



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
June 12, 2025**

Board of Trustees
Jim Reames, Chair
Nicole Bradshaw, Vice Chair
Molly Lenty, Sec/Treas
Cherie Buckner-Webb

Minutes

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**

**CWI Administration Building
6056 Birch Ln, Suite 200
3:00PM**

ATTENDANCE:

Jim Reames, Chair
Nicole Bradshaw, Vice Chair
Molly Lenty, Secretary/Treasurer
Cherie Buckner-Webb

I. CALL TO ORDER (Chair Reames)

Chair Reames called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Terry Dennington, Meridian resident, introduced herself as a visitor to the meeting. Trustee Bradshaw read the CWI mission statement.

II. CONSENT AGENDA (Chair Reames)

- A. May 8, 2025 Minutes
- B. May 16, 2025 Minutes
- C. Treasurer's Report
- D. Capital Projects Budget to Actuals Report

MS (Lenty/ Bradshaw): To approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (President Jones)

President Jones thanked the Trustees for their continued support and commitment to student success, as evidenced by our recent Commencement. 730 graduates attended commencement in person, the highest number in CWI history. The record-breaking turnout reflects the hard work of our students and the collective impact of faculty and staff who make their achievements possible. He also noted that we enjoyed our first ever commencement speaker, Mary Daly, who delivered an inspiring message and added to the air of celebration and distinction.

President Jones noted that we have just begun the summer term and it is our ninth successive term of growth. He noted that his summer will include meetings with Legislators, who are busy this time of year gathering information in anticipation of the next session.

President Jones also noted a successful event was held for the naming of the Simplot Agricultural Building. The event was held to recognize the J.R. Simplot Foundation's significant gift supporting the

Agricultural Sciences Complex, bringing together Simplot family members, foundation leadership, and the CWI community. He expressed excitement about the connection with Simplot as well as the awareness it creates about these program offerings at CWI.

IV. BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

A. Finance (Sec/Treasurer Lenty, VP Ken Kline)

VP Kline provided details regarding the COP renewals and reminded the Board that they expressed their intent to renew in May.

MS (Buckner-Webb/Bradshaw): To approve the Renewal of Certificate of Participation 2018 Series. The motion carried.

- Chair Reames - Aye
- Vice Chair Bradshaw - Aye
- Sec/Treas Lenty - Aye
- Trustee Buckner-Webb - Aye

MS (Bradshaw/ Lenty): To approve the Renewal of Certificate of Participation 2022 Series. The motion carried.

- Chair Reames - Aye
- Vice Chair Bradshaw - Aye
- Sec/Treas Lenty - Aye
- Trustee Buckner-Webb - Aye

VP Kline reviewed the proposed budget for FY26, which considers revenue from all sources as well as planned expenditures.

There were some questions around the comparisons with other community colleges. Ken said he would distribute numbers to go with the percentages in the agenda.

Trustee Bradshaw inquired as to how we assess our budgets from year to year to ensure our expenditures remain relevant. VP Kline explained that we have been in growth mode, so haven't been focused on campuswide reductions in the last few years. However, there have been and are periodic reviews regarding expenditures that are ongoing by vice president. Academic programs have a process in place that also ensures periodic review.

Chair Reames asked VP Kline to identify ways that we stay on top of the budget throughout the year and asked to what degree we consider outside impacts. VP Kline let the Board know that we follow trends closely related to the amount of our budget assigned to personnel and operating. He also let them know that we are monitoring the federal budget because we are impacted by Pell grants and grants to various programs, like Perkins. He said that we also keep close tabs on state revenue trends since their revenues, whether up or down, could ultimately impact our state allocation.

Secretary/Treasurer Lenty expressed appreciation for the thoughtful information and presentation.

MS (Bradshaw/Buckner-Webb): To approve the FY26 Budget as presented. The motion carried.

V. Open Market Request

GC Fontaine presented what she described as a housekeeping item required by Idaho Code anytime an agency wants or needs to purchase outside of the prescribed public bidding process. She explained that we attempted to get bids for furnishings and equipment for our Mechatronics program and received none. Our choices are to begin again to obtain items through a public bid or have the Board declare that purchasing on the open market is acceptable.

Trustee Buckner-Webb inquired about quality, which can be lost in the public bidding process. She expressed the importance of finding quality items regardless of the process used. GC Fontaine let the Board know that we have identified the equipment wanted and needed, which matches the quality expectations of those in the program, and this process will allow us to make the purchases.

MS (Lenty / Buckner-Webb): To approve a resolution declaring that mechatronics equipment as presented can be purchased more economically on the open market. The motion carried.

VI. Chair's Report

Chair Reames expressed appreciation for all of the effort that went into Commencement. It was well executed and made a big splash in the community. He has heard many comments from community partners about the great work being done here at CWI.

VII. Executive Session

MS (Bradshaw / Lenty): To convene in Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (b) to consider the evaluation, dismissal or discipline of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member, individual agent or public school student. The motion carried.

- Chair Reames - Aye
- Vice Chair Bradshaw - Aye
- Sec/Treas Lenty - Aye
- Trustee Buckner-Webb - Aye

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:52 pm.



A handwritten signature of Molly Lenty is on the left, and a handwritten signature of Jim Reames is on the right, both in blue ink. An 'X' is written above the signature of Molly Lenty.