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**SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES**

**OF THE TRUSTEES**

**January 21-23, 2026**

**PUBLIC SESSION**

# **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.

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SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
OF TRUSTEES**

**January 21-23, 2026**

**Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center  
Laramie, Wyoming**

As will be reflected in the public and executive session meeting minutes, the Board of Trustees of the University of Wyoming met on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, Thursday, January 22, 2026, and Friday, January 23, 2026, for its regular meeting. Committee Meetings were held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026. The Board's business meeting was held on Friday, January 23, 2026.

# TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

## BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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**Thursday, January 22, 2026**

**Meeting Location: Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center**

The UW Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board enter executive session. The Board reconvened in public session at 9:40 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: UW President Update – Seidel**

University President Ed Seidel reported the university is closely monitoring the legislative activities leading up to the 2026 Legislative Budget Session during which the Joint Appropriations Committee has proposed a \$40 million biennial reduction to the university's block grant. This proposal follows major reductions in 2018 and 2022 and would further erode funding that, even in nominal dollars, remains below 2013 levels despite significant inflation. University leadership continues active advocacy, emphasizing the university's central role in Wyoming's economy, workforce development, and long-term vitality, and the long-term institutional risks associated with further cuts.

President Seidel went on to discuss university engagement in the Department of Energy's (DOE) *Genesis Mission*, a multi-agency initiative designed to accelerate research and innovation through Artificial Intelligence (AI)-enabled scientific infrastructure. President Seidel participated in DOE convened meeting hosted by Stanford University with leaders from the University of California, Berkeley; Purdue University; Princeton University; the University of Chicago; the University of Texas; Arizona State University; and Carnegie Mellon University, along with industry leadership. Discussions focused on the formation of a university–industry consortium and expectations that participating institutions integrate AI and computational science broadly across disciplines. President Seidel reported that the university is well positioned for participation due to existing investments such as the School of Computing and strong corporate partnerships and is actively preparing responses to federal requests as the consortium is expected to be announced this spring.

President Seidel stated the start of the semester was marked by *Winter Welcome* programming supported student transitions, and the opening of South Hall reflecting continued investment in the student experience and campus infrastructure. President Seidel reported the university will participate in the *Great Colleges to Work for Survey*, a national employee survey focused on workplace culture, job satisfaction, and leadership. All full-time employees will be invited to participate, with results expected in summer 2026 to inform institutional decision-making during the upcoming presidential transition.

President Seidel stated that as he begins the final five months of his tenure, priorities include navigating the legislative session, advancing the comprehensive campaign, supporting enrollment through hands-on learning and digital skill development, protecting freedom of expression, and ensuring a smooth and effective leadership transition. In response to inquiry from Trustee Tom Walters, President Seidel reported on the status of open positions in the BSL3 Veterinary Lab. In response to inquiry from Faculty Senate Chairman Rob Godby, President Seidel discussed the university's role in the future of National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in the face of diminished federal support. In closing, President Seidel recognized the appointment of a new director for the Marna M. Kuehne Veterans Resource Center and acknowledged the departing Alumni Association staff member entering military service, recognizing exemplary service to both the university and the nation.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Update: University President's AI Commission** – Seidel/Hamerlinck

University of Wyoming President Ed Seidel established the *President's AI Across the University Commission* in November 2025 to coordinate a comprehensive, institution-wide response to the rapid expansion and impact of artificial intelligence (AI). The Commission is intended to ensure the university fulfills its responsibility to students and the state by addressing AI strategically across curriculum, research, operations, and external partnerships, rather than through fragmented efforts. School of Computing Associate Director Jeff Hammerlink, Chairman of the 12-member Commission, is supported by five standing committees engaging faculty, staff, and administrators. The Commission's charge is to provide strategic guidance on AI adoption and governance; align AI initiatives with the university's mission and priorities; assess resource and investment needs; promote best practices and ethical use; and build AI literacy among students, faculty, and staff. Key considerations include regulatory compliance, data privacy and security, ethical and transparent AI use, institutional capacity building, and sustainability. The Commission's initial deliverable is a strategic framework document, targeted for June 15, outlining a multi-year approach to coordinating AI investments, policies, and activities. Current efforts include inventorying existing AI initiatives, prioritizing institutional needs, monitoring evolving regulations, advancing faculty cluster hire in AI, and expanding professional development. Trustees, faculty leadership, and staff emphasized both the urgency and opportunity presented by AI. Key challenges identified include uneven faculty and staff preparedness, the pace of technological change, and the need for inclusive professional development. At the same time, leadership highlighted significant strategic opportunity, particularly alignment with emerging national initiatives such as Department of Energy-led AI and computational science efforts that require rapid institutional commitment and adoption.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Advisory Boards: Information and Best Practices** – Seidel/Alexander

University President Ed Seidel introduced a discussion on best practices for college advisory boards, noting Trustee interest in understanding standards and practices across the university. Interim Vice Provost Anne Alexander reported that the Office of the President compiled a campus-wide inventory of existing advisory boards—including membership, appointment processes, and governing documents—which President Seidel shared with the Executive Committee in June 2025. Building on this work, Academic Affairs, in collaboration with Deans Council, developed common principles and best practices to promote consistency, transparency, and alignment with institutional priorities while preserving appropriate college- and unit-level flexibility. Alexander reviewed a draft guidance document, *Advisory Boards: Building Connections and Support for Colleges and Units*, which addresses advisory board mission and scope, roles and responsibilities, composition and membership, and leadership support. Alexander emphasized that the document outlines recommended practices and is intended to gather feedback and ensure shared understanding prior to formalization within Academic Affairs. Alexander thanked deans and directors for their collaboration. In response to Trustee Carol Linton, Alexander noted that General Counsel will review the document and consider whether it should become a formal Standard Administrative Policy and Procedure. Responding to Trustee Tom Walters, Alexander explained that advisory board term lengths and membership size vary based on college complexity and size and are established through individual advisory board bylaws.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Long-term Vision for Fraternity and Sorority Life** – Seidel/Kean/Courtney

University President Ed Seidel reported that since the early 1900s Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) has been and remains a significant component of campus life. There are currently 16 active chapters with additional chapters expressing interest in chartering. These organizations contribute to student leadership development, service and philanthropy, and long-term alumni engagement. President Seidel stated the

university has not recently examined a comprehensive, long-term vision for FSL and changes in student needs, campus priorities, and national trends in Greek Life make this an appropriate time to undertake that work. President Seidel stated that administration is seeking Board approval to begin a planning process to establish a long-term vision, with a proposed plan to be presented to the Board in September 2026 under the leadership of the next president.

President Seidel went on to state the planning process would include input from students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members and would focus on two primary areas: the physical spaces that support Greek Life, including Fraternity Mall, and the programming provided to members. Fraternity Mall consists of 16 lots, 12 with existing structures and four vacant, with a mix of university and chapter ownership. As part of the planning process, the university would explore several housing options: long-term ground leases on university-owned land for chapter-funded renovations or new construction; short-term leases of select university-owned buildings; and housing chapters within designated floors of legacy residence halls. All options would be evaluated in the context of university housing needs, timelines, and priorities. President Seidel stated that this work would be guided by existing university plans, including the Campus Master Plan, Housing Master Plan, and Historic Preservation Plan, and would be coordinated with broader campus housing priorities, including the planned redevelopment of legacy residence halls.

Vice President for Student Affairs Nycole Courtney outlined several priority areas for FSL programming as part of the long-term visioning effort. Courtney noted opportunities to improve accessibility and emphasized continued focus on student safety, wellness, and mental health. Courtney also highlighted the role of standards boards in promoting accountability and supporting chapters in maintaining healthy environments and suggested the university could learn from these models and apply effective practices at scale to support broader student success, particularly for students in the “murky middle.” She further stressed that engagement with FSL programming should remain open to non-affiliated students and encouraged continued integration across campus organizations. She concluded by noting that student input will be critical to the visioning process and expressed her intent to return to the Board in September with a more developed proposal.

Trustee Walters asked whether, under housing option two on page 14 of the January 2026 Board Report (use of existing facilities), there was value in renovating the former Sigma Phi Epsilon house rather than proceeding with demolition. Trustee Walters cited preliminary cost estimates, noting that renovation at approximately \$2–3 million would be less expensive than demolition and new construction, estimated at \$6 million or more, and questioned whether preserving the structure would expand available housing options. Courtney did not offer a definitive recommendation but indicated that evaluating such options—including cost efficiency, condition of the structure, and broader planning implications—would be part of the work ahead. Upon follow-up from Trustee Walters clarifying that the question concerned the structure itself rather than a specific fraternity, Courtney stated that pausing demolition to allow further review could be reasonable, while noting there are known concerns with the building that would need to be assessed. Trustee John McKinley stated that the cost and feasibility comparison between renovation and new construction would be best evaluated by university construction and facilities experts, noting that such analysis falls outside student affairs programming expertise.

***Long term Vision for Fraternity and Sorority Life***

**1-22-2026 @ 10:54 a.m.**

Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board provide its approval for the university administration to engage in a planning process for Fraternity Mall, including a renewed or refined vision for Greek life, space needs, the three housing models identified by the President, and a programming plan. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. Trustee John McKinley moved to amend the motion to include/add: That is consistent with UW's master plan, and the UW historic preservation plan. The motion carried as amended. Trustee Jim Mathis voted no.

Trustee Tom Walters provided notice of his intent to rescind action *Sigma Phi Epsilon House* taken by the Board at 11:29 a.m. on September 26, 2025, and pause demolition while administration and the Board examine other options. Trustee Walters requested Trustee Carol Linton provide pertinent materials for his review.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Annual Report: Academic Affairs, Sabbaticals/Leave for previous Academic Year (per UW Regulation 2-16)** – Alexander/Bagley

**• Presentation by Whit Stewart, Associate Professor, Animal Science**

Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Dave Bagley presented the Sabbatical/Leave for previous Academic Year report and described the value of sabbatical research. Department of Animal Science Associate Professor and Extension Sheep Specialist Whit Stewart presented *Wyoming's Sheep Industry and the World: Working with New Zealand*. Stewart discussed his research opportunities in New Zealand with private industry, sheep producers and universities sharing Wyoming expertise and examining industry needs and participating in farmer-to-farmer learning groups. Stewart discussed the initiation of similar producer learning groups across Wyoming. Stewart described the opportunity for a behind-the-scenes look at lamb marketing competitors. Stewart described his time embedded with Lumina Lamb and its market innovation, differentiation and storytelling. Stewart discussed the Sheep Innovators Exchange Tours bringing a team of university extension task force members, and young ranchers to Beef and Lamb New Zealand. Faculty Senate Chairman Rob Godby described the value of sabbatical research and in response to inquiry, Stewart discussed his decade-long preparation for sabbatical research and offered that while an experience like his was once-in-a-lifetime his family budgeted to prepare. In response to inquiry from Trustee Brad Bonner, Stewart discussed consumer demand and competition.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Research Excellence Presentation: Enhancing Primary Oil Recovery in Wyoming and Beyond (CEPS)** -- Soheil Saraji, Associate Professor, Department of Energy and Petroleum Engineering Adjunct Professor, School of Energy Resources

Energy and Petroleum Engineering Associate Professor Soheil Saraji outlined recent developments, including the October 2025 opening of the Richard and Marilyn Lynch Multidisciplinary Advanced Stimulation Laboratory (MASL). The facility focuses on improving primary recovery of Wyoming's unconventional energy resources, the lowest-risk and most cost-effective phase of development. Saraji explained that Wyoming's unconventional formations often underperform compared to those in Texas and North Dakota because operators apply techniques developed elsewhere without accounting for Wyoming's unique geology. MASL addresses this challenge by developing Wyoming-specific, science-based solutions through controlled experimental research rather than trial-and-error field approaches. MASL is a collaboration between the Department of Energy and Petroleum Engineering and the School of Energy Resources (SER), with approximately \$4 million invested in equipment, staffing, and donated support. The 5,000-square-foot laboratory supports multi-investigator research integrating rock, fluid, and

stress analysis. Core research areas include primary recovery optimization, reservoir characterization, geomechanics, and completion integrity, with the goal of minimizing formation damage prior to production. Saraji also described the complementary Subsurface Energy and Digital Innovation Center of Excellence (SEDI), which advances SER-supported digital technologies, including artificial intelligence, digital twins, and secure data systems, to scale laboratory insights to field and basin levels. Saraji emphasized that MASL benefits Wyoming by improving recovery rates, increasing royalty and tax revenues, reducing development risk, and encouraging sustained industry investment. The lab supports workforce development, currently engaging 15 PhD students and three undergraduates, and allows industry partners to place interns directly in the facility. In addition to oil and gas, MASL supports research in rare earth minerals, geothermal systems, geological hydrogen, and carbon storage, strengthening the university's national research profile and competitiveness for major grants.

In response to Trustee Brad Bonner's questions, Saraji explained that Wyoming formations are more costly to drill and fracture because existing technologies are not tailored to local geology. MASL seeks to improve fracking efficiency during primary recovery by reducing reservoir damage and freshwater use, including through gas-based foam fracturing fluids composed of approximately 90 percent gas and 10 percent water. Responding to Trustee Fall, Saraji noted that MASL focuses on early-stage recovery, while the High Bay Research Center concentrates on later-stage enhanced oil recovery. Addressing Trustee Greear's questions, Saraji emphasized the importance of close industry partnerships and access to proprietary data, supported through federally funded collaborations, state-supported grants, and internal seed funding, with the long-term goal of direct industry investment in MASL.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Annual Report: Division of Research and Economic Development – Chitnis**

Vice President for Research and Economic Development Parag Chitnis presented an overview of the Division of Research and Economic Development, noting it encompassed nearly 20 units, including interdisciplinary research centers and service-oriented units such as the Small Business Development Centers and Manufacturing Works. Chitnis reported that FY25 was a period of transition due to federal policy, budget, and administrative changes, which created uncertainty across the research landscape. Despite proposed reductions to federal indirect cost recovery and the cancellation of some grants nationally, Chitnis stated that negotiated indirect cost rates were preserved, overall federal science funding remained near FY24 levels, and the university was less impacted than peer institutions. Chitnis reported strong research performance despite fewer funding opportunities, with proposal activity remaining steady and total awards increasing from approximately \$150 million in FY24 to \$221 million in FY25 across federal, state, and industry sources. Chitnis emphasized growth in industry partnerships, citing the effectiveness of the Office of Industry and Strategic Partnerships, working with the UW Foundation, in leveraging state and institutional investments to attract private funding. He also reported increased research expenditures, rising from approximately \$167 million in FY24 to \$183 million in FY25, a roughly 10 percent increase, and noted the University's attainment of R1 designation. Chitnis highlighted progress in innovation and economic development, including a fully staffed Technology Transfer Office, plans to bring patent legal services in-house, and positive outcomes from the Impact 307 incubator, where companies graduated, expanded, and remained in Laramie. Chitnis also cited statewide economic engagement results, including support for 35 new businesses through the Small Business Development Centers and expanded cybersecurity and artificial intelligence assistance for manufacturers through Manufacturing Works. Chitnis noted enhanced unit accountability through quarterly performance reporting, increased emphasis on staff professional development, cross-campus collaboration, and a

proposed FY27 reorganization to streamline operations and reduce payroll costs by approximately \$1 million.

Trustee David Fall commended the division's progress and highlighted the upcoming celebration of research and innovation excellence. Trustee Mike Greear asked about the effectiveness of state matching funds in recent years. Chitnis responded that matching programs had been highly effective, citing examples such as artificial intelligence funding that leveraged more private dollars than state match funds and the Wyoming Outdoor Recreation Tourism and Hospitality (WORTH) Institute, where approximately \$1 million in state support leveraged a \$5 million private gift. Vice President John Stark added that nearly all appropriated matching funds had been fully secured, primarily through gifts, and emphasized that endowment matching had been a long-standing driver of fundraising success. Trustee Brad Bonner commented that research itself was economic development and encouraged continued emphasis on clear, high-level metrics such as total research expenditures. Chitnis agreed, adding that research, engagement, and education were inseparable functions of a land-grant university, with research informing solutions, engagement returning those solutions to communities, and education strengthening workforce development across the state.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Annual Report: Science Initiative – Chitnis**

Science Institute Director Jinke Tang outlined three overarching goals: supporting student success, increasing research productivity and collaboration, and expanding statewide outreach and engagement. Tang emphasized that research investments also provided experiential learning opportunities that directly benefited students. Tang reported that the Science Initiative supported five research centers focused on areas aligned with Wyoming priorities, including energy materials, controlled environment agriculture, quantum information science and engineering, wildlife and big data applications, and rural community resilience. Tang highlighted advances in value-added mineral research, food and nutrition security, quantum computing education and industry partnerships, and applied research addressing rural and environmental challenges. Tang also described three shared service facilities providing state-of-the-art instrumentation and animal research capacity and noted that the Science Initiative Building functioned as a hub for interdisciplinary collaboration among faculty and students. Tang summarized performance metrics, noting significant growth in STEM-related grant activity campus-wide and a measurable increase in funding associated with Science Initiative programs. Tang reported gains in interdisciplinary collaboration, as reflected by increased joint publications, and emphasized the educational impact of co-locating faculty, students, and advanced research infrastructure. Tang stated it was important to identify emerging Wyoming challenges and form new teams and centers to address them.

Associate Director of Engagement Mark Lyford provided an overview of education and outreach outcomes supported by ten years of Science Initiative funding. Lyford highlighted the Wyoming Research Scholars Program, reporting that more than 240 undergraduates had participated in multi-year, faculty-mentored research, resulting in peer-reviewed publications and national and international conference presentations. Lyford discussed the Learning Actively Mentoring Program (LAMP), noting that more than 160 faculty fellows had transformed over 1,000 courses to active learning formats, reaching approximately 40,000 students and significantly reducing Drop/Fail/Withdraw (DFW) rates in high-risk gateway courses. Lyford discussed the Science Initiative Roadshow, which expanded hands-on STEM outreach statewide, reaching tens of thousands of Wyoming residents across all age groups, with continued progress toward full county coverage. Lyford also previewed the launch of course-based undergraduate research experiences (CUREs), designed to embed authentic research into STEM curricula at scale and establish

research engagement as a core component of undergraduate education.

In response to inquiry from Trustee Mike Greear, it was stated that the reduction in DFW rates resulted from active learning strategies emphasized through LAMP, with a deliberate focus on high-risk introductory courses. Vice President for Research and Economic Development Parag Chitnis added that these teaching innovations were implemented in partnership with Wyoming community colleges to ensure continuity and student success for transfer students. Chitnis asked the Board for guidance related to the metrics used to measure success for future reports. It was recommended that the discussion take place during a future Research and Economic Development Committee meeting.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Follow up: WCCC Administrative Rule Approving New Applied Baccalaureate (AB) Degree Programs** -- Alexander

Interim Provost Anne Alexander provided a high-level summary of the discussion conducted during the January 21, 2026, Academic and Student Affairs Committee related to university response to the Administrative Rule Approving New Applied Baccalaureate (AB) Degree Programs. Alexander stated the rule removes the prior cap of two applied baccalaureate degrees per community college and allows an unlimited number of such programs. Once a community college proposal is approved by its board and submitted to the Wyoming Community College Commission, the rule permits the university to provide formal feedback within a 30-day review window, including faculty review and a recommended institutional response approved by the UW Board of Trustees Executive Committee. Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Laurel Ballard expressed strong support for the university's involvement and emphasized the importance of coordination rather than duplication. Ballard noted that while the rule provides a formal 30-day feedback period late in the approval process, meaningful collaboration would benefit from earlier communication, before proposals reach an advanced stage where institutions are already heavily invested. Ballard highlighted ongoing discussions among academic affairs leaders across institutions and identified opportunities—such as articulation summits and vice provost-level coordination—to surface concerns and align programs earlier. Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato reiterated the need for earlier input to ensure quality, avoid unnecessary duplication, and protect student outcomes, and thanked Ballard for her willingness to collaborate on improvements. Trustee John McKinley provided historical context, emphasizing that the university does not have a formal approval role in community college degree offerings and that each community college operates under its own board and the Wyoming Community College Commission. Trustee McKinley stressed the Board's need to trust that community college trustees will assess duplication appropriately, particularly where similar programs already exist at the university, and cautioned against the university overstepping into community college governance. Ballard agreed with the need to respect governance boundaries while emphasizing coordination at the academic leadership level, rather than trustee intervention. Ballard noted that better mutual understanding of program offerings—both at the university and at the community colleges—would support articulation, transfer alignment, and faculty planning. Earlier communication among vice provosts and faculty articulation groups was identified as a practical mechanism to address duplication concerns, curricular impacts, and transfer consistency before proposals advance too far.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Third Party Real Property Considerations** – Kean

Vice President for Budget and Finance Alex Kean stated administration seeks guidance on how administration should move forward in response to a third-party request to lease a university facility particularly as the legacy residence halls become available. Kean stated to provide consistency with how future requests are processed, administration would also propose creating a policy and procedure for third-

party long-term uses of the residence halls and bring proposed rates before this Board as an addition to the Fee Book. There was Board discussion about the internal expertise to determine the suitability of each request and the existing process by which feasible requests are brought before the Facilities Contracting Committee for consideration. In response to inquiry from Trustee Kermit Brown, Kean discussed an existing contract for short term lease of facilities which follows university policy and Kean stated long-term lease requests presented different challenges. Vice President and General Counsel Tara Evans clarified that requests to lease legacy residence halls are routed through the budget and finance unit and not operations. Trustee Paul Ulrich requested to table the discussion until Friday, January 23, 2026.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: UW Regulation Housekeeping – Evans**

- UW Regulation 6-1 Design, Constructions, and Naming of Buildings; UW Regulation 6-7 Space Assignment and Management; UW Regulation 6-8 Acquisition, Retention or Disposal of Real Property; UW Regulation 6-10 University of Wyoming Public Art; and UW Regulation 4-3 Title IX and Sexual Misconduct.

Vice President and General Counsel Tara Evans reported section 6 regulations would be tabled until the March 2026 meeting at the request of Faculty Senate. Evans summarized modification to UW Regulation 4-3 (*Title IX and Sexual Misconduct*) stating the Equal Opportunity Report and Response (EORR) unit moved from Bureau of Mines to Hill Hall in 2025 and federal Title IX regulations require the office location and phone number be provided in the regulation.

***UW Regulation 4-3 Housekeeping Modifications***

**1-22-2026 @ 3:03 p.m.**

Trustee Paul Ulrich moved the Board approve modification to UW regulation 4-3 to account for correction in the location of the University's Title IX office. Trustee David Fall seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Trustee Committee Reports**

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Academic and Student Affairs Committee – Michelle Sullivan (Chairman)**  
Trustee Michelle Sullivan provided summary of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee discussion and recommended the following action.

***Request for Authorization – Graduate Certificate in Global Environmental Futures***

**1-22-2026 @ 3:25 p.m.**

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board approve the Request for Authorization for the Graduate Certificate in Global Environmental Futures. Trustee Tom Walters seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee John McKinley was absent for the vote.

***Request for Authorization – Undergraduate Certificate in Global Environmental Futures***

**1-22-2026 @ 3:26 p.m.**

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board approve the Request for Authorization for the Undergraduate Certificate in Global Environmental Futures. Trustee Tom Walters seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee John McKinley was absent for the vote.

Trustee Tom Walters stated the certificates are at no additional cost to the university.

***Request for Authorization – Undergraduate Certificate in Subsurface Energy***

***1-22-2026 @ 3:27 p.m.***

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board approve the Request for Authorization for the Undergraduate Certificate in Subsurface Energy. Trustee Tom Walters seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee John McKinley was absent for the vote.

Trustee Sullivan provided update on tutoring access in response to request for information by Trustee John McKinley during the November 2025 meeting. Trustee Sullivan stated the committee received clarifying information regarding scheduling and the mechanism through the online scheduling process which allows assigning priority request as appropriate. Trustee Sullivan directed the Board to the presentation provided in Academic and Student Affairs Committee materials.

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

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato provided summary of the Biennium Budget Committee and recommended the following action.

***UW Student Fee Book***

***1-22-2026 @ 3:33 p.m.***

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board approve all the AY2026–27 Student Fee Book recommendations as presented on pages 46 through 51 of the [January 2026] Biennium Budget Committee materials, except for item 34 on page 49, specific to the legacy residence hall proposed rate decrease. These rates should remain the same as FY 2026, with noted exceptions as presented. Trustee Tom Walters seconded the motion. The motion carried.

***Financial Aid Plan***

***1-22-2026 @ 3:35 p.m.***

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize administration to adopt the Financial Aid strategies as presented on page 52 of the [January 2026] Biennium Budget Committee materials. Trustee Tom Walters seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Trustee Carol Linton provided summary of the Facilities Contracting Committee meeting and recommended the following action.

***Student Housing and Dining Project – Phase 3 Landscaping – Contractor Agreement***

***1-22-2026 @ 3:37 p.m.***

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to execute the Contractor Agreement with GH Phipps Wyoming, LLC not-to-exceed five million one hundred fifty-eight thousand dollars (\$5,158,000) and to increase the budget for the Student Housing and Dining project by an amount not-to-exceed seven million, one hundred thousand dollars (\$7,100,000) funded via multiple funding sources and to increase the total project budget for the Student Housing and Dining project, including contingencies and administrative costs from two hundred eighty-nine million five hundred fifty-eight thousand eight hundred ninety-one dollars (\$289,558,891) to two hundred ninety-six million six hundred fifty-eight thousand eight hundred ninety-one dollars (\$296,658,891) with the understanding that the Shipping and Receiving portion of McWhinnie will remain and will be used for additional storage.

Trustee Linton further moved that funding for the project will come from the following sources: one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from the Housing Project Reserves, three million dollars (\$3,000,000) from the Stadium Project Reserves, one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000) from the Law Project Reserves, one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from the Aquatics Project Reserves, four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) from the Athletics Maintenance Facility Project Reserves, three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from the Ivinson Parking Garage Project Reserves, and two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from the Vice President for Administration Indirect Cost Account for a total of seven million, one hundred thousand dollars (\$7,100,000). Trustee Tom Walters seconded the motion. The motion carried.

***UW Aquatics Center – Furniture, Fixtures, & Equipment and Contractor Agreement  
1-22-2026 @ 3:39 p.m.***

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to execute an agreement between Owner and Contractor, with Impact Interiors, for an amount not-to-exceed fifty-eight thousand three hundred dollars (\$58,300) for the UW Aquatics Center project. Trustee Paul Ulrich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Trustee Linton reported that university operations made efforts to provide favorable opportunity for Wyoming contractorsto bid for the work and none were received.

***Philp Sheep Company – User Requested Changes to Mesonet Land Access and Use Agreement  
1-22-2026 @ 3:41 p.m.***

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board to approve of the Land Access and Use Agreement and authorize Administration to execute the Land Access and Use Agreement with Philp Sheep Company as modified for the Wyoming Mesonet project. Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee John McKinley was recused from the vote.

***Jack Pfister Ranch, Inc. – User Requested Changes to two Mesonet Land Access and Use Agreements  
1-22-2026 @ 3:42 p.m.***

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board approve of the Land Access and Use Agreement and authorize administration to execute the Land Access and Use Agreements with Jack Pfister Ranch, Inc. as modified for the Wyoming Mesonet project. Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Fiscal and Legal Affairs Committee** – Brad Bonner (Chairman)  
Trustee Brad Bonner provided summary of the Fiscal and Legal Affairs Committee meeting and recommended the following action.

***External Audit: FY25  
1-22-2026 @ 3:45 p.m.***

Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board approve the University of Wyoming independent auditor's final Single Audit Report for the FY ended June 30, 2025. Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

***Investment Management Selection and Agreement with U.S. Bancorp Asset Management Inc. through Public Financial Management (PFM) Asset Management***

***1-22-2026 @ 3:45 p.m.***

Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board authorize administration to execute the Investment Management Agreement with U.S. Bancorp Asset Management Inc. through Public Financial Management (PFM) Asset Management. Trustee David Fall seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE **Legislative Relations Committee** – John McKinley (Chairman)**

Trustee Tom Walters took the chair in Trustee John McKinley's absence. Trustee Walters stated the discussion focused around the decision making of the Joint Appropriations Committee in advance of the Legislative Budget Session.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Research and Economic Development Committee – David Fall (Chairman)**

Trustee David Fall reported the committee received presentations from School of Energy Resources Interim Executive Director Scott Quillinan; College of Agriculture, Life Sciences and Natural Resources Dean Kelly Crane; and Engineering and Physical Sciences Interim Dean Daniel Dale, representing the university's three highest-producing research colleges, sharing their research, development, and project management processes. Trustee Fall noted the key takeaway was that successful research depends on strong institutional support for principal investigators (PIs), including adequate funding and efficient administrative processes. Trustee Fall reported that the committee also heard several presentations highlighting research excellence and outreach initiatives involving Wyoming K-12 teachers. Trustee Fall reported that the educators shared their experiences with programs such as the Science Initiative Roadshow, the Engineering Summer Program, and the Machine Learning for High School Teacher programs. Trustee Fall explained that the teachers were from a range of school districts, including very small and rural schools, describing how they are applying university supported learning directly in their classrooms, even at the elementary level. Trustee Fall noted that practical classroom impacts were emphasized, as well as their enthusiasm. Trustee Fall reported the meeting concluded with a brief departmental update from Vice President for Research and Development, Parag Chitnis, followed by a closed session discussion involving the Center of Innovation for Flow Through Porous Media.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Shared Governance Working Group – Michelle Sullivan/Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Co-chairmen)**

Trustee Michelle Sullivan reported an Interim Report will be provided to the Board upon adjournment Friday, January 23, 2026. Trustee Sullivan expressed her appreciation to the working group members. Trustee Sullivan discussed shared governance exists across a variety of systems and not simply higher education, and that other processes were examined by the working group that could inform steps going forward.

The Board recessed at 4:00 p.m.

**Friday, January 23, 2026**

**Meeting Location: Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center**

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Trustees' Annual Discrimination and Harassment, Mandatory Report, And Bystander Intervention Training - Osborn**

The Board received its annual Discrimination and Harassment, Mandatory Report, and Bystander Intervention training.

**Business Meeting**

**Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center**

**Friday, January 23, 2026**

**Roll Call**

At 10:47 a.m. Friday, January 23, 2026, Executive Director and Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London took roll.

The following Trustees were present: Brad Bonner (Secretary); David Fall; Mike Greear; Brad LaCroix (via video-conference); Carol Linton; Jim Mathis; John McKinley; Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Treasurer); Michelle Sullivan (Vice-Chair); and Tom Walters. Trustees Kermit Brown (Chairman); and Paul Ulrich were absent from the meeting.

Ex-officio Trustees present: University President Ed Seidel; ASUW President Paula Medina (via video-conference); and Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Laurel Ballard. Governor Mark Gordon; and State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder were absent from the meeting.

***Approval of Meeting Minutes***

1-23-2026 @ 11:04 a.m.

Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board approve the public and executive session minutes of the November 19-21, 2025, and December 10, 2025, UW Board of Trustees meetings. Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Kermit Brown and Paul Ulrich were absent from the vote.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Appointment of Board of Trustees Officer Nomination Committee – Sullivan**

Vice Chairman Michelle Sullivan announced the appointment of the Trustee Office Nomination Committee membership: Trustee John McKinley (chairman); Trustee Carol Linton; and Trustee Tom Walters. Trustee Sullivan stated any Trustee interested in serving as an officer should make his or her interest known to the committee. The nomination committee will report to the Board during the March 2026 meeting. New officers will assume their positions as of May 1, 2026.

**AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Presidential Search Update – Linton**

Trustee Carol Linton reported the search is on schedule, and updates will be available on the Presidential Search website.

### ***Trustee open discussion on any topic.***

Trustee Tom Walters expressed concern about proceeding with demolition of the Sigma Phi Epsilon house without a clear replacement plan, funding, or resolution of existing vacancies on fraternity and sorority row. Past demolitions have left highly visible, underutilized gaps with little campus value, and this proposal would add another—especially problematic given the site's proximity to the main campus. Trustee Walters noted a disconnect between the Board's action on January 22, 2026, in support of fraternity and sorority life, and the apparent rejection of a detailed proposal from a fraternity to lease, renovate, or potentially purchase the facility. Trustee Walters stated he was only made aware of the proposal which he stated outlined a phased, multi-year renovation plan, fundraising strategy, and a lease-the-land/own-the-building model. Trustee Walters raised questions about whether the decision was driven by price, ownership philosophy, or policy inconsistency. Trustee Walters stated that demolition would cost up to \$500,000 and implicitly treats the building as having negative value; any positive purchase price or lease arrangement would appear to be a net benefit to the university. Trustee Walters urged the Board to vote to approve rescinding the action Sigma Phi Epsilon House taken by the Board at 11:29 a.m. on September 26, 2025, and pause demolition to fully evaluate alternatives.

Trustee John McKinley stated his disagreement with several assumptions, emphasizing that the only direct cost to the university would be demolition, since any replacement facility could be financed and built by a private entity—such as a fraternity or sorority—under a ground lease arrangement. Trustee McKinley addressed the decision timeline, noting that the matter has been under consideration since 2024 and that proposals submitted in spring 2024 were reconsiderations of earlier decisions, not new developments. Trustee McKinley stated discussions of a specific proposal occurred in closed sessions of Facilities Contracting Committee meetings due to sensitive financial and economic information provided by the proposing entity. Trustee McKinley noted that discussions and analyses were subsequently presented to the entire Board in late 2024, with Board action *Sigma Phi Epsilon House* at 10:51 a.m. on July 19, 2024; *Various Campus Buildings – Deconstruction* at 3:32 p.m. on May 15, 2025; and *Sigma Phi Epsilon House* at 11:29 a.m. on September 26, 2025. While avoiding confidential specifics Trustee McKinley stated that the proposal ultimately failed because the proponents could not meet key elements of their plan, particularly regarding timing and demonstrated financial capacity. Trustee McKinley expressed confidence in the current decisions of the board.

### ***Motion to Rescind Board Action***

#### ***1-23-2026 @ 11:21 a.m.***

Trustee Tom Walters moved to rescind the action *Sigma Phi Epsilon House* taken by the Board at 11:29 a.m. on September 26, 2025. Trustee Brad Bonner seconded the motion. The motion failed by the following roll call vote: Trustees Brad Bonner, Laura Schmid-Pizzato, Michelle Sullivan, and Tom Walters voted aye; Trustees David Fall, Mike Greear, Brad LaCroix, Carol Linton, Jim Mathis, and John McKinley voted nay. Trustees Kermit Brown and Paul Ulrich were absent from the vote.

### ***Reports***

#### ***ASUW – President Paula Medina***

ASUW President Paula Medina reported that ASUW approved funding for two student organization events: support for the Chinese Students and Scholars Association Chinese New Year celebration, and the Model Arab League Rocky Mountain Regional Competition. ASUW partnered with Green Dot and Uprising Wyoming to host the university's Human Trafficking Awareness week. During the winter break,

members of ASUW's Executive and Legislative branch continued lobbying efforts related to internships through the Leadership and Student Success Opportunities (LASSO), and with ASUW Vice President Aidan McGuire began writing legislation related to the recent budget cuts proposed by the Legislative Joint Appropriations Committee. Medina stated ASUW is committed to integrating the new residence halls with the rest of the university campus and discussed the forthcoming resolution related to accessibility and available parking.

### **Staff Senate – President Gwen Dailey**

Staff Senate President Gwen Dailey reported that the Holiday Market was successful, with more vendors and extended hours. Dailey reported that planning is underway for Staff Recognition Day, scheduled for April 13, 2026, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the Wyoming Union. Dailey reported that discussions regarding the employee tuition waiver will resume, which is viewed as a valuable benefit to support employee educational advancement, improve recruitment, and encourage staff retention. Dailey stated Staff Senate is eager to share the Shared Governance Working Group's Interim Report with constituents. Dailey encouraged inclusive conversations about fraternity and sorority life, ensuring participation from staff, students, and faculty.

### **Faculty Senate – Chairman Rob Godby**

Faculty Senate Chairman Rob Godby addressed two primary issues affecting faculty: recent changes in federal Office of Civil Rights (OCR) guidance and ongoing budget uncertainty. Godby noted that the Faculty Senate previously discussed OCR guidance with General Counsel, particularly its implications for participation in organizations and programs that may now be viewed as discriminatory under revised federal standards, such as certain minority-focused scholarships. Godby indicated that the Faculty Senate is awaiting further guidance from General Counsel and hopes actions taken will satisfy federal regulators. Godby emphasized that the dominant concern among faculty remains the budget. Godby acknowledged that the Governor's proposed budget, which included salary increases intended to restore compensation to approximately 2024 levels, was welcomed but insufficient to offset inflation or address long-standing morale and retention challenges. Godby contrasted this with the Legislative Joint Appropriations Committee's (JAC) proposed budget, which he characterized as significantly more austere, increasing uncertainty for faculty. Godby warned that morale issues, if unaddressed, could evolve into retention challenges, undermining the state's substantial investment in higher education and its workforce. He stressed that faculty are central to delivering a world-class education and that continued erosion of compensation, recognition, and trust poses long-term risks to the institution.

Godby expressed strong faculty support for University President Ed Seidel's recent public engagement, including op-eds and advocacy efforts, noting that faculty appreciated a more visible and forceful defense of the university's mission, values, and academic freedom. Godby stated that faculty feel under pressure and disappointed, citing troubling questions raised during legislative hearings that appeared to challenge the need for high-quality facilities and world-class education. Godby underscored that the university has a constitutional obligation to provide education that is both accessible and of the highest quality, and that the university delivers exceptional value compared to peer institutions, as reflected in national research partnerships and federal initiatives. Godby closed stating that shared governance requires active participation and problem-solving from all parties.

Trustee John McKinley discussed the Governor of Wyoming's recommendation for an enterprise-wide salary increase, the JAC's decision not to approve the increase, and the impact of the legislature's

recommendation to raise employee contributions toward health insurance premiums. Godby reiterated that faculty feel undervalued when compensation does not reflect their work, which often leads to decisions to seek employment elsewhere. Godby emphasized that these cuts affect not only the university but also the state, and he expressed hope that the threat of further reductions will prompt Wyoming residents to voice support for the university and its value to the state. Trustee Mike Greear stated that he was troubled by the actions of the JAC and by the Trustees' inability to directly lobby the legislature. Trustee Greear encouraged members of the university community to speak out, particularly during an election year. Trustee Jim Mathis recommended that the Board closely examine the sustainability of allocating approximately 68 percent of university revenue to salaries and benefits. Trustee McKinley urged caution in interpreting this figure, noting that because of debt service and the university's public mission, its financial structure should not be directly compared to that of a private business.

### **Wyoming Community College Commission** –Executive Director Laurel Ballard

Wyoming Community College Commission (WCCC) Executive Director Laurel Ballard reported that Deputy Director Wanda Maloney, who joined the commission in October 2025, will step down at the end of January 2026 due to health issues. Recruitment for the deputy position will open in mid-February and close in mid-March 2026, with interviews tentatively scheduled for late March 2026. Ballard encouraged stakeholders to share the opportunity with qualified candidates. Ballard outlined upcoming commission meetings, including a regular meeting on February 12, 2026, and a special meeting on March 11, 2026, to address tuition decisions following the legislative session. Ballard reported that the Legislative Joint Appropriations Committee (JAC) provided some positive funding for community colleges, including \$7.5 million in ongoing funding for Career and Technical Education (CTE) to sustain existing programs, \$5 million in one-time Wyoming Works funding to support new CTE programs, and approximately \$750,000 in one-time dual-enrollment funding for homeschooled and private school students. Despite these allocations, Ballard noted continued concerns regarding compensation and funding stability, including the lack of approved pay raises for state employees and potential impacts from property tax reductions.

### **Liaison to Other Boards** *[Written reports were provided to the Board in advance.]*

- UW Alumni Association Board – Laura Schmid-Pizzato
- Foundation Board – Brad Bonner & David Fall
- Haub School of Environment & Natural Resources – Michelle Sullivan
- Energy Resource Council – Paul Ulrich
- Cowboy Joe – John McKinley

Trustee Brad Bonner reported the UW Foundation will hold its Spring meeting in Houston, Texas in February 2026. Trustee Michelle Sullivan reported on the interdisciplinary trip to Nepal with the Haub School and the Honors College. Trustee Paul Ulrich reported the search for the next Executive Director for the School of Energy Resources is launched with a hire by May 1, 2026.

### **Public Comment** *[Scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2026]*

Alumna Sandy Hoy Helzer provided the Board comment on behalf of John Hirsh regarding administration's presentation on Long-term Vision for Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL.) Alumna Mary Hopkins stated her support for the university and FLS on campus. Hopkins discussed her expertise regarding historic preservation and offered to serve in an advisory capacity. Executive Director Albany County Conservancy and Alumna Anne Brande spoke in support of preserving the Sig Ep house, its historic and architectural value. Trustee Michelle Sullivan read aloud written comment from FSL supporter John Hirsh.

ASUW Senator Saber Smith presented ASUW's position on parking, transportation, and accessibility. ASUW Director Dillon Hartman discussed the resounding support for ASUW resolution regarding parking and accessibility issues.

## **Committee of the Whole**

### **Regular Business**

**Trustee Committees** - *[Note: Committees of the Board will provide reports during the regular work sessions and provide further update during the Business Meeting.]*

#### **Information Only Items:** *[no action, discussion or work session]*

- Board Document Management/Electronic Board Book – London/Rovani
- Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, and ASUW Resolutions – various
  - *FS 500 SER/CEPS Subsurface Energy Certificate Program*
  - *FS 501 Haub School Global Environmental Futures Undergraduate Certificate*
  - *FS 502 Haub School Global Environmental Futures Graduate Certificate*
- Contracts and Procurement Report (per UW Regulation 7-2) – Evans
- Capital Construction Report – Brown/Mai
- Foundation Monthly Giving Report – Stark
- Capital Construction Report – Mai (Facilities Contracting Committee)
- Foundation Monthly Giving Report – Stark

### **Other Action Taken during the Meeting**

#### ***Letter of Participation and Educational & Institutional Cooperative Services and VWR International, LLC Co-Primary Supplier Agreement and Fisher Scientific Primary Supply Purchase Agreement***

**1-22-2026 @ 3:58 p.m.**

Trustee David Fall moved the Board authorize administration to approve the Letter of Participation and Educational & Institutional Cooperative Services and VWR International, LLC Co-Primary Supplier Agreement and the Fisher Scientific Primary Supply Purchase Agreement before this Board. Trustee Tom Walters seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### ***Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Agreement Between the University of Wyoming and the University of Wyoming Alumni Association***

**1-22-2026 @ 3:59 p.m.**

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize administration to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Agreement Between the University of Wyoming and the University of Wyoming Alumni Association. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### ***Academic Personnel Report (to include Emeritus Faculty Designations)***

**1-22-2026 @ 3:59 p.m.**

Per UW Regulation 2-1, emeritus status shall be granted by the Board of Trustees upon recommendation by the President of the University. Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board grant emeritus status to the recently retired faculty who have been so recommended and are listed in the academic personnel report.

Trustee Paul Ulrich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Date of Next Meeting: February 18, 2026 (conference call)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

**Executive Session I**

**Thursday, January 22, 2026**

**Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center**

On Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board enter executive session:

1. To consider or receive any information classified as confidential by law (16-4-405(a)(ix)); and
2. 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))

The session was attended by:

- Trustees Brad Bonner (Secretary); Kermit Brown (Chairman)(via video conference); David Fall; Mike Greear, Brad LaCroix (via video conference); Carol Linton; Jim Mathis; John McKinley; Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Treasurer); Michelle Sullivan (Vice Chairman); Paul Ulrich; and Tom Walters
- Ex-officio members UW President Ed Seidel; Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Laurel Ballard. ASUW President Paula Medina; Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon; and State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder were absent. Chief of Staff Dicky Shanor attended on the superintendent's behalf.
- 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; Interim Provost Anne Alexander; Executive Director and Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London; and Desktop Support Team Manager Margarita Rovani

The following attended during their respective topics:

- College of Health Sciences Dean Patrick Hardigan
- Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Dave Bagley
- Executive Director for Alumni Relations Jack Tennant

The motion was seconded by Trustee Tom Walters and carried.

**Executive Session II**

**Friday, January 23, 2026**

**Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center**

On Friday, January 23, 2026, at 8:02 a.m. Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board enter executive session:

1. 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)); and

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

The session was attended by:

- Trustees Brad Bonner (Secretary); Kermit Brown (Chairman) (via video conference); David Fall; Mike Greer; Brad LaCroix (via video conference); Carol Linton; Jim Mathis; John McKinley; Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Treasurer); Michelle Sullivan (Vice Chairman); and Tom Walters. and Paul Ulrich was absent.
- Ex-officio members UW President Ed Seidel; ASUW President Paula Medina; and Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Laurel Ballard. Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon, and State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder were absent.
- 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; Interim Provost Anne Alexander; Executive Director and Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London; and Desktop Support Team Manager Margarita Rovani

The following administrators attended during their respective topics:

- Outside Counsel Kay Lynn Bestol
- Vice President for Campus Operations Bill Mai
- Vice President for Research and Economic Development Parag Chitnis

The motion was seconded by Trustee Tom Walters and carried. Paul Ulrich was absent.

Respectfully submitted,



RoseMarie London

Executive Director and Deputy Secretary, UW Board of Trustees