# UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES

June 18, 2025 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

#### June 18, 2025 Via Video Conference and Old Main Boardroom

Call to Order/Roll Call	4
Approval UW Board of Trustees Draft Meeting Minutes	4
Biennium Budget Committee – Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Chairman)	
Annual Operating Budget for FY 2026	4
Student Recruitment Marketing Proposal	4
Facilities Contracting Committee – Carol Linton (Chairman)	5
Other Action Taken	
Date of Next Meeting	8
Adjournment	
Executive Session Information	8/9

#### Wednesday, June 18, 2025 Via Video Conference

The University of Wyoming Board of Trustees called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Executive Director and Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London called the roll.

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

Ex officio members participating: University President Ed Seidel, ASUW President Paula Medina, Wyoming Community College Commission Interim Executive Director Paige Fenton-Hughes, and State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder. Governor Mark Gordon was not present; Deputy Policy Director Lachelle Brant attended on the governor's behalf.

Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board enter Executive Session. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent from the meeting.

Public Session was called back to order at 9:43 a.m.

### Approval of Meeting Minutes 06-18-2025 @ 9:44 a.m.

Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board approve the May 14-16, 2025, UW Board of Trustees public, and executive sessions I and II meeting minutes. Trustee Brad Bonner further moved the Board approve the May 16, 2025, executive session III meeting minutes. Trustee Michelle Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent from the meeting.

#### **AGENDA ITEM TITLE**: *Biennium Budget Committee* – Schmid-Pizzato (Chairman)

- Annual Operating Budget for FY 2026
- Student Recruitment Marketing Proposal

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato recommended the following action:

### University of Wyoming Fiscal Year 2026 operating budget 06-18-2025 @ 9:45 a.m.

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board adopt the University of Wyoming Fiscal Year 2026 operating budget trustee review version as presented to the Biennium Budget Committee on June 5, 2025. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent from the meeting.

### Student Recruitment Marketing Support Proposal for Fiscal Year 2026 06-18-2025 @ 9:45 a.m.

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize administration to fund up to \$1.745 million from unrestricted operating investment income earned in Fiscal Year 2025 to fund the Student Recruitment Marketing Support Proposal for Fiscal Year 2026. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent from the meeting.

#### **AGENDA ITEM TITLE:** *Facilities Contracting Committee* – Linton (Chairman)

Trustee Carol Linton brought forward a series of facility-related motions. Regarding the North Elevation Brick Upgrades for the Aquatic Center, Trustee Linton explained the design evolution from stucco to brick, leveraging an earlier decision to include a ledge for future improvements. Vice President for Campus Operations Bill Mai Mai confirmed the project had progressed far enough to safely begin using owner's contingency funds. Related to a crosswalk relocation tied to the Aquatic Center, Trustee Linton responded to Trustee Tom Walter's request for further information, stating the crosswalk realignment was intended to consolidate two crossings into one safer, more efficient crossing equipped with a rapid-flashing beacon.

## Memorandum of Understanding – Wyoming Public Radio and Central Wyoming College by and through Wyoming PBS

06-18-2025 @ 9:46 a.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between Wyoming Public Media and Central Wyoming College by and through Wyoming PBS, as presented in the June 16, 2025, Facilities Contracting Committee closed session materials. Trustee Paul Ulrich seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent from the meeting.

### Neltje Proposed Distribution Agreement 06-18-2025 @ 9:48 a.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to execute the Distribution Agreement and Assignment of Trust Beneficiary Rights as discussed and presented in the June 16, 2025, Facilities Contracting Committee closed session materials. Trustee David Fall seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent from the meeting.

#### Pulte Family Charitable Foundation Consent to Change Hilton Franchise 06-18-2025 @ 9:48 a.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to consent to the proposed change in franchise from the Hilton Garden Inn to the Graduate by Hilton, as presented in the June 16, 2025, Facilities Contracting Committee closed session materials. Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent from the meeting.

### SEO Settlement Agreement 06-18-2025 @ 9:48 a.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to execute the proposed Settlement Agreement between the City of Laramie, UW, and the State Engineer in resolution of Board of Control Docket No. I-U- 2023-4-1, as presented in the June 16, 2025, Facilities Contracting Committee closed session materials. Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent from the meeting.

#### UW Aquatics Center – Brick Upgrades 06-18-2025 @ 9:49 a.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to execute an amendment to the

Architect Agreement with Arete Design Group for the design and engineering of the north elevation brick upgrades for the Aquatics Center project for a total amount not-to-exceed one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$1,800.00) to be funded from the Owner's Contingency. Trustee David Fall seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent from the meeting.

### UW Aquatics Center – Construction Change Order 06-18-2025 @ 9:51 a.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to execute a construction change order with GE Johnson Construction Wyoming for north elevation brick upgrades on the UW Aquatics Center project for an amount not-to-exceed two hundred eighty-nine thousand four hundred seventy-one dollars (\$289,471.00) to be funded from the Owner's Contingency. Trustee David Fall seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent from the meeting.

### UW Aquatics Center – Crosswalk Relocation 06-18-2025 @ 9:52 a.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to execute an amendment to the Architect Agreement with Arete Design Group for the design and engineering to relocate the Willett Drive crosswalk for the Aquatics Center project for a total amount not-to-exceed four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) to be funded from the Owner's Contingency. Trustee Tom Walters seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent from the meeting.

### 15th Street – Roundabout Landscaping Modifications 06-18-2025 @ 9:54 a.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to proceed with modifications to the landscaping design for the 15th Street roundabouts. Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent from the meeting.

### Chick-Fil-A – Upgraded Cooling Units 06-18-2025 @ 9:55 a.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to proceed with a construction change order for the Chick-fil- A project for upgraded cooling units with Arcon Inc, Laramie, WY, with a not-to-exceed price of two hundred ninety-nine thousand three hundred fifty dollars (\$299,350.00) to be funded from the Dining Reserve Account. Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent from the meeting.

#### **Other Action Taken**

### Academic Personnel Report 06-18-2025 @ 9:56 a.m.

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board approve the Academic Personnel Report as provided. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent from the meeting.

### Non Academic Personnel 06-18-2025 @ 9:56 a.m.

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board approve administration to negotiate with and appoint the top candidate as Interim Provost with a salary as indicated in the range discussed in executive session. The candidate will start July 1, 2025, to allow transition with the current Interim Provost, with an official start date of August 1, 2025. If those negotiations fail, the University will bring the item back to the Board for review and discussion at an upcoming meeting. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent from the meeting.

#### Amendment No. 5 to the Partnership/Services Agreement between the University of Wyoming and Two Revolutions LLC

06-18-2025 @ 9:57 a.m.

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board authorize administration to execute Amendment No. 5 to the Partnership/Services Agreement between the University of Wyoming and Two Revolutions LLC. Trustee Tom Walters seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent from the meeting.

#### NCAA Class Action and Opting into the "House Settlement"

06-18-2025 @ 9:58 a.m.

Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board authorize administration to opt into the House Settlement by June 30, 2025. Trustee David Fall seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent from the meeting.

# University of Wyoming v. NewStream Energy Technologies Group, Inc. (formerly known as Clean Coal Technologies, Inc.) 06-18-2025 @ 9:59 a.m.

Trustee Paul Ulrich moved the Board authorize administration to conduct post-judgment discovery in aid of execution in the University's lawsuit against NewStream Energy Technologies Group, Inc., NewStream Energy Technologies Group, Inc., and Black Diamond Financial Group. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent from the meeting.

Following completion of scheduled business, the board returned to executive session, and reconvened in public session at 10:09 a.m. Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato proposed the following action:

#### Sponsorship Agreement between Buffalo Bills, LLC, and the University of Wyoming 06-18-2025 @ 10:09 a.m.

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize administration to execute the Sponsorship Agreement between Buffalo Bills, LLC, and the University of Wyoming with the changes discussed in executive session. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees David Fall was absent from the vote. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent from the meeting.

Date of next meeting: July 16-17, 2025, Beulah, Wyoming.

Public Session adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Executive Session I June18, 2025 Via Video Conference

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));
- 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)); and
- 4. To consider acceptance of gifts, donations and bequests which the donor has requested in writing to be kept confidential (16-4-405(a)(viii))

Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent from the meeting.

The session was attended by:

- Brad Bonner (Secretary); Kermit Brown (Chairman); David Fall; Mike Greear;
   Carol Linton; Jim Mathis; John McKinley; Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Treasurer);
   Michelle Sullivan (Vice Chairman); Paul Ulrich; and Tom Walters. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent from the meeting.
- Ex officio members participating: University President Ed Seidel. ASUW President Paula Medina, Wyoming Community College Commission Interim Executive Director Paige Fenton-Hughes; and State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder. Governor Mark Gordon was not present. Deputy Policy Director Lachelle Brant attended on behalf of Governor Gordon.
- Interim Provost Scott Turpen
- O Vice President and General Counsel Tara Evans
- o Deputy General Counsel Paula Whaley
- o Vice President for Government Affairs and Community Engagement Mike Smith
- O Vice President for Budget and Finance Alex Kean
- o Executive Director and Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London
- o Desktop Support Team Manager Margarita Rovani

The following administrators attended during their respective topics:

- Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Dave Bagley
- o Athletic Director Tom Burman
- o College of Education Dean Jenna Shim
- o Associate Vice President for Institutional Marketing Chad Baldwin

- Vice President for Campus Operations Bill Mai
- o Interim College of Arts and Sciences Dean Adrienne Freng
- o Neltje Center Executive Director Beth Venn
- O Vice President for Institutional Advancement John Stark
- o Vice President for Research and Economic Development Parag Chitnis
- Outside counsel Bob Berger

Executive Session II June 18, 2025 Via Video Conference

Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board enter Executive Session II

1. To consider or receive any information classified as confidential by law (16-4-405(a)(ix));

Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent from the meeting.

The session was attended by:

- O Brad Bonner (Secretary); Kermit Brown (Chairman); David Fall; Mike Greear; Carol Linton; Jim Mathis; John McKinley; Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Treasurer); Michelle Sullivan (Vice Chairman); Paul Ulrich; and Tom Walters. Trustee Brad LaCroix was absent from the meeting. Trustee David Fall was absent from Executive Session II.
- o Ex officio members participating: University President Ed Seidel. ASUW President Paula Medina, Wyoming Community College Commission Interim Executive Director Paige Fenton-Hughes; and State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder. Governor Mark Gordon was not present. Deputy Policy Director Lachelle Brant attended on behalf of Governor Gordon.
- o Interim Provost Scott Turpen
- O Vice President and General Counsel Tara Evans
- o Deputy General Counsel Paula Whaley
- o Vice President for Government Affairs and Community Engagement Mike Smith
- O Vice President for Budget and Finance Alex Kean
- o Executive Director and Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London
- o Desktop Support Team Manager Margarita Rovani

Respectfully submitted,

Manden

RoseMarie London

Executive Director and Deputy Secretary, UW Board of Trustees