



WACCT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 2, 2024

WESTERN WYOMING COMMUNITY COLLEGE RM. 1302

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by WACCT President Don Erickson at 4:02pm.

Those present:

Don Erickson, LCCC

Bob Salazar, LCCC

Mark Wurzel, NWC

Larry Smith, GCCD

Ernie Over, CWC

Dr. Brad Tyndall, CWC

Dr. Joe Shaffer, LCCC

Lisa Trimble, LCCC

Dr. Janelle Oberlander, GCCD

Jim Jessen, WWCC

Dr. Jeff Hawes, EWC

Reggie Clark, WWCC

Erin Taylor, WACCT

Craig Tolman, CWC

Dr. Brandan Cosine, CC

Elaine Henry, Sheridan

Katherine Patrick, EWC

Tracy Swanson, Sheridan

Kathy Degenfelder, CC

Dr. Ben Moritz, WCCC

After introductions, a motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the October 2nd meeting as amended.

There was no objection to the September 11, 2024, WACCT Executive Committee meeting minutes and the June 6, 2023, WACCT Board meeting minutes.

Financials:

Trustee Smith and Executive Director Taylor explained the year-end profit and loss & balance sheet, as well as the year-to-date P&L and balance sheet. **A motion was made and seconded to give the Executive Director permission to give up to \$500 to sponsor other organizations without board approval. A motion was then made and seconded to accept the financial reports as presented.**

The 2024/2025 budget was then presented with the addition of the ROI study at both ends of the budget. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget for the current fiscal year.**

Finally, the Executive Director announced that MHP is working on the WACCT annual 990 and the WACCT Audit Committee will need to meet to review the findings. Trustee Over volunteered and two more members will be needed (and may be subject to appointment by the President).

Advocacy

The Executive Director Report referenced her report that was included in the board packet and added the following issues:

- Removal of Gun Free Zones: The POP (President of the Presidents, Dr. Tyndall has been working together the necessary data across the colleges on safety and security equipment and resources. The WACCT ED will continue to work with legislators to maintain the WACCT position, which maintains local control and considers critical areas for exceptions such as residence halls, athletic events, personnel hearings, childcare facilities, labs, etc.
- Regarding rumored 30% cuts across the board: The Board discussed being prepared with numbers and embarking on a marketing campaign to tell the good story. Consider where it could really impact (dual and concurrent & homeschool).
- Finally, the ED gave a quick update on the WACCTwebinars and the coming general election, the Linden marketing update, and the ACCT WIP presentation at the ACCT Congress.

Other Business

The following topics were discussed under other business:

- Shaping Wyoming's Future Student Awards – February 7, 2025, and remember each student gets \$500 split between WBA and WACCT
- WACCT Legislative Breakfast – February 7, 2025
- Applied Baccalaureate Subcommittee update – Trustee Erickson
- WACCT support of Executive Council letter on tuition
 - A motion was made and seconded to support the letter from the Presidents supporting a steady tuition for this year.
 - LightCast economic study update
 - Affordability/Cost of College Student Education – lay back.
 - WACCT Performance Committee - trustee feedback form – now to use at each meeting to evaluate board performance.
 - Wyoming Business Alliance Annual Forum
 - **A motion was made and seconded to give \$300 to the Casper Human Society in honor of Trustee Degenfelder's mother, Mary, and wife, Cheryl.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:21pm