

USIP January 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2026 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US & Canada) Pacific Standard Time



The United Schools Insurance Program (USIP) Board of Directors held an all-board meeting on January 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Board Members Present:

Brian Talbott, East Valley School District (Chair)
Kyle Rydell, West Valley School District
Thad Nelson, Adna School District
Mandi Rehn, Valley School District
Doug Burge, Zillah School District
Ben Ferney, Cheney School District
Jon Tienhaara, South Bend Schools
Michelle Price, NCW ESD
Brad Wilson, Chelan School District

Administration / Staff Present (Clear Risk Solutions):

Dave Kosa, Rick Templeton, Patrick Boruff, Rick Doehle, Frank Andrus, Aaron Sheneman, Becca Kirsch, Jenni Bates, Patti Ferguson, Jenny Gunderson, Eric Homer, Austin Chamberlin, Zac Berryman

Guests:

KC Johnson, Sherry S.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Talbott at 10:02 a.m.

Item 1

Introduction and Roll Call

Quorum was Confirmed

Item 2

Additions

Homer announces his transition from Clear Risk to Arrowhead Public Entity. Templeton will take over as president of Clear Risk.

Item 3

Consent Agenda

The consent Agenda was presented in detail. Presented was October 2025 Minutes, Bank Statements and November and December 2025 Vouchers.

No Discussion moved by Tienhaara, Seconded by Ferney; Motion Carried

Item 4

Approval of Voucher and Summary

Boruff presented the January Voucher in Detail.

No Discussion

Rydell Moved, Rehn Second. Motion Carried

Item 5

Financial Report

Kirsch reviewed SAO Timelines for 2026 and provided an overview of the Year-End Fiscal Report, Q1 Fiscal Report, and Payment Plan update.

Item 6

Communications: Retention Plan Update

Doehle, Kosa and Berryman provided updates and responded to questions regarding the retention plan, Idaho schools professional boundaries, large claims activity and the initiation of the 2026–27 budget process.

Doehle Discussed the RFP For a Claims Audit Service was conducted and Completed. USIP Has Elected North Shore Risk Consulting LLC as Its new Claims Auditor.

No Discussion

Motioned by Wilson, Seconded by Burge; Motion carried

Item 7

Legislative Plan 2026

Doehle reviewed SB 5875, which proposes removing school districts from WLAD, and discussed the pool's support of MSOCs.

Item 8

Reminder on USIP Advance

Doehle and Talbott Discussed Options for upcoming Advances

Item 9

Next Meetings

Brian and Rick D reviewed upcoming meeting dates, including the March 17 in-person/virtual meeting at Wenatchee ESD, and discussed the possibility of adjusting or adding spring board meetings due to early property renewal.

Submitted by



Zac Berryman



Brian Talbott, Chair