

# Idaho State Capitol Commission

Official Minutes, January 30, 2014

A meeting of the Idaho State Capitol Commission was held on this date in meeting room WW17, Boise, Idaho.

**Members Present:**

Joe Stegner  
Stephen Hartgen, Representative  
Mary Symms-Pollot  
Jeff Youtz, Director, Legislative Services Office, and Ex-Officio Member  
Teresa Luna, Director, Department of Administration, and Ex-Officio Member  
Janet Gallimore, Executive Director, Idaho State Historical Society, Ex-Officio Member

**Members Absent:**

Andy Erstad, Chairman  
Brad Little, Lieutenant Governor

**Via Conference Call:**

Joy Richards

**Others Present:**

Michelle Lynch, Idaho State Historical Society  
Courtney Holthus, Disability Rights Idaho  
Mel Leviton, Disability Rights Idaho  
Dana Gover, North West ADA Center-Idaho  
Roger Howard, LINC  
Larry Johnson, Endowment Fund Investment Board  
Keith Reynolds, Tim Mason, Jan Frew, Margaret Odedo, Department of Administration

**Call to Order**

Commissioner Youtz called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**General Commission Business**

Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:** Commissioner Stegner moved to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2013 Capitol Commission meeting as written, seconded by Commissioner Symms-Pollot. Motion carried.

**Capitol Finances**

Commissioner Youtz reviewed the need to approve spending for special projects and move funding from the Capitol Commission Maintenance Fund for authorization of projects.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Gallimore moved that \$20,000 be reallocated from the Capitol Maintenance Fund. Seconded by Commissioner Richards. Motion carried.

**Public Outreach, Art & Culture Committee Report**

Commissioner Gallimore began by thanking Commission members for attending the Veteran's military exhibit and ceremony, "Those Who Served." The exhibit will be leaving the Capitol in May and available to Idaho communities, with the first display scheduled for Emmett. Commissioner Gallimore then indicated that the Commission will be reviewing Legislative portraits donated by Mr. Paul Kjellander, who is also a local artist, and Public Utilities Commission President. Mr. Kjellander has done a series of Legislative portraits of Legislators in action to be considered for display at the capitol.

**Other Updates**

Commissioner Youtz discussed the potential use of Statuary Hall for rotating Idaho State Historical Society exhibits, and use of the 3rd floor public lounge after the Veteran's exhibit has moved on. Commissioner Youtz feels the 3rd floor room is significantly underutilized, and could be more fully utilized with temporary historical displays. Commissioner Stegner felt strongly that the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor public lounge should continue as an overflow room for JFAC. Commissioner Gallimore suggested there may be a way to do both. After a robust discussion it was decided to continue this discussion at the next meeting and that Commissioner Gallimore will bring options on special exhibits to be displayed in the Capitol building to the next meeting.

Capitol building ADA compliance: Jan Frew with the Department of Administration reviewed her memo to the Capitol Commission that summarizes a complaint received by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) in regards to ADA compliance issues. Ms. Frew further stated that the Division of Public Works has put together a timeline of three top priorities indicating items and cost. The first item is signage throughout the building and on the grounds, representing \$18,000. The second item includes automatic door openers, cross slope on ramps, modifying railings on entry ramps, etc., representing \$37,400. The final item addresses fabrication and installation of ADA hardware and adding wheelchair spaces and companion seats in the Lincoln Auditorium with additional designated signage, representing \$54,600.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Gallimore moved to approve the requested funding in the amount of \$110,000 from the Capitol Maintenance Reserve Fund. Seconded by Commissioner Richards. Motion carried.

**Legislative Portraits:** Commissioner Gallimore began by thanking Paul Kjellander for the generous gift of the art work "Legislative Portraits." Mr. Kjellander then explained that he has a passion for art and studied in Italy where he was able to hone his craft. His series is called "Legislators at Work" and consists of eight pieces; the collection is focused on telling the story of our Legislators that will serve as an educational and historical piece that can establish a program collection. The Commission was invited for viewing the work upon adjournment.

#### **New Business**

The next meeting will be in August 2014. Margaret will work with all Commissioners on a final date.

#### **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Stegner moved that the Commission adjourn. The second was by Commissioner Symms-Pollot; the motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

**The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.**

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Margaret Odedo, Department of Administration