-4708

Moved by: Jeremy Grimm

Seconded: Tom Beckwith

Roll call vote:

- Paul Kimmell (Chair) AYE
- Jeremy Grimm AYE
- Fred Titsenor AYE
- Brian Wonderlich AYE
- Tom Beckwith AYE
- Eve Knudtsen AYE
- John Radford AYE

Motion approved.

Betsy Hiddleston from the Business Attraction Team introduced project Caseus to the EAC council.

Motion to come out of executive session by Fred Titsensor

Motion approved.

**Idaho Tax Reimbursement Incentive Application Decision: Project Caseus
Caseus Motion:**

- In the matter of the application for Caseus I move that the Council approve the application and instruct the Director to enter into an agreement with Snow, upon the following terms:
- A post-performance refundable tax credit which represents 16% of new state revenue for 8 Years.

- Tax credit certificate issued post-performance upon review and verification by Commerce.
- No less than 20 new jobs for a rural county or 50 new jobs for an urban county, or 60% of the total annual projected new jobs, whichever is greater.
- Average annual wages must equal or exceed the average county wage, which is subject to change annually.
- 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: Fred Titsenor

Seconded by: Tom Beckwith

All in favor: aye

Motion approved.

Return to Public Session

Idaho Tax Reimbursement Incentive Application Decision: Project Caseus

Moved by: Fred Titsenor

Seconded by: Tom Beckwith

All in favor: aye

Motion approved.

New Business & Public Comment

- EAC members gave updates from their regions around the state
- Jake Reynolds reminded council about electing new chair and vice chair for EAC in the coming months. Must be done every 5 years.

Meeting adjourned 3:18 pm