



Brad Little, Governor
Tom Kealey, Director

**IGEM Council Meeting
 January 19, 2024
 Idaho Department of
 Commerce Clearwater
 Conference Room**

<u>IGEM Council Members Present:</u>	<u>Governor’s Office</u>
Rick Stott – Chair	Hayden Rogers
Director Tom Kealey	
Dr. Nancy Glenn	<u>Idaho Commerce Staff Present:</u>
Dr. Martin Blair	Jeremy Chase, Marketing and Innovation Administrator
Damond Watkins	Cathy Perry, Grants Analyst
Rep. Jeff Ehlers	Jake Reynolds Operations Administrator- Phone
Sen. Kelly Anthon	
Dr. Marianne Walck	
Shawn Keough	<u>Members of the Public</u>
Juan Carlos Duque- Phone	Jeffrey Block-Phone
	Capital Workshop Note Taker-Phone

Call to Order

Rick Stott called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. Chairman Stott greeted Council members as they joined the meeting; membership meets quorum. The meeting was hosted by the State of Idaho Department of Commerce in the Clearwater Conference room. Hayden Rogers with the Office of the Governor attended this meeting.

Action Item: Approval of the Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda for the January 19, 2024

Moved: Shawn Keough
 Seconded: Director Tom Kealey
 All in Favor, no discussion

Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes from the IGEM Council meeting on 11-29-2023 with the correction of a date typo for an NCE for APP# 4672 from 3-31-23 to 3-31-24.

Moved: Director Tom Kealey
 Seconded: Shawn Keough
 All in favor, no discussion
Motion approved.

Chairman Stott-

Introduction of Hayden Rogers with the Office of the Governor.

Hayden Rogers-

Thanked Commerce and introduced himself. Hayden discussed the upcoming changes to the IGEM program in terms of funding, and Governor Little's budget priorities for the state the next couple of years.

Governor Little will recommends a "pause" on the IGEM program being operated by the Idaho Department of Commerce. His new budget will reflects adjustments for the State Statute and its repeal.

Discussion over grant program:

Entered the conversation discussing the other programs receiving a portion of IGEM funding such as HERC and CAES. It was made clear that they would continue to operate as normal. Only the IGEM program at Commerce would be affected. Grant recipients will be made aware to look for other funding opportunities.

Chairman Stott recommended the IGEM council continues to stay intact to function on administrative approvals for budget modifications for current grantees.

Public Comment:

Jeffrey Block:

Made a case for the continuation of the IGEM program at Commerce for the stake holders.

Chairman Stott-

Asked for recommendations on ways to communicate this information to the current grant recipients and applicants. Chairman Stott recommended the IGEM council continues to stay intact to function on administrative approvals for budget modifications for current grantees.

Director Kealey-

Thanks the council for their hard work and states that no new applications will be accepted at this point. Director Kealey reiterates that all current grants will continue to be serviced. And according to the DAG for Commerce, any FY24 remaining funds do not have to be obligated.

Acknowledged the timeline of the bill to make it to the Governor's desk. All missing council members from the meeting will be contacted with the update. No press release or public comment required.

Discussion by council about the bill and that they will remain a council until told otherwise.

Chairman Stott-

Thanks the council and wraps up the program's accomplishments.

Action Item: Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Dr. Martin Blair

Seconded: Shawn Keough

All in favor, no discussion.

Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned by Rick Stott at 10:43 a.m.