



**IDAHO LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIREFIGHTING AND EMS
MEDAL OF HONOR COMMISSION**

Office of the Idaho Attorney General
Statehouse, Room C210
700 West Jefferson Street
Boise, Idaho

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 14, 2024
10:00 a.m.

Item 1 – Call to Order. Attorney General Raúl R. Labrador, chairing the meeting, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Item 1A – The Commission Secretary called roll.

The following Commissioners were present:

Raúl R. Labrador, Attorney General, Office of the Idaho Attorney General
Jason Davis, Sheriff, LCSO, Idaho Sheriffs' Association
Wayne Denny, Chief, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services & Preparedness
Jeremy Engbaum, Chief, Buhl PD, Idaho Chiefs of Police Association
Brad Johnson, Division Administrator, Peace Officer Standards & Training
Jared Larsen, Advisor, Office of the Governor
Bryan Taylor, Prosecuting Attorney, Idaho Prosecuting Attorneys Association

The following Commissioner was absent:

Tim Miller, Executive Director, Idaho Peace Officers Association
Kirk Carpenter, Chief, Nampa FD, Idaho Fire Chiefs Association

The Chair announced a quorum was present.

For the record, all Commissioners attended in person except for Sheriff Jason Davis, who attended via conference call.

Others present:

Captain Matt Jones, Boise Police Department
Phil Skinner, Chief of Staff (OAG)
Haline Anderson, Commission Secretary (OAG)
Kimi White, Executive Assistant (OAG)
Dan Estes, Public Information Officer (OAG)

Item 1B – Review of Agenda. The agenda was reviewed; no amendments were made. Comm'r. Bryan Taylor moved to approve the agenda. Comm'r. Brad Johnson seconded

the motion. Chairman Labrador called for discussion. Hearing none, he called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 2 – Prior Meeting Minutes. Chairman Labrador asked if there were any changes to the proposed April 24, 2023, minutes and the August 23, 2023, minutes. Comm'r. Johnson moved to approve both minutes. Comm'r. Taylor seconded the motion. Chairman Labrador called for discussion. Hearing none, he called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 3 – Discuss change in MOH statute and rule. Chairman Labrador introduced the topic that only a current chief or head can make a nomination and opened for discussion whether new election, politics, or if the action is not something the new head is aware of because it happened under prior leadership would prevent a nomination. Comm'r. Johnson said in the past there were applications received that were done by the current head regarding actions done before their time. He feels this would be problematic to change. Comm'r. Taylor said any current head should be informed of past actions. Comm'r. Johnson also said the award has high esteem and that it has not happened that a change of head caused a loss in accolades. Comm'r. Wayne Denny also suggested that applications could perhaps be done by a former head but had to be endorsed by the current head. Comm'r. Taylor does not think a change in rules needs to occur. Comm'r. Larsen said the statute requires the endorsement of the current head or chief, not just the rules.

Item 4 – Discuss 2024 Nominations and Select 2024 MOH Recipients. Chairman Labrador introduced Captain Matt Jones who is representing Chief Ron Winegar of the Boise Police Department. Captain Jones had a presentation of the incident of a mall shooting. The suspect spent about 30 minutes in the shopping mall before he started shooting. Two people were killed in the mall. The shooter called his father to explain what he had done and ran outside. Officer Chris Dance was first to respond and was shot in the eye but continued pursuing the suspect until back-up arrived. Officer Dance is now back on patrol after recovery. The Chairman opened for discussion of the application. Comm'r. Johnson said Officer Dance deserves the award since after becoming injured he re-engaged and that his actions were courageous and gallant. Comm'r. Denny said the officer could have stopped and not been faulted: he deserves this award. Chairman Labrador asked if there was any further discussion. Hearing no comments, he called for a motion. Comm'r. Johnson made a motion to award the Idaho Medal of Honor to Officer Dance. Comm'r. Taylor seconded. Chairman Labrador called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 5 – Discuss and Approve 2024 Ceremony Location and Date. Comm'r. Taylor made a motion to approve August 6 at 2:00 p.m. for the date and the Lincoln Auditorium for the location. Comm'r. Denny seconded. Chairman Labrador called for a vote, and it passed unanimously.

Item 6 – Chairman Labrador called for a motion to adjourn. Comm'r. Taylor moved to

adjourn. Comm'r. Johnson seconded the motion. Chairman Labrador called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.