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THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES' MEETING

April 15, 2026

The University of Wyoming
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING
April 15, 2025
Old Main Boardroom/Video Conference

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Trustee Kermit Brown called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Executive Director and Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London took roll.

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

Ex-officio attending: University President Ed Seidel. Governor Mark Gordon was absent; Policy Director Lachelle Brant attended on his behalf. ASUW President Paula Medina; State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder; Wyoming Community College Executive Director Laurel Ballard were absent.

Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board enter executive session:

1. To consider the appointment, employment, right to practice or dismissal of a public employee and to consider accepting or tendering offers concerning wages, salaries, benefits, and terms of employment during all negotiations (16-4-405(a)(ii) and 16-4-405(a)(x))
2. To consider or receive any information classified as confidential by law (16-4-405(a)(ix))
3. To consider acceptance of gifts, donations and bequests which the donor has requested in writing to be kept confidential (16-4-405(a)(viii))
4. On matters concerning litigation to which the governing body is a party or proposed litigation to which the governing body may be a party (16-4-405(a)(iii))

The session was attended by:

- the 12 voting and five ex-officio members of the Trustees
- 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
- Academic Technology Services Director Margarita Rovani

The following attended during their respective topics:

- Enhanced Oil Recovery Institute Director Lon Whitman
- College of Health Sciences Dean Patrick Hardigan
- College of Arts and Sciences Dean Scott Turpen
- Vice President for Research and Economic Development Parag Chitnis
- Senior Vice President UW Foundation Jill Higham
- Lucas Buckley, Hathaway and Kunz
- Brooks Tueting, Patterson and Sheridan

The motion was seconded by Trustee Michelle Sullivan and carried. The Board entered executive session at 8:02 a.m.

The meeting came back to order at 9:53 a.m. and the following action was taken. (Trustee Michelle Sullivan was absent from the public session.)

Non Academic Personnel

04-15-2026 @ 9:54 a.m.

Administrative Officers are appointed by the Trustees per UW Regulation 1-1 utilizing a one-time condensed UW Regulation 1-1. Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board approve the Non-Academic Personnel Report as presented in executive session. Trustee Brad LaCroix seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Jim Mathis and Michelle Sullivan were absent.

Appointment of Vice Provost and Dean of the School of Graduate Education

04-15-2026 @ 9:56 a.m.

Administrative Officers are appointed by the Trustees upon recommendation of the President following consultation with the appropriate University Officers and faculty, consistent with UW Regulation 1-1 and UW Regulation 2-8. Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize administration to appoint Dr. Carolyn Pepper as Vice Provost and Dean of the School of Graduate Education. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Jim Mathis and Michelle Sullivan were absent.

Use of Bucking Horse and Rider

04-15-2026 @ 9:56 a.m.

Trustee Tom Walters moved the Board authorize administration to fully enforce the Secretary of State's rule that the bucking horse and rider may not be used in political campaigns or on campaign materials, social media, or websites. Additionally Trustee Walters moved to direct the University to prohibit the use of UW's name, trademarks, logos, official seals, licensed music, or other similar indicia, and University buildings, statuary, or landmarks in political campaigns or on campaign materials, social media, or websites. Trustee Walters further moved to exclude the incidental use of the University of Wyoming's trademark colors, brown and gold by political campaigns from this prohibition. Trustee David Fall seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Jim Mathis and Michelle Sullivan were absent.

UCAR and NCAR

Trustee David Fall moved the Board authorize general counsel and outside counsel to file leave to submit an amicus brief in the *University Corporation for Atmospheric Research v. National Science Foundation et al.* lawsuit in the US District Court for the District of Colorado. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Jim Mathis and Michelle Sullivan were absent.

Amendment No. 5 to the Memorandum of Understanding Between EORC, EORI, and UW – 04-15-2026 @ 9:58 a.m.

Trustee Paul Ulrich moved the Board authorize administration to execute Amendment No. 5 to the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Wyoming Enhanced Oil Recovery Commission, the Enhanced Oil Recovery Institute, and the University of Wyoming. Trustee Brad Bonner seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustees Jim Mathis and Michelle Sullivan were absent.

***Wyoming Immunizations Registry Information Sharing Agreement
04-15-2026 @ 9:59 a.m.***

Trustee David Fall moved the Board authorize administration to execute the Wyoming Immunizations Registry Information Sharing Agreement between Wyoming Department of Health, Public Health Division, Immunization Unit and the Educational Health Centers of Wyoming. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion.

***UW v. ACU Energy, LLC
04-15-2026 @ 10:00 a.m.***

Trustee Paul Ulrich moved the Board authorize general counsel and outside counsel to proceed with next steps in the UW v. ACU Energy contract lawsuit as discussed in executive session. Trustee Brad LaCroix seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee John McKinley voted no. Trustees Jim Mathis and Michelle Sullivan were absent.

***Biennium Budget Committee – Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Chairman)
May 11-12, 2026, Budget Hearing Schedule***

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato announced the Budget Hearings will take place on May 11-12, 2026, and stated the full hearing schedule will be finalized and published in the coming days.

Trustee Brad Bonner acknowledged the April 15, 2026, meeting is Trustee Kermit Brown's final meeting as chairman and thanked him for his service.

Date of Next Meeting: May 13-15, 2026, Laramie, Wyoming.

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



RoseMarie London
Executive Director and Deputy Secretary
UW Board of Trustees