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IDAHO STATE CAPITOL COMMISSION APPOINTED

(BOISE) Governor Phil Batt today announced the appointment of four members of the newly created Idaho State Capitol Commission. The Capitol Commission was created by the 1998 Legislature and approved by the Governor to develop a master plan to enhance and maintain the historic nature of the Capitol building.

Governor Batt has appointed Boise attorney Roy Eiguren as Commission Chairman. He has appointed Louise Shaddock of Coeur d'Alene, Andrew Erstad of Boise, and Stephen Hartgen of Twin Falls as members of the Commission.

Under House Bill 690 as amended, the Speaker of the House and the Senate President Pro Tem also offer appointments to the Commission. House Speaker Mike Simpson appointed Sondra Dahl-Hansen of Boise to the panel. Pro Tem Jerry Twiggs appointed Skip Smyser of Boise to the group.

Named as Ex-Officio members of the capitol Commission are Pam Ahrens, Director of the Idaho Department of Administration; Steve Guerber, Director of the Idaho State Historical Society; and Carl Bianchi, Director of the Idaho Legislative Services Office.

Under law, the Capitol Commission is scheduled to meet four times a year, with the Director of the Department of Administration acting as Secretary. The first meeting date for the new Capitol Commission has not yet been established, but members are expected to begin business with a walking tour of the Capitol that will be announced and open to the media.