



**Region IV Citizen Review Panel  
707 N. Armstrong Pl, Boise, ID 83704  
Bluebird**

**Monday, August 12, 2024  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members:** Nicole Noltensmeyer, Jessica Ivancic, Alisha Merrill, Shannon McCarthy, Brian McCauley, Carlos Galindo

**Absent:** Merritt Dublin

**Staff:** Jason Shaw (CDH)

**Guest:** Racheal Peace (DHW), Alex Adams (DHW Director), Monty Prow (DHW Assistant Director)

**Call Meeting to Order**

Brian McCauley called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.

**Minutes, Agenda Approval**

**Motion:** Shannon made a motion to approve the July meeting minutes as written. Nicole seconded. None opposed. The motion carried.

**Motion:** Shannon made a motion to approve the August agenda as written. Carlos seconded. None opposed. The motion carried.

**DHW Director Q&A**

The Director and Deputy Directors introduced themselves and shared some of their background. Information was provided on changes that are being made to the internal organization at DHW to improve their efficiency and responsiveness. Some examples include getting paid parental leave for State employees, including those who foster, and implementing a Foster Parent Bill of Rights. There were also changes to rules on transparency within the foster system. Members of the Panel introduced themselves and shared their backgrounds and what drew them to get involved in the Panel's work.

The Panel discussed some changes being made to training that is available to foster parents in an effort to make fostering more achievable.

### **Potential Conflict Discussion**

Nicole discussed a situation that arose that could potentially cause a conflict of interest for her being on the Panel. The Panel discussed the situation, and didn't feel that it would be a situation that would require her to step down.

### **Executive Session**

**Motion:** Nicole moved that the Panel, pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206, convene in Executive Session to discuss items exempt from public disclosure. Brian seconded. The motion was confirmed by roll call vote. Shannon McCarthy, aye; Nicole Noltensmeyer, aye; Carlos Galindo, aye; Jessica Ivancic, aye; Brian McCauley, aye; Alisha Merritt, aye.

The Panel entered into Executive Session at 5:27pm to discuss items exempt from public disclosure. During this session, the Panel received information on cases.

**Motion:** Nicole moved that the Panel, pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206, exit Executive Session at 5:57pm. Alisha seconded the motion. The motion was confirmed by roll call vote. Shannon McCarthy, aye; Nicole Noltensmeyer, aye; Carlos Galindo, aye; Jessica Ivancic, aye; Brian McCauley, aye; Alisha Merritt, aye.

### **Adjourn**

Brian McCauley adjourned the meeting at 5:58pm.

*Meeting minutes prepared by Jason Shaw*