

	<p style="text-align: center;">BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING May 8, 2025</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting Minutes</p>	<p>Board of Trustees Jim Reames, Chair Nicole Bradshaw, Vice Chair Molly Lentz, Sec/Treas Cherie Buckner-Webb Gary Smith</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CWI MISSION The College of Western Idaho is committed to empowering students to succeed by providing affordable and accessible education to advance the local and global workforce</p>		

**NAMPA CAMPUS ACADEMIC BUILDING, ROOM #122
3:00PM**

ATTENDANCE:

Jim Reames, Chair
 Nicole Bradshaw, Vice Chair
 Gary Smith

I. CALL TO ORDER (Chair Reames)

Chair Reames called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There was no public comment or visitors. Trustee Smith read the CWI mission statement.

II. CONSENT AGENDA (Chair Reames)

- A. April 10, 2025 Minutes
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. Capital Projects Budget to Actuals Report

M/S (Bradshaw/Smith): To approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (President Jones)

President Jones reported on attending end of the semester gatherings, including sharing opening remarks during the IT Showcase, an annual event celebrating CWI student innovation and industry collaboration, sponsored by our IT and Computer Science academic program. During the celebration, I had a chance to recognize the faculty's commitment and emphasize the transformative impact our programs have had on students and Idaho's tech workforce. It was fun to learn that we have had nearly 1,000 IT graduates during the time we've been open.

He noted the privilege to celebrate and recognize student achievement at the President's Writing Awards dinner. It was great to thank everyone in-person who participated in this year's contest, recognizing their talent and dedication to the craft of writing. He noted contest's continued growth, noting the 122 submissions received this year and over 1,000 total entries since its inception 11 years ago, with top finishers earning cash prizes — including \$500 for first place.

He also highlighted the Connections event held each spring and the new aspects added this year.

President Jones reminded the Board that next Friday is commencement and noted that we are expecting to have more than 700 graduates in attendance, which is 100 more than attended last year, along with 35 dual credit students expected to receive their college degree before they graduate from high school.

Finally, President Jones discussed the leadership conference attended recently with two of the trustees, sponsored by the Boise Chamber, and which included leaders from across the Treasure Valley. The focus was education and the workforce and there were meaningful conversations around the future of the Valley.

IV. BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

A. Marketing, Government Relations & Advancement (Trustee Bradshaw)

Trustee Bradshaw noted her appreciation for the dual credit news and noted that all of her kids benefitted greatly from the dual credit program offered through CWI.

1. Marketing – Fall Campaign (VP Tetz)

VP Tetz reviewed the strategy and various media mixes for this year's campaign – Let's Get Started 2.0. She showed video examples of the various approaches and explained the reasoning behind the approach. She noted that surveys will be used to measure success.

Trustee Smith commented on seeing these ads in a variety of mediums and complimented the team on a job well done.

B. Campus Visioning (Trustee Smith, VP Miller)

1. Capital Projects Status Update

VP Miller noted that he was able to give today's presentation to a group of student leaders this morning and they were pleased with what they saw. Students have expressed interest in having more places to study and hang out between classes, so having these projects underway really supports those interests. VP Miller proceeded to provide an update on all current projects.

Trustee Bradshaw asked about programs within the buildings at the Ag Complex. Miller noted it will contain classrooms, a storefront for products produced along with faculty offices and gathering spaces.

2. ACHD Fee Waiver

As a local government entity, CWI can request that ACHD waive fees that would normally be applied. Trustee Smith noted that normally taxing districts are required to pay unless they vote to request a waiver, and that this brings a potential for \$500,000 in savings. It was noted that, ultimately, ACHD has to accept it, but it is important that we ask.

MS (Smith / Bradshaw): Move to approve the ACHD fee waiver as presented. The motion passed.

C. Finance (Sec/Treasurer Lenty, ED Fechter)

Executive Director of Budget & Planning, Bryan Fechter, presented the FY25 budget to actuals, alongside foundation and grant funding to date and capital project expenses to date.

He also presented the COPs to be considered for renewal and reminded the Board that this request has come to them annually since the COPs were issued.

MS (Smith/Bradshaw): To approve the Intent to Renew Certificate of Participation 2018 Series and 2022 Series. The motion passed.

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Reames reported that Trustee Smith has submitted his resignation effective May 26, and noted that a special meeting will be held to formally process the pending resignation and vacancy.

Trustee Reames continued to express what a tremendous asset Trustee Smith has been to the Board, bringing his professionalism and years of experience in government to the table at CWI.

Trustee Smith noted he is only resigning because he is moving out of the zone, and that it has been a personal joy to be a part of CWI and see the progress made even in just the last two years.

President Jones added appreciation on behalf of the faculty and staff and noted how much we welcome future visits and involvement from Trustee Smith.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:51pm.

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Molly Lenty
Secretary/Treasurer