

IAC Legislative Committee

June 1st, 2026 | 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm MST
3100 S. Vista Ave. | Local Government Center | Boise, ID

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order | *Chair Tom Dayley*

II. Welcome

III. Approve March 18th, 2026 Minutes (*Action*)

Zach Brooks motioned to approve the March 18th minutes, seconded by Brent Mendenhall. Motion passed.

IV. 2026 Legislative Session Discussion

The 2026 session was highlighted by a highly defensive role played by IAC this year. Of the 32 opposed bills (IAC only opposed 10 bills in both the 2024 and 2025 legislative sessions), only a single one passed without any amendments. The remaining opposed legislation was either amended, or never ended up being passed. This was a success on its own, but there were a number of policies and priorities that IAC was able to get through the legislative process this year:

House Bill 556: Increases the reimbursement rate for state-committed inmates housed in county jails from \$75 to \$80.

House Bill 591: Repeals the final section related to the county medical indigent program, helping to protect counties from potential financial liability.

House Bill 620: Codifies the practice of federal coordination between federal land management agencies and county commissioners.

Senate Bill 1250: Exempts certain coroner records, including investigation photos, from public records requests.

There are a variety of issues that IAC will want to continue to pursue in this upcoming legislative year, and the long-term goals and priorities are going to play a key role in the success of the committee's and membership's policies.

V. Primary Election Results Discussion

Significant shifts have been seen in the Northern legislative districts, which have trended notably more conservative this year. There was also substantial turnover in the Southern legislative districts, including a number of legislators losing their re-election races:

- Representative Cayler
- Representative Thompson
- Representative Leavitt

- Senator Zeiderfeld
- Senator Cole

The upcoming general election will be competitive, especially the race(s) for House leadership. Strategizing and creating relationships with legislators is going to be an important part of the upcoming legislative session. These changes are likely to create some unusual political dynamics.

VI. SWOT Analysis

Strengths

- Friday legislative live updates have proven to be very helpful for the broader membership who attend.
- Timely when an issue calls, especially at the last minute. Reactive to dynamic situations.
- Staff support of committees.
- Existing institutional knowledge and expertise.
- Building relationships with legislators.
- Creating and fostering a relationship of respect that goes both ways (between IAC, staff, and the legislature)
- Talking points and providing supporting materials for policies, proposals, issues, etc.
- No scorecard. Recognized as collaborative

Weaknesses

- Only about 33% of emails are being read (bulletin, legislative alerts, etc.) How to increase click and open rate?
- Low member engagement. How do we get members to be more involved?
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Opportunities

- More data to support priorities.
- Push notifications (text alerts/surveys?) Members have indicated that text based alerts are likely to be more effective to increase county elected official action.
- More intercommunications between elected officials and supporting legislation outside of those only relevant to a county elected officials office.
- Training -> how to be impactful building a relationship with/and influence your legislator.
- Develop relationships with legislators so they share information with IAC before legislation is introduced.
- Letters to new legislators and county elected officials after election.
- Engage with legislators to let them know about successes/partnerships.

Threats

- Combating the narrative that "we will fix bad bills next year". How do we shift the conversation so that the bad bills don't pass at all?
- Surprise bills/legislation.
- Member turnover. How to engage new members in the upcoming year?

VII. Long-Term Goals and Possible Priorities

Revenue

Recording fees
Food inspection fees
Lodging tax
H0389 fix
Drivers license fees back to commissioners

Registration fees
District court fees
User fees in general
Unpaid infractions

Infrastructure

Courthouse/jails
Roads/bridges
Emergency communications
Online notices

Procurement

Mirror county authority with Rayboulds bill

VIII. Strategic Planning for 2027 and Beyond

IX. Adjournment

Adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

IAC Legislative Committee

MEMBERSHIP

CHAIR Tom Dayley <i>Ada Commissioner</i>		VICE CHAIR Chris Goetz <i>Clearwater Sheriff</i>
Bruce Mattare <i>District 1: Kootenai Commissioner</i>	Donavan Harrington <i>District 5: Bingham Assessor</i>	Annette Dygert <i>LACT: Owyhee Treasurer</i>
Brad Higgins <i>District 2: Idaho Commissioner</i>	Brent Mendenhall <i>District 6: Madison Commissioner</i>	Vic Pearson <i>IPAA: Franklin Prosecutor</i>
Zach Brooks <i>District 3: Canyon Commissioner</i>	Hollie Ann Flansberg <i>IACA: Gem Assessor</i>	Andy Creech <i>ISA: Payette Sheriff</i>
Ben Crouch <i>District 4: Jerome Commissioner</i>	Jared Orton <i>IACC: Minidoka Commissioner</i>	Torey Danner <i>ISACC: Bannock Coroner</i>

	Trent Tripple <i>IACRC: Ada Clerk</i>	

ALTERNATES

Phil Lampert <i>District 1: Benewah Commissioner</i> Vacant <i>District 2:</i> Jennifer Riebe <i>District 3: Payette Commissioner</i> Dan Schaeffer <i>District 4: Minidoka Commissioner</i>	Eric Jackson <i>District 5: Bingham Commissioner</i> Shayne Young <i>District 6: Jefferson Commissioner</i> Josh Dison <i>IACA: Elmore Assessor</i> Kim Keeley <i>IACRC: Teton Clerk</i>	Elizabeth Mahn <i>IACRC: Ada Treasurer</i> Vacant <i>IPAA:</i> Matt Clifford <i>ISA: Ada Sheriff</i> Will Carson <i>ISACC: Twin Falls Coroner</i>

Others in Attendance

Brian Naugle - IPAA Executive Director

IAC Staff in Attendance

Chase Christensen

Sara Westbrook

Kelli Brassfield

Clay Boeckel

Seth Grigg