



## 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, May 19, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

Sheridan College in Johnson County, Bomber Mountain Civic Center

63 N. Burritt Ave., Buffalo, WY 82834, Gymnasium

Dinner & Reception to Follow

#### Trustees Present

Tracy Swanson, Chair  
Elaine Henry, Vice Chair  
Ward Cotton, Secretary  
Bob Leibrich, Treasurer  
Chuck Holloway  
Tom Ringley

#### Trustees Absent

Gary Reynolds

#### Advisory Board Representative Present

Cindy Kremers, Chair, SC in Johnson County Advisory Board

#### Advisory Board Representative Absent

#### Administration Present

Dr. Walt Tribley, President  
Craig Achord, Vice President of Administrative Services & CFO  
Jennifer Crouse, Sheridan College Foundation Executive Director  
Dr. Estella Castillo-Garrison, Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Micah Olsen, Interim Vice President of Student Affairs  
Wendy Smith, Vice President of Community Engagement, Strategic Communications & PIO  
Robert Briggs, Associate Vice President for Institutional Research

#### Others Present

Clint Langer, NWCCD Board Counsel      Kevin Koile      See Sign-in Sheet for Others in Attendance

#### 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**  
Chair Swanson requested a motion to approve the agenda. Trustee Leibrich moved, and Trustee Henry seconded. The motion carried.
- 4. Consent Agenda**

- Regular Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2026
- April 2026 Financial Report
- April 2026 Check Register
- Employee Hires and Exits

Chair Swanson requested a motion to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Ringley moved, and Trustee Holloway seconded. The motion carried.

**5. President’s Report – Dr. Walt Tribley**

**a. Sheridan College in Johnson County Center for Higher Education Update**

Dr. Tribley asked several people to speak on behalf of the SCJC Center for Higher Education. Superintendent Auzqui spoke about the collaborative effort and expressed gratitude for the project in support of the students and community of Johnson County. Senator Crago shared his experience in the legislature in being able to share all the good things happening in Sheridan and Buffalo, and his honor in serving the members of both communities. Commissioner Novotny discussed the importance of dual and concurrent enrollment to give students a head start in life. He described the proposed funding to support the project: \$25k toward phase II of the north bypass access trail, \$25k toward cost of bringing three-phase power to the lot, and \$30k toward student scholarships. Representative Connolly described the privilege of participating in securing funds for community colleges in the state and offered her continued support and assistance. Mr. Larson described the collaborative process for the design and implementation of the building projects he’s been a part of at SC. He described the groundwater issue with the site and explained that he would work with engineers and architects to find a cost-effective solution. Mr. Magelky spoke about turning a vision into reality. He commented on finding a cost-effective solution for the poor soil conditions to enable the most spending on the building itself. Dr. Tribley discussed a few aspects related to the building including storage, possible programs, commitment to GED and CNA education. He reported that the level I study was submitted to the WCCC and being considered at their June meeting.

**b. General Updates –** There were no general updates reported.

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

Mrs. Kremers thanked the SCJC Advisory Board. She discussed the value of the building to the community. It will provide for increased access to dual and concurrent enrollment, CTE courses. It will help remove obstacles for students attending college. She promoted the GFK tournament and explained the matching funds available for scholarships. VP Smith thanked the SCJC staff Joseph Aguirre, Brianna Buckingham, and Billie Rae Charles. She shared that 88.% percent of Johnson County students participated in dual and concurrent enrollment courses earning an average of 16.5 credits.

**7. Organization Reports –** There are no organization reports in May, June, July or August.

**8. Public Comments**


**9. Key Monitoring Reports –** None

**10. Unfinished Business –** None

**11. New Business –** None

**12. Adjourn –** Chair Swanson requested a motion to adjourn. Trustee Henry moved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
 Ward Cotton  
 NWCCD Board of Trustees, ~~Secretary~~  
 Trustee

  
 Tracy Swanson  
 NWCCD Board of Trustees, Chair