



NWCCD Mission

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

NORTHERN WYOMING COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes

Special Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 12:00 p.m.

Sheridan College – Whitney Academic Center – Room 132

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

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Cindy Kremers, Chair, SCJC Advisory Board

Administration Present

Dr. Walt Tribley, President
Craig Achord, Vice President of Administrative Services & CFO
Wendy Smith, Vice President of Community Engagement, Strategic Communications & PIO

Others Present

Clint Langer, NWCCD Board Counsel Hector Martinez Kevin Koile Erin Kilbride Dylan Branson

Recorder

Andrea Morgan

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call – Regular Meeting**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
Trustee Ringley moved to approve the agenda as presented. Trustee Holloway seconded. The motion carried.
- 4. Public Comment – There were no public comments.**
- 5. New Business**
 - a. Resolution 26-01 of the Sheridan College Board of Trustees: Maintain Stable Local Revenue for Sheridan College – Action**
Dr. Tribley pointed out an edit made to remove the word “impacts” replaced by the word “effects” in the sixth “whereas” statement in the document. He provided a brief summary of the resolution. The resolution seeks to notify the public that without the addition of

sufficient alternate funding, the loss of property tax revenue proposed by Initiative #1 will lead to a decrease in programming and services provided by Sheridan College. Dr. Tribley provided the Board with a handout estimating the loss of funding should the initiative pass. He reported that while the figure is challenging to estimate, Sheridan College could lose approximately \$1.3M in ongoing revenue. The Board asked several clarifying questions and engaged in discussion about the resolution. The Board expressed their concerns related to the loss of revenue, their role in informing the public how the resolution may be perceived by some as the board telling them how to vote, and how the resolution would be disseminated. Trustee Ringley moved to approved Resolution 26-01 of the Sheridan College Board of Trustees: Maintain Stable Revenue for Sheridan College, and Trustee Henry seconded. Trustee Holloway expressed his reservation about the resolution. His concern being that the resolution could be perceived as the Board dictating to the public about the property tax initiative and that it may reflect negatively on the Board and the College. Trustee Cotton expressed similar concerns but reiterated the need to inform the public of the possible consequences of lost revenue. The Trustees advocated for further communication with the community after passing the resolution to include information about the need for alternate or additional funding, the effect of an operational budget cut, and the value of Sheridan College to the community. Chair Swanson called the question. The motion carried with one nay vote. The Trustees who wished to sign Resolution 26-01, signed.

6. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:


Ward Cotton
NWCCD Board of Trustees, Secretary


Tracy Swanson
NWCCD Board of Trustees, Chair