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THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES
OF THE TRUSTEES
August 19, 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.

(Accepted January 2023)

TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
August 19, 2026
Video Conference / Old Main Boardroom

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The UW Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 19, 2026. Executive Director and Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London called roll.

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

Ex-officio members present: University President Shane Reeves; ASUW President Sam Kaiser; and Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Laurel Ballard. Governor Mark Gordon and State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder were absent. Wyoming Department of Education Chief of Staff Dicky Shanor attended on behalf of Superintendent Degenfelder.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board enter executive session:

1. To consider or receive any information classified as confidential by law (16-4-405(a)(ix));
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)); and
3. On matters concerning litigation to which the governing body is a party or proposed litigation to which the governing body may be a party (16-4-405(a)(iii))

The session was attended by:

- the 12 voting members of the Trustees
- Ex-officio members University President Shane Reeves; ASUW President Sam Kaiser; and Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Laurel Ballard. Governor Mark Gordon and State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder were absent. Wyoming Department of Education Chief of Staff Dicky Shanor attended on behalf of Superintendent Degenfelder.
- Interim Provost Anne Alexander
- General Counsel Tara Evans
- Executive Director and Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London
- Executive Vice President Kraig Sheetz
- Computer Support Specialist Tyler Shevling

Trustee Tom Walters seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Board reconvened the public session at 8:50 a.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

08-19-2029 @ 8:50 a.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board approve the July 14-15, 2026, UW Board of Trustees public and executive session meeting minutes. Trustee Brad LaCroix seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Jim Mathis was absent from the vote.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE Biennium Budget Committee – Schmid-Pizzato

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato provided a summary of the Biennium Budget Committee's August 6, 2026, video conference meeting during which it discussed the university's supplemental budget request and its priority order to be submitted to the State Budget Office on August 31, 2026.

***FY2027-28 State Supplemental Exception Budget Request I
08-19-2026 @ 8:50 a.m.***

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize administration to submit the prioritized State Supplemental Budget Exception Budget Requests to include \$18,600,000 for inflation adjustment, \$4,000,000 for scholarship funding for the Wind River Promise Scholarship, and \$20,000,000 in matching funds. Trustee Brad LaCroix seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Jim Mathis was absent from the vote

Trustee Tom Walters provided explanation of the request for Wind River Promise Scholarship funding, stating the \$4,000,000 request was to provide for full functioning of the scholarships as they are intended. Vice President for Budget and Finance Alex Kean responded to inquiry from Trustee Mike Greear by stating the \$18,600,000 million request is to address inflation of non-compensation operating expenses, and further stated the university is down \$36,000,000 in purchasing power resulting from previous budget reductions coupled with inflation.

Trustees Laura Schmid-Pizzato and Carol Linton provided summary of the nature of the following capital construction request as considered by the committee and discussed the consideration of funding necessary for the planning of additional student housing and parking.

***FY2027-28 State Supplemental Exception Budget Request II
08-19-2026 @ 8:52 a.m.***

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize administration to submit the prioritized capital construction requests to include \$1,000,000 for planning for parking and additional student resident housing, a request of \$100,000,000 to be set aside in a savings account for future expenditure, knowing that the project will cost far more than \$100,000,000 for the student resident housing and parking, and \$7,741,464 for the upgrades to the High Bay facility for the ThermoFisher research project. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Jim Mathis was absent from the vote.

In response to inquiry from Trustee John McKinley regarding matching fund commitment in the existing agreement with ThermoFisher, Trustee Mike Greear proposed an amendment to the motion to include language requiring matching funds. There was Board discussion about whether the amendment was necessary or prudent. Trustee Greear withdrew the amendment.

***Financial Assurances for CarbonSAFE Project
08-19-2026 @ 9:06 a.m.***

Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize administration to execute the necessary documents to provide the required financial assurances to the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) up to the amount of \$500,000 in relation to the two Class 1 drilling permits. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Jim Mathis was absent from the vote.

Trustee John McKinley suggested that the university explore consolidating reclamation requirements through statewide permits and financial assurances. Trustee Paul Ulrich agreed and said a more comprehensive approach could streamline long-term management and indicated that the university should engage the Wyoming DEQ and the School of Energy Resources to identify a more effective path forward and explore alternative financial assurance options, including bond pooling. It was determined that Trustee Ulrich will work with administration to explore these options, with follow-up to be coordinated through University President Shane Reeves.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE Wyoming Union Renovation Project Additional Scope of Work – Linton Trustee Michelle Sullivan reported that construction schedule circumstances made it necessary for the Executive Committee to act on behalf of the board. Trustee Carol Linton reported that such expediency was cost effective for the institution.

Wyoming Union Renovations Project Additional Scope of Work
08-19-2026 @ 9:09 a.m.

Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board ratify the action taken by the Executive Committee on July 29, 2026, authorizing administration to transfer up to an additional two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from the Vice President for Student Affairs Capital Reserves account to pay for unanticipated and necessary additional scope of work on the Wyoming Union exterior renovation project approved during the March 26, 2026, Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Brad LaCroix seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Jim Mathis was absent from the vote.

OTHER ACTION

Academic Personnel Report
08-19-2026 @ 9:11 a.m.

Per UW Regulation 2-1, the granting of appointments and tenure is within the discretion of the Trustees upon the recommendation of the President. Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board approve the three professor with tenure appointments as provided to the Board in the August 2026 academic personnel report. Trustee David Fall seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Jim Mathis was absent from the vote.

Appointment of Dean
08-19-2026 @ 9:12 a.m.

Per UW Regulation 1-1, the reappointment of deans is within the discretion of the Trustees upon the recommendation of the President. Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board approve the renewal of Dean Scott Beaulier's appointment to serve another four-year term as the H.A. (Dave) True Family Dean of the College of Business. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Jim Mathis was absent from the vote.

***Letter of Agreement Between the University of Wyoming and US Foods, Inc.
08-19-2026 @ 9:13 a.m.***

UW Regulation 7-2 (Signature Authority) requires Board approval for university contracts, federal contracts, agreements, memorandums of understanding and procurements that involve an external party and require consideration (paid or received) valued more than \$2,000,000 (one-time or in aggregate) or for which the term is more than ten years. Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to execute the Letter of Agreement Between University of Wyoming and US Foods, Inc. Trustee Brad Bonner seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Jim Mathis was absent from the vote.

Research and Development Services Agreement between Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) and University of Wyoming

08-19-2026 @ 9:12 a.m.

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New Business

University President Shane Reeves reported that campus was preparing for the arrival of students and the beginning of the fall 2026 semester. President Reeves announced a *Cowboy Kick Off Concert* on September 11, 2026, and invited Trustees to attend.

Date of next meeting: September 23-25, 2026, Laramie, Wyoming

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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