

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

**August 14, 2024  
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**  
**August 14, 2024**  
**Conference Call Meeting**  
**Old Main 206, Laramie, Wyoming**

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***Biennium Budget Committee***

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**Wednesday, August 14, 2024  
Via Video Conference  
Old Main 206, Laramie, Wyoming**

The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board enter Executive Session. Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Board entered executive session at 8:01 a.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 10:10 a.m. Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London called the roll.

Trustees participating: Brad Bonner (Secretary), Kermit Brown (Chairman), David Fall, Elizabeth Greenwood, Brad LaCroix, Carol Linton, Jim Mathis, John McKinley, Macey Moore, Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Treasurer), and Michelle Sullivan (Vice Chairman). Trustee Dave True was absent from the public session portion of the meeting.

Ex-officio members participating: UW President Ed Seidel, and State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder. ASUW President Kameron Murfitt, and Executive Director of the Wyoming Community College Commission Ben Moritz were absent from the meeting. Governor Mark Gordon was absent from the meeting; Deputy Policy Director Lachelle Brant attended on the governor's behalf.

***Approval of Meeting Minutes  
08-14-2024 @ 10:11 a.m.***

Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board approve the public and executive session minutes of the July 17-19, 2024, UW Board of Trustees Meeting. Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Biennium Budget Committee – Schmid-Pizzato**

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato stated the Biennium Budget Committee met via video conference on August 8, 2024, to discuss the FY2025-26 Supplemental Budget request, and had the following recommendations:

***FY2025-2026 Supplemental Budget Request  
08/14/2024 @ 10:12 a.m.***

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize administration to submit the FY2025-2026 Supplemental Budget Request as shown on page 3 and 4 of the August 8, 2024, Biennium Budget Committee materials to include the addition of \$500,000 for item number 4. Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Dave True was absent from the vote.

***Athletics Budget Request  
08/14/2024 @ 10:13 a.m.***

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize administration to submit a supplemental budget request for an additional \$1,500,000 of recurring annual funding for the university block grant with a restriction that the funds must be used for Athletics. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Dave True was absent from the vote.

Trustee Schmid-Pizzato stated that during the Biennium Budget Committee's video conference meeting on August 8, 2024, the committee received a request from administration and Athletic Director Tom Burman related to deficits in the athletics budget. Trustee Kermit Brown invited questions or comments from the Board regarding the request. There was none.

***UW Foundation New Gift Opportunities***

***08/14/2024 @ 10:14 a.m.***

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize the addition of the fourteen priorities reviewed on August 8, 2024, by the Biennium Budget Committee, to the May 9, 2024, approved list as amended on June 12, 2024, and July 19, 2024. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Dave True was absent from the vote.

**OTHER ACTION TAKEN AT MEETING**

***Academic Personnel Report***

***08/14/2024 @ 10:15 a.m.***

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board approve the Academic Personnel Report as provided. Trustee David Fall seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Dave True was absent from the vote.

***Elavon Master Services Agreement***

***08/14/2024 @ 10:16 a.m.***

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize administration to execute the Elavon Master Services Agreement. Trustee Elizabeth Greenwood seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Dave True was absent from the vote.

***Cooperation Agreement of Joint Program in Kinesiology at Undergraduate Level Between Shanghai University of Sport and the University of Wyoming***

***08/14/2024 @ 10:17 a.m.***

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board authorize administration to execute the Cooperation Agreement of Joint Program in Kinesiology at Undergraduate Level Between Shanghai University of Sport and the University of Wyoming. Trustee Brad Bonner seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Kermit Brown and Brad LaCroix voted no. Trustee Dave True was absent from the vote.

***Research Agreement between University of Wyoming and FEI Company (part of Thermo Fisher Scientific)***

***08/14/2024 @ 10:17 a.m.***

Trustee David Fall moved the Board authorize administration to continue negotiations with FEI Company (part of Thermo Fisher Scientific) to execute the final Research Agreement between University of Wyoming and FEI Company, and to submit to the Governor for approval per 2024 Wyoming Session Law, Ch. 118, Section 316. The final version will be shared with the Trustees Executive Committee for final review prior to execution. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Dave True was absent from the vote.

***Mediation Matter******08/14/2024 @ 10:19 a.m.***

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to participate in mediation in the legal matter as discussed in executive session. Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Dave True was absent from the vote.

***Personnel Matter******08/14/2024 @ 10:19 a.m.***

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato 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. Trustee Dave True was absent from the vote.

**New Business**

Trustee Kermit Brown announced the College of Law Grand Opening will take place on August 22, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.; the UW President's State of the University will take place on September 17, 2024.

**Date of Next Meeting**

September 25-27, 2025, Laramie, Wyoming

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

**Executive Session Information**

*[The UW Board of Trustees met in Executive Session on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, via video conference.]*

**Executive Session****Wednesday, August 14, 2024****Via Video Conference and Old Main Boardroom, Old Main 206**

Trustee Brad Bonner 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)); and
3. To consider 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 session was attended by:

- the 12 voting members of the Trustees
- Ex-officio members UW President Ed Seidel, ASUW President Kameron Murfitt, Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon, State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder, and Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Ben Moritz.
- Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Kevin Carman
- Vice President and General Counsel Tara Evans
- Deputy General Counsel Paula Whaley
- Vice President for Government Affairs and Community Engagement Mike Smith
- Vice President for Budget and Finance Alex Kean
- Executive Director and Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London
- Desktop Support Team Manager Margarita Rovani

And the following administrators will attend during their respective topics:

- Senior Vice Provost Tami Benham-Deal
- Vice President for Campus Operations Bill Mai
- Vice President for Research and Economic Development Parag Chitnis
- Energy and Petroleum Engineering Professor Mohammad Piri
- College of Health Sciences Dean Michelle Hilaire
- Vice Provost for Global Engagement Isa Helfgott
- Associate Professor Kinesiology and Health Derek Smith
- Professor Kinesiology and Health Qin Zhu
- Senior Associate General Counsel Jenna Martin

Respectfully submitted,



RoseMarie London

Executive Director and Deputy Secretary, UW Board of Trustees