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SUMMARY MEETING MINUTES

OF THE TRUSTEES

September 23-25, 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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THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE BOARD
OF TRUSTEES
September 23-25, 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, September 23, 2026, Thursday, September 24, 2026, and Friday, September 25, 2026, for its regular meeting. Committee Meetings were held on Wednesday, September 23, 2026. The Board's business meeting was held on Friday, September 25, 2026.

TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
September 23-25, 2026
Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center
Laramie, Wyoming

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Thursday, September 24, 2026
Meeting Location: Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center

The UW Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 8:00 on Thursday, September 24, 2026. 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; 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:

- Trustees: Brad Bonner; Kermit Brown; David Fall; Mike Greear; Brad LaCroix; Carol Linton (Secretary) (via video conference); Jim Mathis; John McKinley; Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Vice Chairman); Michelle Sullivan (Chairman); and Tom Walters. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent.
- Ex-officio members: University President Shane Reeves; ASUW President Sam Kaiser; State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder; and Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Laurel Ballard. Governor Mark Gordon was absent. Deputy Policy Director Lachelle Brant attended on behalf of Governor Gordon.
- Interim Provost Anne Alexander
- Athletics Director Tom Burman
- General Counsel Tara Evans
- Executive Director and Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London
- Director Academic Technologies & Customer Relations Margarita Rovani
- Executive Vice President Kraig Sheetz
- Vice President for Government Affairs and Community Engagement Mike Smith
- Vice President for Institutional Advancement John Stark

Trustee Brad Bonner seconded the motion. The motion carried. The Board reconvened in public session at 9:21 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: <u>Recognitions/Resolutions</u> – Reeves/Alexander
The appointments of School of Energy Resources Executive Director Pete Obermueller; School of Computing Dean Junhua Ding; Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs Adrienne Freng; and UW at Casper College Dean Angela Pool-Funai were recognized during the September 2026 Board meeting.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: <u>University President Update to the Board</u> – Reeves
University President Shane Reeves addressed the Board and expressed his pleasure to return to Wyoming as the University of Wyoming's 29th president. President Reeves stated a commitment to listening to communities across the state about what they need and want from the university. President Reeves discussed several early priorities and opportunities, including strengthening the student experience through events such as Move-In Day, the *Cowboy Kick-off Concert*, and Homecoming; supporting Cowboy and Cowgirl athletics; positioning the university to lead in artificial intelligence (AI) and its applications; and launching a comprehensive fundraising campaign to advance the university's excellence

and national distinction. President Reeves reported the university's endowment has reached $1 billion and that the UW Foundation raised a record $100 million in FY 2026. President Reeves expressed appreciation to the Board for its support and dedication to the university and reaffirming a shared goal of advancing the university to new levels of excellence and distinction. In response to Trustee Brad Bonner, President Reeves discussed the benefit of a university hosted academic and expert panel on AI and data centers. In response to inquiry from Trustee David Fall, President Reeves discussed the university's adoption of the collaborative AI workspace BoodleBox, and the need to address existing policy on student conduct and honesty. President Reeves state Boodle AI founder France Long will visit campus on October 15, 2026, and will spend time with faculty. Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Laurel Ballard expressed appreciation around adoption of BoodleBox and the shared accessibility to the platform. At Trustee Sullivan's invitation, President Reeves went on to discuss his approach to academic freedom.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Fall Enrollment Census Information – Alexander/Sheetz/Dodd/Baldwin
Interim Vice Provost for Enrollment Management and Director of Admissions Shelley Dodd presented fall 2026 enrollment information. Total enrollment, including Laramie, online/distance, and UW Casper enrollment, is 10,663, a decrease of 1.7%. In response to inquiry from Trustee Jim Mathis, Dodd noted that some students included in the total are enrolled in fewer than 12 credit hours. Dodd reported on the breadth of the University's recruitment efforts and discussed first-time freshman enrollment. Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Laurel Ballard prompted discussion about the results of the Express Transfer Agreement (ETA) and its benefits to students. State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder inquired about national enrollment trends. Associate Vice President for Institutional Marketing Chad Baldwin discussed enrollment at neighboring institutions and comparisons with the university. In response to inquiry from ASUW President Sam Kaiser, Dodd discussed the return on investment associated with the *Good Neighbor Scholarship*.

Trustee John McKinley requested contextual information about the number of graduating high school seniors in Wyoming and whether the university is capturing a greater share of those students as freshmen. Dodd stated that Wyoming high school graduation rates are flat and noted that anecdotal evidence suggests that, while increased Hathaway Scholarship dollars are helpful, high school graduates may be able to stretch their resources further by initially enrolling at a community college and then transferring to the university. Superintendent Degenfelder stated that K-12 Average Daily Membership (ADM) is declining, which will affect the number of high school graduates in future years. Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato stated that enrollment should be the institution's first priority. Governor Mark Gordon's designee Lachelle Brant discussed the "education savings account" passed by the Wyoming Legislature during its 2026 Budget Session, and suggested marketing to the students whose families have applied for the benefit.

In response to a remark from Trustee John McKinley, University President Shane Reeves stated that an effective, more institutional approach to marketing, along with stronger connections with community colleges and the K–12 system, are critical to recapturing Wyoming students who are enrolling at institutions in neighboring states. President Reeves noted the importance of having university representatives present in community colleges and other satellite locations. Executive Vice President Kraig Sheetz discussed strategies for increasing enrollment despite a declining pool of high school graduates. Baldwin summarized the results of the Board's investment in marketing aimed at recruitment. In response to an inquiry from Trustee Mike Greear, Baldwin discussed his team's expertise in monitoring Google search trends.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Internship Working Group Progress Report–
Greear/Sheetz/Alexander/Chitnis/N. Courtney/Hilaire
Trustee Mike Greear expressed both excitement and urgency regarding the internship program, emphasizing the importance of establishing a coordinated, centralized approach rather than continuing efforts in silos. Trustee Greear stated that discussions with the Wyoming Business Alliance (WBA) reinforced the need for coordination and stressed the importance of ensuring that industry is prepared to participate as the program moves forward. Trustee Greear said the goal should be to maintain momentum while avoiding announcements or commitments that cannot be fulfilled.

Interim Provost Anne Alexander acknowledged the many individuals involved in the program's leadership and governance, including Vice President for Student Affairs Nycole Courtney, ASUW, and the implementation committee, which meets weekly. Alexander stated that the goal is to launch the program on November 12, 2026, in conjunction with the annual Governor's Business Forum. Alexander stated that planning began approximately a year ago through the Governor's Business Forum and WBA business-needs survey, followed by an ASUW student survey in spring 2026. The student survey indicated that approximately 45% of students have participated in internships, while the remaining 55% expressed interest in paid internships; financial constraints can also limit participation among students who do pursue internships.

Alexander outlined several guiding principles: the program will be available to all university students, regardless of discipline; all Wyoming employers, including businesses, nonprofit organizations, and local governments, will be eligible to participate; and funding mechanisms will be flexible to address varying employer and student needs, including direct payments to employers, payments to students, or assistance with expenses such as housing. Existing internship programs and best practices across the university's colleges will be incorporated into the new program, with partnerships viewed as essential to its success.
Alexander reported that the implementation team is working toward opening the program website and applications by November 12, adding that, based on campus expertise, the team has selected a combined platform to be used by both employers and students.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Presentation: Master Craftsman Program and Career Opportunities for Students – Carlisle
Professor of Sculpture Ashley Hope Carlisle presented the Modern Atelier: Master Craftsman, a faculty-led professional apprenticeship model that provides university students and recent graduates with paid, hands-on experience on real fabrication, restoration, design, and public-art projects. The program bridges classroom learning and professional practice by giving apprentices responsibility for client communication, budgeting, scheduling, fabrication, installation, and project delivery. Carlisle outlined the program's growth since its initial development, current partnerships and projects, and its potential to provide transdisciplinary workforce and entrepreneurship opportunities across the university. Carlisle identified sustainable faculty leadership, technical support, project development, and apprentice funding as essential to the model and proposed growing the program to 8–10 paid apprentices over the next five years. In response to inquiry from Trustee Mike Greear, Carlisle stated she is investigating registering apprenticeships with Workforce Services. Trustee Brad Bonner inquired whether the art department offers a business class. In response, Carlisle discussed the professional practice class. University President Shane Reeves expressed appreciation for the Master Craftsman program Carlisle created, and agreed the interdisciplinary, and problem-solving skills building are essential to student success.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Annual Report: Intercollegiate Athletics – Burman
Athletics Director Tom Burman presented the annual intercollegiate athletics report stating programs are doing well and student athletes are excelling academically. Burman discussed financial challenges, and the underperforming football program. In response to inquiry from Trustee Brad Bonner, Burman discussed the renovation of Corbett Pool into a wrestling practice space. In response to inquiry from Trustee Tom Walters, Burman stated it was difficult to report how well the university's athletic students are in comparison to other Mountain West Conference schools. Burman stated the number of "academic casualties" is low. In response to Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato, Burman discussed revenue share and the new strategy to recruit and retain athletes and the projection to be more competitive in the revenue share space. University President Shane Reeves expressed appreciation for Burman's creative thinking and stated his willingness to underwrite the risk. Burman discussed the *Protect College Sports Act* which he felt is a "step in the right direction" to help limit the transfer portal to one transfer a year.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: President Reeves discussion of August 21, 2026, Wyoming Community College Commission (WCCC) Meeting – Reeves
University President Shane Reeves discussed his recent visit to Riverton with Trustee Michelle Sullivan, where he met with Tribal leadership at Central Wyoming College, and attended the Wyoming Community College Commission meeting. President Reeves stated the visit with Wyoming community college presidents provided an opportunity to better understand the issues facing the state's community colleges and to continue discussions regarding the Wyoming Innovation Partnership (WIP). President Reeves said he observed a strong interest among community college presidents in strengthening collaboration and coordination across Wyoming's education system. President Reeves addressed opportunities to better leverage the university's existing presence and facilities on community college campuses including through academic advising and other efforts, to help community college students understand pathways to the university and encourage those seeking a four-year degree to consider the university as a first choice. President Reeves discussed opportunity for the university and the community colleges to work together to assess individual students' needs and direct them toward the institution or program best suited to their goals. President Reeves acknowledges the university and the community colleges face many of the same challenges, including declining demographics, questions surrounding the value proposition of higher education, and regional competition for students. President Reeves characterized the overwhelming majority of community college presidents as collaborative and interested in partnership, while acknowledging that not all institutions share the same level of interest in collaboration.

Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Laurel Ballard expressed appreciation to having the chairman of the Board of Trustees, and the university president attend the WCCC meeting. Ballard stated the commission is excited about identifying opportunities to partner.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Update and After Action Review: Wyoming Community College Commission (WCCC) Administrative Rule Authorizing Colleges to Deliver Applied Baccalaureate Degrees and Approving new AB Degree Programs – Reeves/Alexander
Interim Provost Anne Alexander discussed the administrative rule implementing the Legislature's approval of a cap on the Wyoming community colleges applied baccalaureate degree offerings. Alexander discussed the university's response to the first tranche of proposals submitted under the new rule, including the internal review process and the tight timeline established by the rule. Alexander noted variability among the proposals submitted by individual community colleges and inconsistencies in the information provided, which complicated the review. Alexander recommended establishing a predictable schedule for

future reviews and described the criteria and framework used to evaluate the proposals.

Wyoming Community College Commission (WCCC) Executive Director Laurel Ballard described the community college program review process and identified potential adjustments to the timeline and workflow. Trustee Brad Bonner noted that specific details of the university's response were not being discussed because the WCCC had not yet reviewed the information.

Governor Gordon's designee Lachelle Brant recommended establishing an agreed-upon definition of "duplication" as distinct from "replication" and emphasized the importance of labor market information in the decision-making process. Brant also noted the state's interest in student affordability and in ensuring that the WCCC is responsive to the Board of Trustees' input regardless of the decision reached.

President Shane Reeves acknowledged the faculty's efforts to provide an objective, data-driven response on short notice.

Roll call
On Thursday, September 24, 2026, at 2:20 p.m. Executive Director and Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London called roll.

Trustees: Brad Bonner; Kermit Brown; David Fall; Mike Greear; Brad LaCroix; Carol Linton (Secretary) (via video conference); Jim Mathis; John McKinley; Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Vice Chairman); Michelle Sullivan (Chairman); and Tom Walters. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent.
Ex-officio members: University President Shane Reeves; ASUW President Sam Kaiser; State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder; and Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Laurel Ballard. Governor Mark Gordon was absent. Deputy Policy Director Lachelle Brant attended on behalf of Governor Gordon.

Trustee Committee Reports

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: <u>Academic and Student Affairs Committee</u> – Brad Bonner (Chairman)
Trustee Brad Bonner discussed the open call for Honorary Degree nominations with a November 1, 2026, due date. Trustee Bonner stated Vice President for Student Affairs Nycole Courtney provided the committee report on Fall 2026 *Saddle Up* programming and move-in weekend activities. Trustee Bonner stated the committee received a "deep-dive" report on online course offerings at the university. Trustee Bonner acknowledged the Board and administration's desire for a vibrant on-campus culture and community. Trustee Bonner stated he felt the trends are moving in the right direction.

Trustee Bonner reported the Tribes have requested the name change from Wind River Promise to *University of Wyoming Newe & Hinono'ei Scholarship* (Newe: Shoshone (Pronounced New-uh and Hinono'ei: Arapaho (Pronounced hih-nuh-nuh-ay)) and to provide an eligibility mechanism for Tribal students who attend boarding schools. Trustee Bonner further stated Tribal student enrollment is increasing because of this scholarship.

Trustee Bonner stated the committee received information about the future of Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) and that Trustee Tom Walters will provide further detail during the *Liaison to other Boards Reports* on Friday, September 25, 2026.

Vice President for Budget and Finance Alex Kean presented information to the full board regarding the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) proposal to change the requirements to better align with other institutions. Executive Vice President Kraig Sheetz discussed the benefit of attracting students who will perform well at the university and who will not present a retention risk. There was conversation in the Biennium Budget Committee to find the appropriate "sweet spot." In response to inquiry from Trustee David Fall, Kean stated the university loses approximately one thousand Wyoming students to other WUE states.

Master List of Academic Programs
09-24-2026 @ 2:46 p.m.
Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board approve the 2026 Master List of Academic Programs. Trustee David Fall seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent from the meeting.

Wind River Promise I
09-24-2026 @ 2:46 p.m.
At the request of the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone tribes and with support of President Reeves, Trustee Tom Walters moved the Board direct university administration and the UW Foundation to change the name of the Wind River Promise Fund to the University of Wyoming Newe & Hinono'ei Scholarship. Trustee John McKinley seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent from the meeting.

Wind River Promise II
09-24-2026 @ 2:47 p.m.
Trustee Tom Walters moved the Board direct university administration and the UW Foundation to expand the criteria for applicants for the University of Wyoming Newe & Hinono'ei Scholarship to include enrolled members of the Eastern Shoshone Tribe or Northen Arapaho Tribe who have graduated from an accredited boarding school while maintaining tribal affiliation and residency ties to Wyoming. Trustee John McKinley seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent from the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Biennium Budget Committee – Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Chairman)
Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato briefly summarized discussion during the Biennium Budget Committee meeting and recommended the following action.

Foundation quarterly report on matching funds
9-24-2026 @ 2:49 p.m.
Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize administration to transfer one hundred dollars ($100.00) 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. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent from the meeting.

Approval and adoption of final FY2028 Tuition
0-24-2026 @ 2:50 p.m.
In accordance with UW Regulation 7-11, Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize the administration to implement a tuition freeze for the base undergraduate resident and non-resident main campus tuition rates for the Academic Year 2027-2028, and to implement the tuition schedules as shown on pages 14-16 of the September 2026 Biennium Budget Committee materials. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent from the meeting.

Trustee Schmid-Pizzato noted that regular increases in tuition are causing misalignment with other institutions.

FY2027 Off Cycle Business Fee Book Request
09-24-2026 @ 2:51 p.m.
In accordance with UW Regulation 7-11, Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board approve the additional FY27 Business Fee Book proposals for the UW Aquatics Center facility fees and the WyGISC service center fees, as presented on pages 24-25 in the September 2026 Biennium Budget Committee materials. Trustee Tom Walters seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent from the meeting.

Trustee Schmid-Pizzato stated the off schedule changes are primarily due to the timing of the opening of the Aquatics Center.

Online PharmD Pathway
09-24-2026 @ 2:52 p.m.
Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize administration to move forward with an online PharmD program using an Online Program Management (OPM) vendor, and that the contract be presented to the full board for action [at a future meeting]. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent from the meeting.

Trustee Schmid-Pizzato discussed administration's presentation to the Biennium Budget Committee proposing to expand the online pharmacy program. The vendor has been selected and the contract will come before the Board for consideration at a future meeting.

ROTC Request I
09-24-2026 @ 2:56 p.m.
Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board allow administration to institute a policy for providing in-state tuition for non-resident cadets in Army and Air Force ROTC programs, up to 125% of the incoming first-time full-time enrolled resident candidates for each of those programs, beginning with academic year 2027-2028. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent from the meeting.

ROTC Request II
09-24-2026 @ 2:58 p.m.
Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato moved the Board authorize continuing enrolled students in the Army ROTC or Air Force ROTC programs who are non-resident students to receive the benefit of resident tuition, beginning with Academic Year 2027-2028. Trustee Carol Linton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent from the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Facilities Contracting Committee – Carol Linton (Chairman)
Trustee Carol Linton reported the Facilities Contracting Committee discussed adoption of Pilot Hill trail names. Pilot Hill Project Executive Director Sarah Brown Mathews addressed the Board thanking Trustees for the ongoing support of the Pilot Hill Project. Executive Vice President Kraig Sheetz discussed his participation in the Pilot Hill trailhead ribbon cutting in July 2026. Trustee Kermit Brown, a long-time advocate of the Pilot Hill Project, discussed the recreational and preservation value of Pilot Hill to Albany County.

War Memorial Stadium West Stands – Project Budget
09-24-2026 @ 3:00 p.m.
Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board increase the project budget for the War Memorial Stadium West Stands by $4.0M of additional funding from available, unobligated major maintenance appropriations received prior to FY2027 for a new project total of $85.9M, to fund the repairs to the field house necessitated by the activities associated with the stadium reconstruction, and for drainage issues associated with the press box portion of the project. Trustee Tom Walters seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent from the meeting.

Trustee John McKinley stated the motion relates to proper allocation of dollars for unanticipated necessary construction issues.

War Memorial Stadium West Stands – Change Order
09-24-2026 @ 3:02 p.m.
Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to execute a change order to the War Memorial Stadium West Stands project in an amount not to exceed $4.5M, to address imminent video board repairs, to be funded from available, unobligated project contingency balances. Beginning in FY2028, Athletics will budget a transfer of $400,000 annually to a new capital reserve account for the purpose of technology replacement expenses. Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent from the meeting.

In response to inquiry from Trustee David Fall, Executive Vice President Kraig Sheetz stated athletics will budget for the deposit into the capital reserve account.

Career and Technical Education – Renovation
09-24-2026 @ 3:05 p.m.
Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize the administration to proceed with the Career and Technical Education Renovation Project utilizing the design-bid-build project delivery method and to execute a contract with Plan One Architects of Cheyenne, Wyoming, in an amount not to exceed $295,625, funded via the project's design services budget, with a total project budget of $5,000,000. Trustee Laura Schmid-Pizzato seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent from the meeting.

Trustee Linton noted the renovation project's estimated completion is Fall 2027.

White Hall and Downey Hall – Deconstruction
09-24-2026 @ 3:06 p.m.
Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to enter into the design-build agreement with Colorado Cleanup Corporation for the White Hall and Downey Hall Deconstruction Project, to be funded via FY 2027/2028 major maintenance, for pre-construction services in the amount of $156,491.76. Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent from the meeting.

Tennis Courts – Resurfacing
09-24-2026 @ 3:07 p.m.
Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to proceed with construction of the Outdoor Tennis Court Resurfacing Project, to be funded via the donation received by Athletics, for a total budget not to exceed $800,000, procured through the design-bid-build delivery method. Trustee Brad LaCroix seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent from the meeting.

Western Wyoming Community College – Distance Education and Extension Center Offices
09-24-2026 @ 3:08 p.m.
Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to sign Amendment No. 3 to the agreement between the Trustees of the University of Wyoming and Western Wyoming Community College for the distance education and extension center offices, for a ten-year term. Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent from the meeting.

Consideration and Action: McWhinnie Hall – UniWyo Federal Credit Union Campus Branch Lease
09-24-2026 @ 3:09 p.m.
Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize Administration to accept the lease termination request provided by UniWyo, made effective October 31, 2026. Trustee Brad LaCroix seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent from the meeting.

45th Street – Rocky Mountain Power Electrical Easement
09-24-2026 @ 3:11 p.m.
Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to grant an underground power easement to Rocky Mountain Power across University of Wyoming property located at 45th Street in Laramie, Wyoming, in the form identical to that contained on page 49 of the September 2026 Facilities Contracting Committee [closed session] materials. Trustee Brad LaCroix seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent from the meeting.

Trustee Linton stated the City of Laramie has agreed to pave the connector streets to Ivinson in concrete to accommodate bus traffic in exchange for the grating of the power easement.

Fabb-Miller Jelm – Timber Sale
09-24-2026 @ 3:12 p.m.
Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to enter into the Access and Use Agreement between the University of Wyoming and the Wyoming State Forestry Division for the UW Fabb-Miller property on Jelm Mountain, and to proceed with the sale of the harvested timber. Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent from the meeting.

Aquatics Center – Art Selection Approval
09-24-2026 @ 3:13 p.m.
Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board authorize administration to proceed with the fabrication and installation of the interior art installation at the UW Aquatic Center, as recommended by the Wyoming Arts Council, with funding via the Art in Public Buildings Program, for a total budget not to exceed $100,000, as provided on page 66 of the September 2026 Facilities Contracting Committee [closed session] materials. Trustee Brad LaCroix seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent from the meeting.

Trustee Linton stated the art installation planned for December 2026.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Fiscal and Legal Affairs Committee – Mike Greear (Chairman)
Trustee Mike Greear reported that while there were no actionable items, the committee covered important audit, insurance, and investment matters. Trustee Greear reported the committee reviewed an internal audit report concerning NCAA eligibility, resulting in all the outstanding issues corrected and cleared. Trustee Greear noted the committee reviewed two county 4-H program audits. As a result of the initial county audits, statewide policies are being reviewed across all 23 counties after the audits identified challenges such as inventory control and segregation of duties with limited staff and resources. Trustee Greear reported this effort will include an educational component, as well as the implementation of QuickBooks in each county 4-H office. Trustee Greear stated another report is expected in one year, with random audits to ensure future compliance. Trustee Greear reported the committee reviewed a Human Resources recruiting practices audit to ensure that policies are both reviewed and consistently followed. Trustee Greear reported Internal Audit provided an update indicating that the internal audit program is catching up and is now on schedule with no critical or overdue audit matters outstanding. Trustee Greear stated the committee reviewed the University of Wyoming insurance renewal and noted a reduction in property insurance costs. Trustee Greear reported the committee met with new external auditors, CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA), who provided an overview of the upcoming external audit procedures. Trustee Greear noted PFM Asset Management provided a quarterly investment update.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE Legislative Relations Committee – John McKinley (Chairman)
Trustee John McKinley stated the committee met in closed session and an update was provided to the board during its September 24, 2026, executive session. Trustee McKinley stated the committee encouraged continuing building relationships with the City of Laramie.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE 2026 Budget Footnote Working Group – Kermit Brown and John McKinley
Trustee John McKinley reported the working group met on August 17, 2026, and forwarded draft reports to University President Shane Reeves for further recommendation and the final reports will be provided to the Board for approval during its November 2026 meeting. Executive Vice President Kraig Sheetz stated he is working with Vice President for Budget and Finance Alex Kean and are adding data to the draft reports and will route the draft reports appropriately in accordance with shared governance practices. Trustee Michelle Sullivan thanked Trustees Kermit Brown and John McKinley for their leadership.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Research and Economic Development Committee – David Fall (Chairman)
Trustee David Fall reported the committee received three presentations from artificial intelligence (AI) companies including Power Theory, founded by Luke Macy of Cheyenne, EcosAtlas, founded by Christian Bitzas of Powell, and IronForge Automations, founded by Thayne Thatcher of Laramie. Trustee Fall stated all three founders are university graduates, and the companies are housed in the Impact 307 Incubator. Trustee Fall noted the presentations highlighted the university's role in developing AI enabled businesses with potential applications well beyond Wyoming. Trustee Fall reported the committee received updates on two recent legislative appropriations from Materials Discovery and Research Empowered by AI and Minerals (mDREAM) Lab and Critical Minerals Assay Lab. Trustee Fall reported the committee reviewed the university's limited submission process for grants, where some grant opportunities restrict how many applications an institution can submit. Trustee Fall explained the university has established a process intended to make these decisions as fair and transparent as possible to prevent researchers from being arbitrarily excluded. Trustee Fall stated the committee reviewed the results of several seed grant programs including AMK Research Project grants, Artificial Intelligence seed grants, and Cardiff Collaboratory Research awards. Trustee Fall explained that overall, the seed grant programs produced a roughly 7-to-1 return on investment. Trustee Fall noted that a positive outcome was the substantial involvement of the students in the seed grant projects. Trustee Fall concluded his report by noting the committee held a brief closed session meeting concerning a departmental reorganization intended to reduce costs.

The meeting recessed at 3:29 p.m.

Business Meeting
Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center
Friday, September 25, 2026

Roll Call
At 8:33 a.m. Friday, September 25, 2026, Executive Director and Deputy Secretary RoseMarie London called roll.

Trustees: Brad Bonner; Kermit Brown; David Fall; Mike Greear; Brad LaCroix; Carol Linton (Secretary) (via video conference); Jim Mathis; John McKinley; Laura Schmid-Pizzato (Vice Chairman); Michelle Sullivan (Chairman); and Tom Walters. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent.
Ex-officio members: University President Shane Reeves; ASUW President Sam Kaiser; State Superintendent for Public Instruction Megan Degenfelder; and Wyoming Community College Commission Executive Director Laurel Ballard. Governor Mark Gordon was absent.

Approval of Meeting Minutes
09-25-2026 @ 8:33 a.m.
Trustee Carol Linton moved the Board approve the public and executive session minutes of the August 19, 2026, UW Board of Trustees meeting. Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent from the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE <u>Western Undergraduate Exchange Proposal</u> – Bonner
Trustee Brad Bonner discussed the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) proposal stating proposed requirements would apply to students starting at the university in Fall 2027 or later who are enrolled in a main campus degree program or UW Casper. Trustee Bonner reported the following:

- The first proposed change would provide new first-time, first-year students from a WUE state with a high school GPA of 3.3 or higher, an ACT score of 25 or higher, or an SAT score of 1160 or higher with tuition at 150 percent of the resident tuition rate.
- A new WUE+ designation would provide incoming first-time, first-year students from a WUE state with a high school GPA of 3.75 or higher, an ACT score of 27 or higher, or an SAT score of 1260 or higher with funding to bring their tuition to the in-state tuition rate, plus the Good Neighbor Award, currently $1,000 per semester for the first two years.
- The proposal would also re-establish WUE Transfer eligibility for transfer students with a college GPA of 3.0 or higher and at least 12 credit hours earned after high school graduation. Concurrent or dual-enrollment credits earned while in high school would not count toward the 12-credit-hour requirement.
- The proposal would also re-establish the Nebraska 150 percent award. New first-time, first-year students from Nebraska with a high school GPA of 3.3 or higher, an ACT score of 25 or higher, or an SAT score of 1160 or higher would be eligible, mirroring the WUE requirements.
- The Nebraska proposal would also establish NUE+, under which incoming first-time, first-year students from Nebraska with a high school GPA of 3.75 or higher, an ACT score of 27 or higher, or an SAT score of 1260 or higher would receive funding to bring their tuition to the in-state tuition rate, plus the Good Neighbor Award, currently $1,000 per semester for the first two years.
- Transfer students from Nebraska would also be eligible with a college GPA of 3.0 or higher and at least 12 credit hours earned after high school graduation. Concurrent or dual-enrollment credits earned while in high school would not count toward the 12-credit-hour requirement.

In response to an inquiry from Trustee Kermit Brown, Vice President for Budget and Finance Alex Kean described the parameters of the Nebraska Promise. Trustee Brad LaCroix encouraged the administration to communicate these changes, particularly to high school principals and K-12 superintendents in Wyoming and bordering states, noting that the changes could serve as an important marketing tool.

WUE Proposal
09-25-2026 @8:34 a.m.
Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board authorize administration to implement changes to the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program as presented. Trustee David Fall seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent from the meeting.

Reports

ASUW – President Sam Kaiser

ASUW President Sam Kaiser reported that ASUW has committed approximately $250,000 in matching funds to the statewide internship program. Kaiser emphasized the need for an accessible platform and streamlined application process ahead of the early November rollout. Kaiser reported that the ASUW Fraternity and Sorority Life ad hoc committee has begun meeting to gather student input in conjunction with the university's consultant, with a report expected in January 2027. Kaiser also discussed continued work on graduate student stipends, revisions to two ASUW-endowed scholarships to support students with unmet financial need, and an upcoming ASUW Senate resolution on artificial intelligence. Kaiser reaffirmed ASUW's support for registered student organizations, noting that ASUW provides approximately $300,000 annually, although demand exceeds available funding. Kaiser highlighted ASUW's homecoming partnership with the UW Alumni Association.

Staff Senate – President Joe Castillo

Staff Senate President Joe Castillo, attending via videoconference, reported that former Staff Senate President Gwen Dailey resigned from her position and from the university, and that he was elected to succeed her. Castillo reported that Staff Senate is planning its November holiday market, recruiting new senators due to declining membership, and will hold elections for vice president and secretary at its next meeting.

Faculty Senate – Chairman Rob Godby

Faculty Senate Chairman Rob Godby acknowledged administration's report on the increase in new students and the university's record number of graduates provided to the Board Thursday, September 24, 2026. Godby outlined three fall priorities: next steps on shared governance; proposed revisions to University Regulation 2-109 on academic probation and suspension, including a new "academic notice" and "academic amnesty" status; and a likely formal request to discuss the campus space allocation process. In response to an inquiry from Trustee John McKinley, Godby defined "academic amnesty," which would allow students the option to remove a poor grade from their transcript. Godby noted that the proposal remains under internal review and is expected to generate faculty discussion.

Wyoming Community College Commission – Executive Director Laurel Ballard

Wyoming Community College Commission (WCCC) Executive Director Laurel Ballard reported that Gillette College is pursuing early accreditation, with initial accreditation anticipated in late 2027 or early 2028, while WCCC evaluates the impact of adding a new college to its funding model. Laramie County Community College will become Wyoming State College effective July 1, 2027. WCCC highlighted continued collaboration with the university on program changes and transfer pathways, including the October 16, 2026, Articulation Summit. Ballard reported that the commission is also advancing the Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System (SLEDS) improvements while seeking state and university support to address the loss of federal funding scheduled for September 2027. Ballard discussed the value of closer coordination with the UW Board of Trustees to communicate the complementary roles of the university and Wyoming's community colleges in supporting the state's workforce and economic development. Ballard reported the commission's next meeting is October 8–9, 2026, at Western Wyoming College, with discussion of Applied Baccalaureate programs and the next statewide strategic plan.

Trustee David Fall inquired whether it is appropriate for the trustees to express opposition to the LCCC name change. Trustee Brad Bonner stated there is consensus that it benefits the state and students for the university and the Wyoming community colleges to have a partnership, and yet there is a "rising tension." Trustee Bonner reiterated the recommendation made in July 2026 that the two governing boards schedule a joint meeting. University President Shane Reeves expressed his appreciation for Ballard and her complicated role in this matter.

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

- Internship Working Group – Mike Greear
- Fraternity and Sorority Life – Tom Walters

Trustee Tom Walters reported the Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) working group has completed the Request for Proposal. The FSL working group is currently working to execute a contract with Transformation Solutions Inc., a Kenway Consulting Company (TSI). The FSL working group met with Transformation Solutions leadership on Tuesday, September 23, 2026, to plan the rollout and kickoff meeting. The kickoff meeting will occur in early October. TSI has been provided with a comprehensive list of stakeholder groups which will receive an invitation to participate and provide feedback on the study. ASUW also launched a working group that will gather data and share additional information from its work and anticipates this group will be able to provide feedback by December.

- UW Alumni Association Board – Laura Schmid-Pizzato
- Haub School for Natural Resources – Michelle Sullivan
- Energy Resource Council – Paul Ulrich
- Cowboy Joe Club – John McKinley

UW Foundation – Brad Bonner & David Fall

Trustee Brad Bonner reported October 21-22, 2026, is Giving Day and he encouraged all to participate. Trustee Bonner reported in FY25 fundraising was more than $100 million. Trustee Bonner introduced three new foundation Board members Bryan Hassler, Richard Lynch, and Peter Sherman.

Public Comment *[Scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2026]*

Community member Patti Gierau availed herself to the university as a bridge for international students.

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]*

- UW Foundation Investments (per MOU with Foundation) – John Stark

Vice President for Institutional Advancement John Stark and UW Foundation Chief Investment Officer Philip Treick provided a summary of investment strategies and outcomes.

- Expenditures Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center Facilities Maintenance Fund (per lease agreement with UW Foundation) – John Stark

Vice President for Institutional Advancement John Stark discussed the list of projects to be charged against the FFE replacement fund in the coming year. In response to inquiry, Stark stated the current lease agreement terms are sufficient.

- Report: Free Expression, Intellectual Freedom, and Constructive Dialogue Program – Anne Alexander
- Contracts and Procurement Report (per UW Regulation 7-2) – Tara Evans
- Capital Construction Report – Bill Mai
- UW Foundation Monthly Giving Report – John Stark

Other Action Taken during the Meeting

Academic Personnel Report
09-25-2026 @ 9:36 a.m.
Trustee Brad Bonner moved the Board approve the tenure appointment as provided to the Board in the academic personnel report. Trustee Tom Walters seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent from the meeting.

Academic Personnel Report II
09-25-2026 @ 9:36 a.m.
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 David Fall seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent from the meeting.

WWAMI Appeal I
09-25-2026 @ 9:37 a.m.
Pursuant to the terms of the Wyoming Medical Education Contract, any request to modify the repayment terms must be approved by the Board of Trustees. Trustee David Fall moved the Board approve the temporary WWAMI loan repayment deferral through July 2027 as presented in executive session. Trustee Brad LaCroix seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent from the meeting.

WWAMI Appeal II
09-25-2026 @ 9:38 a.m.
Pursuant to the terms of the Wyoming Medical Education Contract, any request to modify the repayment terms must be approved by the Board of Trustees. Trustee David Fall moved the Board approve full forgiveness of the WWAMI loan as presented in executive session. Trustee Brad LaCroix seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent from the meeting.

Adidas Term Agreement and BSN Sports Exclusive Supplier Agreement 09-25-2026 @ 9:38 a.m.
UW Regulation 7-2 requires Board approval for university contracts, federal contracts, agreements, memorandums of understanding, and procurements that involve an external party and require consideration valued more than $2,000,000 or for which the term is more than ten years. Trustee Tom Walters moved the Board authorize administration to execute the Team Agreement with adidas America, Inc. and the BSN Sports Exclusive Supplier Agreement. Trustee Jim Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent from the meeting.

Agreement Between Kansas State University and University of Wyoming for a Cooperative Program in Veterinary Medical Education
09-25-2026 @ 9:39 a.m.
Section 331 of the 226 Senate Enrolled Action No. 27 states that "[t]he board of trustees of the University of Wyoming shall enter into a contract with Kansas State University, or any other accredited college of veterinary medicine, pursuant to W.S. 21-17-109." Trustee David Fall moved the Board authorize administration to execute the Agreement Between Kansas State University and University of Wyoming for a Cooperative Program in Veterinary Medical Education. Trustee Tom Walters seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Paul Ulrich was absent from the meeting.

New Business
American Heritage Center Director Paul Flesher discussed the newly published book titled *Wyoming's History in 76 Objects and Places*. Flesher described the basis of the book, and thanked the people involved in its creation and publication.

University President Shane Reeves thanked RML, and UWIT for the work. President Reeves discussed the "leader and scholar program" and the upcoming "fireside chat" with Dr. Frank Luntz on September 30, 2026.
Date of Next Meeting: October 14, 2026 (conference call)

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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