



NWCCD Mission

NWCCD welcomes all learners, empowers student success, and encourages and strengthens community development.

NORTHERN WYOMING COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

Sheridan College – Whitney Center for the Arts – Room 235

Trustees Present

Tracy Swanson, Chair
Ward Cotton, Secretary
Chuck Holloway
Gary Reynolds
Tom Ringley

Trustees Absent

Elaine Henry, Vice Chair
Bob Leibrich, Treasurer

Advisory Board Representative Present

Cindy Kremers, Chair, SC in Johnson County Advisory Board

Advisory Board Representative Absent

Administration Present

Dr. Walt Tribbley, President
Jennifer Crouse, Sheridan College Foundation Executive Director
Micah Olsen, Interim Vice President of Student Affairs
Robert Briggs, Associate Vice President for Institutional Research

Others Present

Clint Langer, NWCCD Board Counsel	Hector Martinez	Kevin Koile	Jana Clements
Justin Stroup	Bradley Malin	Brenda Haseman	Autumn Knight

Recorder

Andrea Morgan

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call – Regular Meeting**
Chair Swanson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. There was a quorum.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
There were no changes to the agenda. Chair Swanson requested a motion to approve. Trustee Ringley moved, and Trustee Cotton seconded. The motion carried.
- 4. Consent Agenda**
 - Regular Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2026
 - Joint Board Meeting Minutes – February 23,
 - 2026 February 2026 Financial Report
 - February 2026 Check Register
 - Employee Hires and Exits

Trustee Cotton moved to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Ringley seconded. The motion carried.

5. President's Report – Dr. Walt Tribley

- a. District Division Update** – GCCD submitted argument for candidacy to HLC. The Institution Actions Council will decide on application on 4-14-2026. If approved, the full HLC board will vote on their candidacy in June 2026. Once approved by HLC as a candidate, GCCD can apply to be considered fully accredited.
- b. Legislative Update** – Referred Board to handout. Community colleges in Wyoming did not receive any cuts to base funding. The colleges received funding for wage increases and additional CTE funding. The colleges and UW received additional support for rodeo teams. There was \$20M allocated to Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) so that the colleges can bill the WDE for fees associated with providing dual and concurrent enrollment. The age for a concealed carry weapon permit in the State of Wyoming changed from 21 to 18. This is significant given that we have many students in our residence halls and classes that are not yet 21 but now able to get a permit. He recommended firearms training for anyone interested and suggested that the College support such training.
- c. Science Building Update** – The Capital Construction bill passed with \$15.3M state dollars allocated to the project. Sheridan College will open bidding on the project in April and begin construction as soon as possible.
- d. SCJC Center for Higher Education Update** – Steering committee met and informed the decision of the College to hire architect, QC10 and construction manager at risk, VanEwing Construction. Chair Swanson and Chair Kremers are on the steering committee, and Trustee Cotton is on the design committee.
- e. General Updates** – At the last meeting, the Board approved the ERIP program. Applications are due May 1, 2026. More information to come. The Wyoming Community College Commission (WCCC) approved a tuition increase. In-state tuition increased by \$7/credit, WUE tuition increased by \$10/credit (regional, close states), and out of state tuition increased by \$21/credit. This does not affect room and board, but it does affect institutional scholarship funds. Dr. Tribley reported that the rodeo banquet was a complete success and raised \$135k (net) on top of covering the expenses for the event..

6. Johnson County Advisory Board Report – Cindy Kremers, Chair

Chair Kremers reported that she appreciated being on the steering committee and was happy with those selected for the project. She thought it was great that Buffalo would be well represented on the building team. SCJC is working on a big push for new scholarships and getting the word out about the new facility. She encouraged everyone to participate in the annual Golf for Knowledge Tournament.

7. Organization Reports – Students and faculty are out on break, so there will be no reports given.

8. Public Comments – There were no public comments.

9. Key Monitoring Reports – None

10. Unfinished Business – None

11. New Business

a. Financial Aid Overview / Number of PELL Grant Awards – Information

Brenda Haseman presented an overview of financial aid to the Board. She described types of aid, FAFSA submission, grants (including PELL, Wyoming Works, DVR, etc.), scholarships, and loans. She provided information on number of PELL grants awarded for last three years.

b. President Recommends Faculty for Tenure – Information

Dr. Tribley briefly described the tenure process and explained that the Board would be asked to consider granting tenure to three faculty at the next regular meeting.

c. Weekend Welding Academic Calendar – Information

Dr. Tribley described the weekend welding calendar as a sub-calendar that runs in conjunction with the standard academic calendar. It is being shared with the Board for information, and the standard calendar will be up for approval in April as usual.

d. Approval of Banks as Public Funds Depository – Action

Dr. Tribley asked the Board to authorize the continued use of First Federal Bank & Trust and First Interstate Bank as depositories of College District Funds. Trustee Cotton moved to approve both banks as depositories. Trustee Holloway seconded. The motion carried.

e. Financial Disclosure Forms – Action

Dr. Tribley asked the Board to consider approving a motion to distribute the Affidavits Disclosing Financial Interest forms for signature with notary, Jana Clements. Trustee Ringley moved, and Trustee Holloway seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion carried.

12. Adjourn – Chair Swanson adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Ward Cotton
NWCCD Board of Trustees, Secretary


Tracy Swanson
NWCCD Board of Trustees, Chair