

	<p style="text-align: center;">BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING January 8, 2026 AGENDA Minutes</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Board of Trustees Jim Reames, Chair Nicole Bradshaw, Vice Chair Molly Lenty, Sec/Treas Cherie Buckner-Webb David Bishop</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>		

Boise Chamber of Commerce
1101 W Front St, Boise, ID
83702 ICCU Meeting Room
3:00PM

ATTENDANCE:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Reames called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Secretary/Treasurer Lenty read the CWI mission statement. No visitors were present and no public comments were received.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. *December 8, 2025 Minutes,*
- b. *Treasurer’s Report*
- c. *Capital Projects Budget to Actuals Report*
- d. *Conflict of Interest Disclosure*

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

I. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

The President opened by expressing optimism for 2026 and reaffirming CWI’s commitment to providing accessible, high value education to a growing community. He highlighted the December completion of the Ford Idaho Center property transfer from the City of Nampa, calling it a significant milestone that aligns with CWI’s mission and strengthens the unified campus footprint. He noted that integration work is now beginning, with executive leadership coordinating efforts with external partners and evaluating necessary onetime costs to cover items such as RFPs, master planning, and potentially updated signage and branding. The President also noted the start of the new legislative session, with Vice President Nick Miller leading planning and ongoing relationship building with legislators. He concluded by reaffirming the leadership team’s dedication to serving Idaho students, employers, and communities and maintaining responsible stewardship of public resources while valuing education to a growing community.

II. FORD IDAHO CENTER OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURE APPROVAL

Vice President Kline reviewed the Ford Idaho Center budget. The budget consists of two parts: event revenues/expenses—historically projected conservatively due to industry volatility—and indirect expenses, which are fixed regardless of events. Rather than creating a new budget, the presentation shows an adoption of the city's approved budget for this fiscal year. approved version approved version.

It was noted that OVG earns most of its profit in July–September, generating \$918,000 in that period last year, compared with \$320,000 from October–June. Due to fiscal year alignment, the organization will not capture OVG's most profitable quarter in the current year's budget year.

The Board asked a number of questions to understand the budget before them, since this is the first time they have been asked to approve. It was noted that having the revenue side of the budget would add significant clarity and comfort before proceeding to a vote. VP Kline confirmed that a vote in February would be acceptable. The board decided to defer further discussion of this topic until the February board meeting when more details will be available.

III. LEGISLATIVE PLANNING

Vice President Miller presented on the upcoming legislative session will begin Monday with the Governor's State of the State address and release of the proposed budget. He noted that the state is entering the session with a projected budget deficit estimated at over \$40 million, though this figure remains fluid due to changing healthcare costs, federal guidance, and other factors. Additional fiscal pressure may result from efforts to comply with federal legislation, which could further increase the deficit.

In preparation for the session, state leadership has directed agencies to implement a 3% budget reduction for the current and upcoming fiscal years. No Enrollment Workload Adjustments (EWA) or new line items are included in the Governor's recommended budget. The absence of EWA is notable, as the institution had projected more than \$1 million in discretionary funding tied to enrollment growth.

Additionally, the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee (JFAC) presentations have been canceled for higher education institutions this year. This removes a traditional opportunity for institutional leadership to present needs and respond to legislators, further limiting advocacy options during a constrained budget cycle.

Secretary /Treasurer Lenty - Question: The 3% pullback is equal to what amount?

Vice President Kline - Answer: An estimate of \$900,000.

Secretary /Treasurer Lenty - Question: In the worst-case scenario, what would CWI do if we did not receive any money from the state this year?

Vice President Kline - Answer: There are many factors that we can consider, tuition increases, debt for

the Boise Center, leases that are expiring the following year, and reserves to bridge the gap.

Vice President Miller outlined leadership's legislative and budget priorities, emphasizing the need to preserve current funding and mitigate the impact of potential cuts. Advocacy efforts focus on protecting existing resources and preparing strategic responses if reductions occur.

Leadership is closely monitoring a proposed shift to outcomes-based funding, which may replace the current EWA model, and is engaging in system level discussions with national and state partners to ensure community colleges' unique missions are recognized.

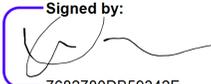
College leadership continues legislative and community engagement to promote the impact of community colleges statewide. Marketing efforts are increasing visibility through media stories and outreach focused on student success. A CWI showcase event is planned at the Capitol in late February to highlight workforce training initiatives.

IV. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Reames announced that he has chosen Board representatives for the Ford Idaho Center Advisory Committee. Trustee Bishop and Trustee Bradshaw agreed to serve as the Board representatives. They will join President Gordon Jones, Mayor Rick Hogaboam and two city council members.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:06pm.

Signed by:

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Molly Lenty

Board Secretary