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## **Call to Order**

UW Board of Trustees Chairman Kermit Brown called the meeting to order at 7:03 a.m. Executive Director and Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London called roll.

## **Roll Call**

Trustees: Brad Bonner (Secretary); Kermit Brown (Chairman); David Fall; Mike Greear; Brad LaCroix; Carol Linton; Jim Mathis; John McKinley; Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Treasurer); Michelle Sullivan (Vice Chairman); Paul Ulrich; and Tom Walters. Trustees David Fall, and Brad LaCroix were absent.

Ex-officio Trustees: University President Ed Seidel, and State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder. ASUW President Kameron Murfitt, Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Ben Moritz, and Governor Mark Gordon were absent. Deputy Policy Director Lachelle Brant attended on Governor Gordon's behalf.

## **AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Faculty Senate Resolution 488: Conveying a Vote of No Confidence in the Leadership of President Seidel**

Trustee Kermit Brown acknowledged receipt of Faculty Senate Resolution 488: Conveying a Vote of No Confidence in the Leadership of President Seidel. Trustee Brown gave the floor to University President Ed Seidel who expressed disappointment over the vote of no confidence but acknowledged and accepted the outcome. President Seidel emphasized his continued commitment to the university and to addressing the concerns raised—particularly those regarding shared governance. President Seidel stated he had already met constructively with the university's deans and that they had agreed to begin regular meetings to work through the issues at hand. President Seidel stated that he would also take further steps to engage directly with faculty groups, staff, students, and other stakeholders. Reflecting on his five years as president, President Seidel said he believes he has worked effectively with the Board of Trustees to advance the University of Wyoming and expressed hope that he would continue to have its support. President Seidel acknowledged the current situation as a pivotal moment for the institution and urged unity in moving forward. President Seidel closed by affirming his belief that the university could emerge from this crisis stronger and more united.

Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board enter executive session at 7:12 a.m. Trustee Tom Walters seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Board reconvened in public session at 8:49 a.m.

Trustee Kermit Brown announced a committee will be convened to identify ways to strengthen communication and enhance shared governance at the university. Trustee Brown stated committee membership will include Trustees Laura Schmid-Pizzato, and Michelle Sullivan, and while final membership is to be determined would include at least one faculty member, one Staff Senate

representative, one ASUW member, one dean, the university president, and the provost. Trustee Brad Bonner reported a formal statement is forthcoming in response to Faculty Senate Resolution 488.

***Board Communication***

***04-08-2025 @ 8:54 a.m.***

Trustee Mike Greear moved the board chairman issue a statement vetted by general counsel, on shared governance and other items discussed in executive session. Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent from the vote.

Public Session adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



RoseMarie London  
Executive Director and Deputy Secretary, UW Board of Trustees