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**UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING  
SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES**

**December 13, 2023  
Laramie, Wyoming**

# University of Wyoming

## Vision

Use our unique strengths to make Wyoming and the world a better place.

## Mission

As Wyoming's university, we unlock the extraordinary in every person through education, research, innovation, engagement, and service.

## Values

- Access to an affordable, high-quality education.
- Real-world education where students learn by doing.
- A welcoming and supportive learning community fostered by integrity, inclusivity, freedom of expression, and respect.
- The growth, health, and leadership capacity of all members of the university community.
- Wyoming's wild and working lands as an asset to be utilized, understood, stewarded, and treasured.
- Our partnership and engagement with Wyoming communities in the creation and exchange of knowledge and resources.
- Our role as a catalyst for innovation and economic vitality.

*(Accepted January 2023)*

**TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING**  
**BOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**December 13, 2023**  
**Conference Call Meeting**  
**Laramie, Wyoming**

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**Wednesday, December 13, 2023**  
**Via Video Conference**  
**Laramie, Wyoming**

**Roll Call**

The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London called the roll.

Trustees participating: Brad Bonner, Kermit Brown (Vice Chairman), David Fall, Brad LaCroix, Carol Linton, John McKinley (Chairman), Macey Moore, Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Secretary), Michelle Sullivan (Treasurer), and Dave True. Trustees Elizabeth Greenwood and Jim Mathis were absent.

Ex-officio members participating: UW President Ed Seidel, ASUW President Saber Smith, and Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder. Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Sandy Caldwell was absent. Governor Mark Gordon was not in attendance. Senior Policy Advisor Lachelle Brant attended on his behalf.

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board enter Executive Session. Trustee Kermit Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Board entered executive session at 8:07 a.m.

Public Session resumed at 9:34 a.m. Trustee John McKinley called for public testimony. Evan Johnson, Associate Professor Kinesiology, provided testimony via video conference and discussed College of Health Sciences Dean Jacob Warren's leadership, and a lack of responsiveness and effective communication with regard to faculty concerns. Johnson described university administration's response to faculty's vote of no confidence in the dean, and the culture of fear and distrust in the college. Johnson expressed appreciation that the Board has stated it is aware of the issues in the college, and also stated that administration has not clearly communicated what measures toward improvement are being taken.

***Approval of Meeting Minutes***  
***12/13/2023 @ 9:43 a.m.***

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board approve November 15-17, 2023, public and executive session meeting minutes. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Elizabeth Greenwood and Jim Mathis were absent.

**OTHER ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING**

***Academic Personnel I***  
***12/13/2023 @ 9:44 a.m.***

Trustee Kermit Brown moved the Board authorize administration to move forward on the personnel matter as discussed in executive session. Trustee David Fall seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Elizabeth Greenwood and Jim Mathis were absent.

***Academic Personnel II***  
***12/13/2023 @ 9:46 a.m.***

Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board authorize administration to extend an offer for and to

appoint the Dean of the College of Law as discussed in Executive Session. The academic appointment will include tenure in the College of Law, as recommended by the faculty per normal procedures. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Elizabeth Greenwood and Jim Mathis were absent.

***Memorandum of Understanding with the UW Foundation: Integrated Testing Center Investment Fund***

***12/13/2023 @ 9:46 a.m.***

Trustee David Fall moved the Board authorize administration to execute the Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Wyoming and UW Foundation regarding University funds for the Integrated Testing Center. Trustee Brad Bonner seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Elizabeth Greenwood and Jim Mathis were absent.

**Date of Next Meeting**

January 24-26, 2024, Laramie, Wyoming

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

**Executive Session Information**

*[The UW Board of Trustees met in Executive Session on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, via video conference.]*

**Executive Session I**

**Wednesday, December 13, 2023**

**8:00 a.m.**

The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board enter Executive Session,

1. To consider the appointment, employment, right to practice or dismissal of a public employee and to consider accepting or tendering offers concerning wages, salaries, benefits, and terms of employment during all negotiations (16-4-405(a)(ii) and 16-4-405(a)(x))
2. To consider or receive any information classified as confidential by law (16-4-405(a)(ix))
3. On matters concerning litigation to which the governing body is a party or proposed litigation to which the governing body may be a party (16-4-405(a)(iii))

The executive session is attended by the 12 voting members of the Trustees, and ex-officio members. Trustee Kermit Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Board entered executive session at 8:07 a.m.

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Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Kevin Carman, Vice President and General Counsel Tara Evans, Vice President for Budget and Finance Alex Kean, Vice President for Government Affairs and Community Relations Mike Smith, Deputy General Counsel Paula Whaley, Deputy Secretary Board of Trustees RoseMarie London, IT Specialist Margarita Rovani attended the entirety of the meeting.

The following administrators attended during their respective topics:

- Vice President for Campus Operations Bill Mai
- Vice President for Institutional Advancement John Stark
- School of Energy Resources Executive Director Holly Krutka

Respectfully submitted,



RoseMarie London  
Deputy Secretary, UW Board of Trustees