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SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

OF THE TRUSTEES

March 25-27, 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
March 25-27, 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, March 25, 2026, Thursday, March 26, 2026, and Friday, March 27, 2026, for its regular meeting. Committee Meetings were held on Wednesday, March 25, 2026. The Board's business meeting was held on Friday, March 27, 2026.

TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
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Thursday, March 26, 2026

Meeting Location: Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center

The UW Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m. Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board enter executive session. The Board reconvened in public session at 10:21 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: UW President Update – Seidel

University President Ed Seidel reported that the university is entering a transitional period with strong institutional momentum, and state funding that will advance key priorities, including employee compensation, student internships, academic infrastructure, and strategic research areas. University President Ed Seidel expressed his gratitude to the state and university stakeholders who advocated their support of the university to members of the Wyoming Legislature. President Seidel acknowledged in spite of the university's having avoided a cut to its budget, it still faced fiscal challenges driven by declining enrollment and underscored the need for a comprehensive review of efficiencies in its organizational structure, program alignment, and resource optimization. University President Ed Seidel discussed the potential opportunity for the university to expand operations of the NCAR-Wyoming Supercomputing Center. President Seidel stated this opportunity aligns with priorities in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and computational science, including participation in a new national initiative led by the Department of Energy (DOE), which may further enhance research capacity, infrastructure investment, and partnerships.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Annual UW Foundation Fundraising Priorities – Seidel/Stark

University President Ed Seidel reported a record \$69.5 million raised in 2025—the third consecutive year exceeding \$60 million—highlighting Giving Day's \$4.1 million from 11,000+ donors and targeted initiatives such as the Simpson Student Enrichment Fund and the Wyoming Outdoor Recreation, Tourism, and Hospitality (WORTH) Initiative. President Seidel also noted major gifts supporting new academic positions and programs, including the Farm Credit Services of America Deanship, the Boone and Crockett Working Lands Wildlife Conservation Professorship, a new deanship in development, and expanded access for students from the Wind River Reservation. Vice President John Stark described strong, accelerating fundraising momentum, with the current fiscal year projected to surpass prior records, and attributed this to alignment between the Board of Trustees and the UW Foundation Board, focused priorities (student success, faculty support), and improved donor engagement through simplified giving. Stark emphasized growing opportunities in estate and asset-based giving, approximately \$25 million in upcoming matching funds, and key priorities including scholarships, experiential learning, faculty excellence, and interdisciplinary centers. Stark noted that Comprehensive Campaign planning is underway through campus-wide consultations, with a focus on people and programs rather than facilities and continued Board engagement. UW Foundation Board Chairman Doug Stark affirmed progress in campaign planning while noting no formal campaign launch has been approved.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Spring Census Enrollment Update – Dodd

Interim Vice Provost for Enrollment Management Shelley Dodd reported spring enrollment is down and directed the Board to information provided in the March 2026 Board Report. In response to inquiry from Trustee Kermit Brown, Vice Provost for Online and Continuing Education Matt Griswold provided detail related to the decrease in online education enrollment. Griswold stated, after five years of growth, this is the first semester enrollment has decreased and that he is examining whether it is indicative of a trend. Trustee John McKinley discussed the decrease in computer science enrollment in the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences which concerned him, and went on to state that the university's overall

enrollment continues to decrease, and work is necessary to examine whether the university programming is attractive to students. University President Ed Seidel stated enrollment in computer science is trending down nationally. Trustee Jim Mathis reminded administration of his request for data related to the recruitment marketing and acquisition costs by college. Trustee John McKinley requested a written response to the query. Trustee Michelle Sullivan directed the Board to the March 2026 Academic and Student Affairs Committee materials for additional information.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Research Excellence Presentation: What’s light got to do with it?

Exploring the role of plant-reflected light in crop yield loss and weed management – Andrew Kniss, Department Head/Professor, Department of Plant Sciences

Department of Plant Sciences Department Head and Professor Andrew Kniss outlined his research which focuses on herbicide evaluation and development in Wyoming crops, non-target impacts of pesticide use, and crop–weed interactions. Kniss emphasized that yield loss begins prior to weeds exerting measurable resource competition, underscoring the importance of early plant signaling dynamics. The research highlights the role of shade avoidance in weed–crop competition, demonstrating that plant-reflected light significantly influences crop response. Findings indicate that reflected light effects reduced the impact of full weed competition on sugar beet yield by 93%, with approximately 69% of that reduction attributable to shade avoidance mechanisms. Kniss also described the timing effects of weed presence, noting that weeds introduced at emergence and removed at the two true-leaf stage resulted in greater yield loss than weeds introduced at the two true-leaf stage and left until harvest. This suggests that early-season exposure plays a disproportionate role in determining yield potential. In response to inquiry from Trustee Brown, Kniss clarified that his research is focused exclusively on cropland systems, while colleagues within the department specialize in rangeland and pasture systems and that questions related to cheatgrass management would be more appropriately addressed by faculty with rangeland expertise. In response to inquiry from Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato, Kniss explained that the effects of incorporating cover crops or companion species vary depending on the specific combinations used and emphasized that interactions between neighboring plant species can influence crop performance, with certain pairings contributing to either increased or decreased yield outcomes.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: University of Wyoming Revenue Sharing – Burman/Sawvel/Prigge

Senior Associate AD Peter Prigge outlined the 2025 *House v. NCAA* settlement, including financial damages, revenue sharing, roster limits, and updated Name, Image, Likeness (NIL) rules establishing clearer compensation and participation standards. Prigge highlighted the use of *Teamworks* to manage academic tracking, compliance, NIL contracts, and a “wallet” system for distributing funds, which automatically withholds and reserves taxes. Prigge confirmed that student-athlete eligibility is monitored through academic Progress Reports in coordination with the registrar and admissions, ensuring compliance with academic and transfer requirements.

Athletic Director Tom Burman clarified that revenue sharing is currently limited to five revenue-generating sports—football, men’s and women’s basketball, volleyball, and wrestling—and is institutionally funded, while NIL compensation comes from third parties. Burman noted most athletes outside these programs do not receive revenue-sharing distributions and that state funds are not currently used for this purpose, though future opportunities may exist. Third-party NIL support remains modest (under \$500,000), reflecting Wyoming’s smaller market, though donor engagement is improving.

Head Football Coach Jay Sawvel reported that the football revenue-sharing pool began at \$1.1 million in 2025 and supported 63 athletes, with plans to increase to approximately \$2 million for 2026–27. Sawvel emphasized that integrating Alston Scholarship funds into the pool improves competitiveness and

simplifies agent negotiations but estimated \$4–5 million is needed to consistently compete for conference championships. Sawvel highlighted recruiting and retention challenges in an increasingly transactional environment and stressed the importance of aligning financial resources with player development. In response to Trustee discussion, Sawvel and Burman emphasized that revenue sharing is performance-based and not extended to incoming high school recruits, and noted that integrating Alston funds has supported athlete retention and recent program success, while additional resources may be generated through initiatives such as naming rights. Long-term targets include approximately \$8 million in total revenue sharing to sustain competitive success across key sports.

Trustee Committee Reports

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Academic and Student Affairs Committee – Michelle Sullivan (Chairman)
Trustee Michelle Sullivan reported the committee received recommendations for the academic calendar and invited feedback before Board action during the May meeting. Trustee Sullivan discussed the committee’s review of the Office of Institutional Analysis data related to new degree and certificate programs approved in the last five years. Trustee Sullivan stated the committee also discussed student success metrics and concluded her report thanking Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Laurel Ballard for contributing to the committee discussion.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Biennium Budget Committee – Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Chairman)
Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato reported Trustee Budget Hearings will take place May 11-12, 2026, and recommended the following action.

Foundation Quarterly Report on Matching Funds ***3-26-2026 @ 3:13 p.m.***

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize administration to transfer five hundred ninety-nine thousand eight hundred ninety-one dollars and forty-six cents (\$599,891.46) of the previously committed funds from the special projects reserve to satisfy the matching obligation of funds raised by the Foundation. Trustee Tom Walters seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Additional UW Student Fee Book – Virtual Internship Fee ***3-26-2026 @ 3:14 p.m.***

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board approve the additional Academic Year 2026-2027 student fee book proposal from Online and Continuing Education to establish an \$1,800 Virtual Internship Fee. Trustee Tom Walters seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Prior to taking action on the UW Business Fee Book, the Board entered discussion about the use of space and the appropriate fee for overnight stays at AMK Ranch.

UW Business Fee Book

3-26-2026 @ 3:24 p.m.

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board approve in accordance with UW Regulation 7-11, the Fiscal Year 2027 Business Fee Book recommendations presented on pages 47 through 70 of the Budget Committee materials and discussed in the Biennium Budget Committee as amended to remove line 341, amend line 274 to add a \$500 per day minimum fee, and amend page 59 to change the non-UW nightly rate to \$70 and the meeting room rates for non-UW to \$100 for a half day and \$200 for a full day. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Prior to taking action, the Board discussed the endowment that supports the Wind River Promise, and the eligibility requirements established by previous Board action.

Wind River Promise Fund

3-26-2026 @ 3:36 p.m.

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved that the Wind River Promise Fund will begin in the fall 2026 semester and it will include all first-time, first-year students, new transfer students, and continuing undergraduate students who meet all the other qualifications previously agreed upon. Trustee Paul Ulrich seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Jim Mathis and Tom Walters voted no.

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.

Campbell County Economic Development Corporation DBA Energy Capital Economic Development Corporation Lease Renewal

3-26-2026 @ 3:46 p.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board approve Amendment No. 2 to the Lease Agreement between the Trustees of the University of Wyoming and Campbell County Economic Development Corporation DBA Energy Capital Economic Development Corporation, for the Wyoming Small Business Development Center office in Gillette. Trustee Mike Greear seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Addendum No. 3 to the Tower Lease Agreement between Kath Broadcasting and University of Wyoming

3-26-2026 @ 3:46 p.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board approve Addendum No. 3 to the Tower Lease Agreement between Kath Broadcasting Co., LLC and University of Wyoming, for the Wyoming Public Radio (WPR) Torrington tower site near Torrington, Wyoming. Trustee Mike Greear seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IMPACT 307 Casper

3-26-2026 @ 3:46 p.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board approve the transfer of management of IMPACT 307 property in Casper to UW Operations and separately to close IMPACT 307 at the Casper location. Trustee Mike Greear seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Amendment No. 2 to the Land Access and Use Agreement with Pilot Hill Inc.

3-26-2026 @ 3:48 p.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board approve Amendment No. 2 to the Land Access and Use Agreement with Pilot Hill Inc. Trustee Mike Greear seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Oil, Gas, and Mineral Lease Agreement between the University of Wyoming and Venture Oil & Gas, Inc.

3-26-2026 @ 3:48 p.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board approve the Oil, Gas, and Mineral Lease Agreement between the University of Wyoming and Venture Oil & Gas, Inc. Trustee Mike Greear seconded the motion. The motion carried.

15th Street Maintenance Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Laramie

3-26-2026 @ 3:49 p.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to execute the License with the University of Wyoming to Construct, Use and Maintain Encroachments in the Public Right-of-Way with the City of Laramie for the 15th Street improvements. Trustee Mike Greear seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Hilton/Graduate Interior and Exterior Modification Approval

3-26-2026 @ 3:50 p.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to consent to the proposed requested changes from the Pulte Family Foundation to the interior and exterior of the building for the Graduate by Hilton, as presented in the materials. Trustee Mike Greear seconded the motion. The motion carried.

UW Passenger Plane

3-26-2026 @ 3:52 p.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to conduct an operational and financial audit of the passenger plane operations, which will include financial, operational, and a recommendation to the Board of Trustees on the most efficient and safest way for UW to provide passenger plane service, with funding to come from the College of Engineering budget. Trustee Mike Greear seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Wyoming Union Exterior Remediation Contractor Agreement

3-26-2026 @ 3:53 p.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to proceed with the construction contract with Richardson Construction for the Wyoming Union Exterior Remediation project with a total budget of \$665,000, with \$500,000 to come from the UW Foundation (ASUW facilities endowment) and \$165,000 from the Vice President for Student Affairs Capital Reserves. Trustee Mike Greear seconded the motion. The motion carried.

***UW Aquatics Center Environmental Graphics Change Order
3-26-2026 @ 3:54 p.m.***

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to execute a contract change order with GE Johnson Construction Wyoming in the not-to-exceed amount of seventy-four thousand eight hundred dollars (\$74,800) for the UW Aquatics Center project to be funded from the environmental graphics budget; this results in no change to the total project budget. Trustee Mike Greear 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 stating committee received an Information Technology Gramm Leach Bliley Act compliance update. Trustee Bonner stated the committee received an annual review of the investment and management of university funds, per UW Regulation 7-7. The Committee received update and status report of the Internal Audit Plan; Trustee Bonner stated there were no concerns and went on to discuss the ongoing risk assessment process. Trustee John McKinley recommended the Fiscal and Legal Affairs Committee track university responsiveness to the 2026 Legislative Budget Bill foot note requirement to conduct an independent audit of a particular campus unit.

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

Trustee John McKinley reported the Legislative Relations Committee received an overview of legislation passed during the 2026 Legislative Budget Session affecting the university from Vice President for Government Affairs and Community Engagement Mike Smith. Smith also discussed Legislative Interim Committee topics which will be approved by the Legislative Management Counsel at a future date. Smith went on to discuss the legislative budget bill, the process related to the legislative conference committee, and steps necessary had the conference committee failed to agree, including the constitutional provision for the legislature to pass a balanced budget by July 1.

Trustee McKinley discussed convening a working group to address the report to the legislature required in Footnote 9 of the legislative budget bill due to the Wyoming Legislature by December 1, 2026. Trustee McKinley outlined the working group's charge as follows:

1. Identify any positions or organizational units that are duplicative, overlapping or functionally redundant;
2. Assess opportunities to consolidate, streamline or otherwise restructure administrative and academic operations in order to improve efficiency;
3. Evaluate staffing levels relative to similarly situated postsecondary institutions and industry standards;
4. Develop recommendations to reduce the overall number of positions while simultaneously considering the operational needs, service levels and institutional priorities of the University of Wyoming;
5. Identify any potential cost savings and reinvestment opportunities that result from any recommended staffing or structural changes;
6. Compile an inventory and recommend opportunities to eliminate degree programs with consideration of course participation and the number of recent graduates; and
7. Compile an inventory and recommend opportunities to further restrict any diversity, equity and inclusion program, activity or function.

Trustee McKinley said he interpreted the legislative directive as a positive message to the university, given the university is in a position to identify areas of cost savings and efficiencies to allow a focus on areas of excellence and opportunity. Trustee McKinley stated the working group's initial findings and recommendations will be presented to the Board during its July 2026 meeting; a draft of the operational plan will be presented during the Board's September 2026 meeting; and the report finalized during the November 2026 Board meeting.

Trustee John McKinley announced the members of the working group:

Anne Alexander, Interim Provost
Scott Beaulier, Dean, College of Business
Sam Brodie, Associate Athletic Director, Budget and Finance
Parag Chitnis, Vice President for Research and Economic Development
Tara Evans, Vice President and General Counsel
Matt Griswold, Vice Provost for Online and Continuing Education
Alex Kean, Vice President for Budget and Finance
John Koprowski, Dean, Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources
Bill Mai, Vice President for Campus Operations
RoseMarie London, Executive Director and Deputy Secretary, Board of Trustees
Carolyn Pepper, College of Graduate Education Dean
Mike Smith, Vice President for Governmental Affairs and Community Engagement
ASUW President
Faculty Senate Chairman
Staff Senate President

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Research and Economic Development Committee – David Fall (Chairman)
Trustee David Fall reported the committee received several presentations from the College of Health Sciences, featuring Devin King and Renee Ziggler from the Division of Kinesiology and Health, nurse practitioner student Chanel Thrasher, and WWAMI student Carlos Garcia. Trustee Fall emphasized the high caliber of the presentations which, Fall stated, serves as a clear indicator that the university is on the right track toward achieving its academic and research goals.

Neolithic Brand® trademark to Dry Land Distillers
03-27-2026 @ 11:03 a.m.

Trustee David Fall moved the Board authorize the Technology Transfer Office to license technology outside of the typical ranges, as detailed in the Term Sheet for License of the Neolithic Brand® trademark to Dry Land Distillers for the purpose of labeling distilled alcohols from Neolithic Brand® Emmer wheat grown in Wyoming. Trustee Paul Ulrich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Reports

ASUW – President Paula Medina

ASUW President Paula Medina reported on several key resolutions passed as the academic year comes to a close, including approval of funding for the Disability Support Services Testing Center to ensure accessible testing accommodations, affirmation of the importance of fraternity and sorority life to student development and campus culture, and support for increasing graduate assistant stipends to better align with the cost of living in Laramie. Medina discussed the approval of the ASUW FY27 budget, noting a

commitment to fiscal responsibility by reducing overall spending compared to the previous year while maintaining support through student fees, endowments, and carryover funds. Medina reported continued progress on executive initiatives, including exploring expansion of the Denver International Airport (DIA) shuttle program to serve a broader campus community, development of the Leadership and Student Success Opportunities (LASSO) pilot program to increase experiential learning opportunities with Wyoming businesses, and introduction of legislation to support student organizations and create a parking ticket relief program tied to community service. Medina reported this is her final report to the Board and expressed her gratitude for its support during her administration.

Staff Senate – President Gwen Dailey

Staff Senate President Gwen Dailey reported that Staff Senate is collaborating with university financial services to establish scholarships for staff with implementation planned for Fall 2026. Dailey stated that Staff Recognition Day will be held on April 13, 2026, in the Wyoming Union, where awards will be presented to recognize staff contributions, and expressed enthusiasm for these initiatives as meaningful ways to support and celebrate the university’s staff community.

Faculty Senate – Chairman Rob Godby

Faculty Senate Chairman Rob Godby reported challenges in staffing certain Faculty Senate committees, noting that the work of the Academic Planning Committee experienced delays due to a lack of quorum but continues to review and advance several academic proposals. These include new degree and certificate programs in health sciences, early childhood education, constructive dialogue, criminal justice, ranch management and agricultural leadership, artificial intelligence professional development, and nonprofit leadership, with the goal of bringing them forward for consideration at the May 2026 Board meeting. Godby stated that there has been ongoing collaboration with administration on federally required updates, including changes to research misconduct procedures and ADA-related website accessibility, as well as continued engagement to ensure progress on shared governance. Godby acknowledged recent Faculty Senate elections and leadership transitions, welcomed new executive committee members, and expressed appreciation for outgoing leaders. Godby concluded by extending gratitude to the general public, university administration, and the Board for their collaboration and support, particularly during the recent 2026 Legislative Budget Session.

Wyoming Community College Commission – Executive Director Laurel Ballard

Wyoming Community College Commission (WCCC) Executive Director Laurel Ballard summarized a mixed but generally favorable outcome for Wyoming’s Community Colleges following the 2026 Legislative Budget Session. Ballard acknowledged state and university community stakeholders collectively reinforced the importance of the University of Wyoming (UW) within the state’s higher education and workforce ecosystem, successfully opposing efforts to reallocate UW funding to community colleges. Ballard noted Legislative outcomes included meaningful investments in state aid, career and technical education (CTE), Wyoming Works programs, dual enrollment, and compensation, reflecting strong institutional support, further stating that these gains are offset by significant projected revenue losses—nearly \$18 million—driven by property tax reductions, with additional downside risk if further tax cuts are approved by voters. In response to ongoing fiscal pressures, the WCCC approved a modest in-state tuition increase and is initiating a comprehensive review of long-term financial sustainability. This includes reassessing funding allocation models, exploring new revenue streams, identifying system efficiencies, and evaluating funding mechanisms for non-credit workforce training. Ballard reported that the Commission is undergoing leadership transition and onboarding a new

commissioner, while preparing for upcoming strategic planning, budget, and capital construction discussions.

The meeting recessed at 4:44 p.m.

Business Meeting
Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center
Friday, March 27, 2026

At 8:01 a.m. Friday, March 27, 2026, Executive Director and Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London took roll.

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

Ex-officio Trustees present: ASUW President Paula Medina; State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder; and Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Laurel Ballard. Governor Mark Gordon was absent from the meeting. University President Ed Seidel was absent on Friday, March 27, 2026.

Approval of Meeting Minutes
3-27-2026 @ 10:26 a.m.

Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board approve the public and executive session minutes of the February 18, 2026, UW Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Appointments to the Trustees Education Initiative – Brown/Fall

Trustee Kermit Brown appointed/reappointed former Trustee Dave Bostrom, Trustees David Fall (TEI Chairman), Carol Linton, Laura Schmid-Pizzato, and College of Education Dean Jenna Shim to the Trustees Education Initiative governing board.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Shared Governance Working Group Sunset – Brown

Trustee Michelle Sullivan thanked her co-chairman Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato and the members of the Shared Governance Working Group (SGWG) for their efforts. Trustee Sullivan reported a smaller working group through academic affairs will be formed. Trustee Sullivan requested that Executive Director and Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London provide a copy of the SGWG Interim Report to the university president candidate finalists. Trustee Kermit Brown stated the SGWG will officially sunset as of March 27, 2026.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Annual Election of Board Officers – Brown/McKinley

Election of Board Officers

03-27-2026 @ 10:31 a.m.

Trustee John McKinley moved the Board approve the slate of officers as follows: Chairman Michelle Sullivan; Vice Chairman Laura Schmid-Pizzato; Treasurer Brad Bonner; and Secretary Carol Linton effective May 1, 2026. The motion was seconded by Trustee David Fall and carried.

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

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

Public Comment [Scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2026]

Various Fraternity and Sorority Life representatives and students provided comment to the Board regarding the status of and future preservation of Greek Life on campus.

University graduate students provided comment to the Board regarding salary with the request graduate students be included in the raise-pool.

Community member Mike Schilt provided comment to the Board about the relationship between the City of Laramie, its fire department and the university.

Committee of the Whole

Regular Business

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

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

- Contracts and Procurement Report (per UW Regulation 7-2) – Evans
- Capital Construction Report – Brown/Mai *[See Facilities Committee Packet]*
- Foundation Monthly Giving Report – Stark

Other Action Taken during the Meeting

Neolithic Brand® trademark to Dry Land Distillers

03-27-2026 @ 11:03 a.m.

Trustee David Fall moved the Board authorize the Technology Transfer Office to license technology outside of the typical ranges, as detailed in the Term Sheet for License of the Neolithic Brand® trademark to Dry Land Distillers for the purpose of labeling distilled alcohols from Neolithic Brand® Emer wheat grown in Wyoming. Trustee Paul Ulrich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Oracle Technical Services Renewal Order Form (Primavera) and Oracle Technical Services Renewal Order Form (Oracle Advanced Security) (Information Technology)

3-27-2026 @ 11:09 a.m.

Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board authorize administration to execute the Oracle Technical Services Renewal Order Forms for Primavera and Oracle Advanced Security. Trustee Brad LaCroix seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Option Contract Continuation with the Department of the Army for Upper Missouri River Basin University of Wyoming Plains Snowpack and Soil Moisture Monitoring Network (College of Agriculture, Life Sciences, and Natural Resources)

3-27-2026 @ 11:10 a.m.

Trustee David Fall moved the Board authorize administration to sign the Option Contract Continuation with the Department of the Army for Upper Missouri River Basin University of Wyoming Plains Snowpack and Soil Moisture Monitoring Network. Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Amendment No. 3 to the Multi-Media Rights Agreement by and between the University of Wyoming and the University of Wyoming Sports Media Properties, LLC

3-27-2026 @ 11:11 a.m.

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize administration to execute Amendment No. 3 to the Multi-Media Rights Agreement by and between the University of Wyoming and the University of Wyoming Sports Media Properties, LLC. Trustee Brad LaCroix seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Investment Addendum to the Master Software and Services Agreement by and between the University of Wyoming and Paciolan, LLC (Athletics)

3-27-2026 @ 11:11 a.m.

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize administration to execute the Investment Addendum to the Master Software and Services Agreement by and between the University of Wyoming and Paciolan, LLC. Trustee Brad Bonner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

First Amendment to Sales Representation Agreement between Wyoming Sports Properties, LLC and the College of Agriculture, Life Sciences, and Natural Resources and the University of Wyoming Athletics Department on behalf of the University of Wyoming Rodeo Team (Athletics)

3-27-2026 @ 11:12 a.m.

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize administration to execute the First Amendment to Sales Representation Agreement between Wyoming Sports Properties, LLC and the College of Agriculture, Life Sciences, and Natural Resources and the University of Wyoming Athletics Department on behalf of the University of Wyoming Rodeo Team. Trustee Michelle Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Services Agreement between Premier Bone & Joint Centers a registered trade name of Gem City Bone and Joint, P.C. and the University of Wyoming (Athletics)
3-27-2026 @ 11:12 a.m.

Trustee David Fall moved the Board authorize administration to execute the Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Services Agreement between Premier Bone & Joint Centers a registered trade name of Gem City Bone and Joint, P.C. and the University of Wyoming. Trustee Brad Bonner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Academic Personnel

3-27-2026 @ 11:13 a.m.

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board approve the associate professor with tenure appointment in the College of Arts and Sciences as provided to the Board in the academic personnel report.

Trustee Sullivan further moved to confer tenure, promotions, and five-year fixed terms with rolling contracts to those faculty recommended to the Board in the academic personnel report. Trustee Paul Ulrich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Request to Negotiate with Interim Dean of the School of Graduate Education

3-27-2026 @ 11:14 a.m.

Trustee Michelle Sullivan moved the Board approve the request to negotiate with the top candidate of the specified position as discussed in executive session. Trustee Brad LaCroix seconded the motion. The motion carried.

03-27-2026 @ 11:14 a.m.

Litigation

Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board authorize general counsel and outside counsel to move forward on the settlement negotiations with a third party related to a sponsored research agreement with the parameters as discussed in executive session. Trustee Paul Ulrich seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New Business

• **Fraternity and Sorority Life**

Trustee Brad Bonner stated that given the public comment received by the Board on Thursday, March 26, 2026, it is clear there is a perception that the Board does not support Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) and suggested a future gathering with FSL chapter presidents and the UW Board of Trustees. Trustee Tom Walters stated he toured the Sigma Phi Epsilon (Sig Ep) house again and did not observe life safety issues, nor construction fence to indicate demolition had begun and therefore recommended a stay. Trustee John McKinley stated the Board has discussed the condition and future of the Sig Ep house since 2024, further stating the Board received input via its Facilities Contracting Committee as well as through public comment during several Board meetings. Trustee McKinley stated the fraternity has been given multiple opportunities to provide the university with a viable proposal related to the rehabilitation or purchase of the Sig Ep house. Trustee McKinley stated the Board took action several times and subsequently allowed the fraternity to conduct an external appraisal of the property. Trustee McKinley stated he was against expending public funds on rehabilitating a damaged building. Chairman of the Facilities Contracting Committee Carol Linton concurred with Trustee McKinley's statements. ASUW

President Paula Medina provided student perspective to the contrary. Trustee Tom Walters proposed action to pause demolition which failed via voice vote.

Trustee John McKinley suggested a small committee of Trustee members to identify a process to establish funding for various cohort housing on campus, and a process to efficiently identify those needs.

- **Liaison to Internship Working Group**

In response to his stated interest in paid internships for students, Trustee Kermit Brown appointed Trustee Greear as Trustee Liaison to the university's *Internship Working Group*.

Date of Next Meeting: April 2, 2026 (special meeting), and April 15, 2026 (conference call)

The meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Executive Session I

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On Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. Trustee Brad Bonner move 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); David Fall; Mike Greear; Brad LaCroix; Carol Linton; Jim Mathis; John McKinley; Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Treasurer); Michelle Sullivan (Vice Chairman); and Tom Walters. Trustee Paul Ulrich was not present during executive session.
- Ex-officio members UW President Ed Seidel. ASUW President Paula Medina; Wyoming Governor Mark Gordon; State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder; and Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Laurel Ballard were not present during executive session.
- 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
- Desktop Support Team Manager Margarita Rovani

The following attended during their respective topics:

- Vice President for Research and Economic Development Parag Chitnis
- Deputy Vice President for Research and Innovation Arun Pradhan
- College of Agriculture Dean Kelly Crane
- College of Graduate Education Interim Dean Carolyn Pepper
- Outside Counsel Mitch Edwards
- Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs David Bagley
- Professor Animal Science Brenda Alexander

The motion was seconded by Trustee Carol Linton and carried. Trustees Paul Ulrich and Brad LaCroix were absent from the vote.

Executive Session II

Friday, March 27, 2026

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On Friday, March 27, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. 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 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
3. 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); David Fall; Mike Greear; Brad LaCroix; Carol Linton (via video conference); Jim Mathis; John McKinley; Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Treasurer); Michelle Sullivan (Vice Chairman); Paul Ulrich; and Tom Walters
- Ex-officio members ASUW President Paula Medina; and Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Laurel Ballard. Governor Mark Gordon; University President Ed Seidel; and State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder were not present during executive session.
- 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
- Desktop Support Team Manager Margarita Rovani

The following attended during their respective topics:

- Outside Counsel Kay Lynn Bestol
- Athletic Director Tom Burman
- Vice President for Research and Economic Development Parag Chitnis
- Deputy Vice President for Research and Innovation Arun Pradhan

- College of Agriculture Dean Kelly Crane
- College of Graduate Education Interim Dean Carolyn Pepper
- Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs David Bagley
- Professor Animal Science Brenda Alexander

The motion was seconded by Trustee Tom Walters and carried.

Respectfully submitted,



RoseMarie London

Executive Director and Deputy Secretary, UW Board of Trustees