

IDAHO **FREE SPEECH** SUMMIT

Tuesday, October 13th, 2026 - Boise, Idaho

Agenda

9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Presented by

Idaho Secretary of State Phil McGrane
University of Idaho College of Law
Boise State University Institute for Advancing American Values
Idaho State Capitol
Lincoln Auditorium (WW02)
700 West Jefferson Street, Boise

9:00-9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Overview of the Summit and the importance of free speech, civic debate, and public participation.
Phil McGrane, Idaho Secretary of State

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Session I Can government transparency coexist with donor privacy?

Privacy, donor disclosure, and freedom of association

Moderator: Phil McGrane, Idaho Secretary of State

Allen Dickerson, The Federalist Society
Robyn Brody, Chief Justice, Idaho Supreme Court
Colin Nash, Boise City Council
Todd Lakey, State Senator

10:30-11:30 a.m.

Session II Can we regulate elections without regulating speech?

Political speech, election administration, and public trust

Moderator: Brian Kane, Dean, University of Idaho College of Law

Don Palmer, The Heritage Foundation
Dr. Scott Warren, SNF Agora Institute at Johns Hopkins University
Phil McGrane, Idaho Secretary of State
Bruce Skaug, State Representative

Noon-1:30 p.m.

Keynote Luncheon

Governor Spencer Cox
AC Hotel Boise Downtown
1005 W Grove Street, Boise

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Session III Have we forgotten how to disagree?

Civil discourse, campus speech, and the culture of debate

Moderator: Debbie Critchfield, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Dr. Andrew Finstuen, Boise State Institute for Advancing American Values

Cade Syvock, President, Turning Point USA at Boise State University

Barbara Ehardt, State Representative

Ilana Rubel, State Representative

Colby Bond, Boise State Political Science Association

3:00-4:00 p.m.

Panel Discussion What is the future of free speech in the states?

A moderated discussion on protecting speech, encouraging civic participation, and strengthening public trust.

Moderator: Melissa Davlin, Idaho Public Television

Phil McGrane, Idaho Secretary of State

Allen Dickerson, The Federalist Society

Don Palmer, The Heritage Foundation

Brian Kane, University of Idaho College of Law

Matt Edwards, Citizens Alliance of Idaho

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Closing Reception

An opportunity to share ideas with panelists and fellow Summit attendees.

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