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Idaho residents will head to the polls in November to elect a governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, and treasurer. All 35 state senate and all 70 state house seats are also on the ballot. Republicans are expected to maintain control of the executive offices and the state legislature.

Treasurer

Democratic Nominee

Kevin Jones

Kevin Jones is a certified CFA and currently the principal and founder of Harmonic Investment Advisors. Jones has more than 39 years of experience in the financial industry, helping to manage institutional, not-for-profit, and high-net-worth individual portfolios. He previously served as the Chief Investment Officer and Chief Operating Officer for D.B. Fitzpatrick & Co, overseeing all investment-related functions. He also served as the Senior Vice President and Senior Portfolio Manager at ICM Asset Management. Jones has also been a contributor to local and national media including Idaho Business Review, Bloomberg, and CNBC.

Jones' campaign centers on a critique of incumbent Treasurer Julie Ellsworth's tenure, questioning whether her experience and background provide the necessary financial oversight required for the position.

One of the primary factors that inspired him to run for office was the state's **municipal bond offerings** made during Ellsworth time in office. He found that of the 67 municipal bond offerings made in Idaho during this time, 66 were "negotiated" offerings and only one was "competitive." Given Idaho's high credit ratings, he feels it is unwise to utilize negotiated offerings as competitive offerings have lower interest rates and will therefore yield greater savings.

Jones has also vowed to bring greater **transparency** back to the treasurer's office. He singled out Ellsworth for skipping an Investment Advisory Board meeting in May 2026. He highlighted that the presentation showed the state's two largest investment funds managed by the treasurer's office were underperforming. He seeks to make financial and investment presentations, such as this, available to the public.

Jones will face Ellsworth in the general election on November 3, 2026.

Trivia: Jones is very passionate about golf and recently joined the PGA of America and registered to become a teaching pro.