



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

**Monday, April 14, 2025
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

Meeting Minutes

Members: Merritt Dublin, Jessica Ivancic, Brian McCauley, Alisha Merrill, Carlos Galindo, Shannon McCarthy

Absent:

Staff: Jason Shaw (CDH)

Guest: Racheal Peace (DHW), Kristi (DHW), Samuel Montanez (Ombudsman)

Call Meeting to Order

Merritt Dublin called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

Minutes Approval

Motion: Brian McCauley made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes as written. Jessica Ivancic seconded. None opposed. The motion carried.

The Panel and guests introduced themselves. Panel members shared more in-depth information on their histories and experiences with the foster system and DHW. Discrepancies between how things are done in different regions and counties of the State were discussed. How long foster parents were allowed in the courtroom during hearings was a dominant topic of conversation. The Panel also discussed the limits of what decisions the Judge in the case can make.

New Member Discussion

The Panel reviewed new member applications to fill two open positions. Of the seven applications that were reviewed, the Panel chose three to interview on April 29th. Jason will email the three selected to confirm continued interest, and their available times.

CRP Budget Review

The Panel reviewed their budget to ensure that they were on track on spending, and to see if they had funding to send members to conferences that were happening. The Panel is investigating whether the budget is rolled over when the fiscal year changes, or if the remaining funds are lost.

Executive Session

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

The Panel entered into Executive Session at 5:53pm to discuss items exempt from public disclosure. During this session, the Panel received information on cases.

Motion: Brian moved that the Panel, pursuant to Idaho Code §74-206, exit Executive Session at 6:31pm. Jessica seconded the motion. The motion was confirmed by roll call vote. Merritt Dublin, aye; Carlos Galindo, aye; Jessica Ivancic, aye; Alisha Merrill, aye; Brian McCauley, aye; Shannon McCarthy, aye.

Adjourn

Merritt Dublin adjourned the meeting at 6:33pm.

Meeting minutes prepared by Jason Shaw