

MINUTES
Approved by Council
America250 in Idaho Advisory Council
Monday, March 23, 2026
1:00 P.M.
Room WW53
Boise, Idaho

Members in attendance: Cochair Senator Adams, Representative Bruce, Senator Guthrie; Phil McGrane, Secretary of State; Julie Ellsworth, Treasurer; Janet Gallimore, Executive Director, Idaho State Historical Society. Absent/excused: Cochair Representative Mitchell; Jeff Newgard, President/CEO, Bank of Idaho. Legislative Services Office (LSO) staff: Terri Kondeff and Hayley Kaae-Domgaard.

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Opening Remarks/Minutes Approval

Cochair Adams brought the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. A silent roll call was taken. Cochair Adams welcomed everyone to the committee.

Representative Bruce made a motion to approve the minutes from March 13, 2026. Senator Guthrie seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

America250 Financial Update

LSO Staff Hayley Kaae-Domgaard briefly overviewed the financial documents covering the Commemorative Fund balance, total expenditures, and the Celebration Fund balance used to fund grants for cities and counties. She then concluded her comments.

Subcommittee Update

Phil McGrane, Secretary of State, reintroduced a proposal for the purchase of America250-themed "I Voted" stickers for the upcoming election to commemorate America250. The proposal would cover the cost of the sticker design and production for counties.

Secretary McGrane motioned to approve the "I Voted" stickers funding request totaling \$12,992. Representative Bruce and Senator Guthrie seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Secretary McGrane discussed the Capitol Celebration vendor contracts. The vendors have the contracts at the Attorney General's office for review and approval. The committee discussed who can ultimately sign the contract. Treasurer Ellsworth suggested inviting someone from the Attorney General's office to the next committee meeting to have that question answered.

Secretary McGrane discussed the planning and logistics coming together for the Capitol Celebration on July 4th. He then concluded his update.

Ambassador Program Update

State Treasurer Julie Ellsworth provided an update on the ambassador program, highlighting activities and events that are scheduled across Idaho and showing photographs of events that have taken place already. She showed how many "Acts of Service" Idaho has completed already this year. At the time of the meeting, Idaho citizens had completed 110,083 acts of service with 250,000 as the goal. She discussed the Quilters of Idaho displaying America250 quilts on the fourth floor rotunda starting March 30 through April 13th, 2026. Treasurer Ellsworth also went over a donation box that

was created for students around Idaho to bring in their change to help finance the Liberty Bell's return trip home.

Governor's Task Force Update

Director Gallimore updated the committee on the Governor's Task Force. She mentioned the collaboration with the Bureau of Land Management event, the first day at Initial Point in Kuna that occurs on May 1-2, 2026, and that the second day is being planned at the Old State Penitentiary. She mentioned that the America250 website calendar for Idaho events has been updated and has been sent to the America250 national website and should be loaded now. Director Gallimore also discussed working with the transportation team for the Liberty Bell.

State Board of Education Collaboration "America's Next 250" Update

Dr. Andrew Finsteun, Director of the Institute for Advancing American Values, wasn't able to attend the meeting and will be rescheduled for the next committee meeting.

Grant Approvals

Representative Bruce moved to approve the disbursement of grant reward amounts requested by:

- City of Swan Valley
- City of Albion
- Custer County
- Sugar City
- City of Chubbuck
- Boundary County
- County of Butte
- Caribou County
- City of Arco
- City of Athol
- City of Dalton Gardens
- City of Driggs
- City of Glenns Ferry
- City of Kellogg
- City of Malta
- City of New Meadows
- City of Paul
- City of Payette
- City of Shelley
- City of Star
- City of Winchester
- Franklin County

Treasurer Ellsworth, seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.

Miscellaneous Business

The committee discussed the next meeting date and proposed the morning of Monday, April 6, 2026, tentatively at 10:00 a.m. Senator Guthrie thanked Treasurer Ellsworth and everyone on the committee for how well everything is coming together to celebrate the milestone.

The committee adjourned at 1:28 pm.