

 COLLEGE OF WESTERN IDAHO	BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING August 14, 2025 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	Board of Trustees Jim Reames, Chair Nicole Bradshaw, Vice Chair Molly Lenty, Sec/Treas Cherie Buckner-Webb
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**CWI Nampa Campus Academic Building
Room 122
3:00AM**

ATTENDANCE:

Nicole Bradshaw, Vice Chair
Molly Lenty, Secretary/Treasurer
Cherie Bucker-Webb, Trustee

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Bradshaw called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Trustee Lenty recited the CWI mission statement. No visitor introductions were made and no public comments were received.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

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

MS (Lenty/Bucker-Webb): To approve the consent agenda as present. The motion carried.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Jones introduced the new Executive Assistant, Amy Jenkins. Remarks were made on 17th Annual CWI Fall Address, which was on CWI Nampa campus this year with over 400 faculty and staff in attendance.

President Jones met with Governor Little and U.S. Secretary of Labor Chavez at Cascade High School where they convened with representatives from Perpetua Resources, which is launching a Stibnite Mine. In partnership with Perpetua, CWI will launch a Geosciences and Mining Technician Program, supported by a \$250,000 investment to train students for careers in mining. This initiative complements Governor Little's Idaho LAUNCH program, which will cover 100% of tuition costs for eligible students.

President Jones also addressed the potential transfer of the Ford Idaho Center to CWI. The city is currently evaluating this transition which would have far-reaching benefits for our students and our community. This would double our campus footprint and create the opportunity for expanded programming. Over the past month President Jones has attended various town halls on the subject.

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Vice Chair Bradshaw - Noted: That there was a "great vibe" at the Fall Address. She also wanted to know if there were any other topics that were covered during the Town Hall portion of the Address?

President Jones - Added: Additional topics included AI at CWI, and the potential for college athletics. The audience was asked their thoughts on bringing sports to campus, which was met with a positive response.

IV. INSTRUCTION & STUDENT SUCCESS PROGRAM EXEMPTION

During the 2025 Legislative Session, a bill was passed introducing new requirements for diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) at Idaho's public colleges and universities. One key provision allows Boards of Trustees to exempt academic programs (majors, minors, certificates) that require DEI-related coursework. CWI is seeking retroactive approval for DEI-related course exemptions from the Summer 2025 term and for the Fall 2025 term specifically for SOCW 101: Introduction to Social Work and Social Welfare. This course is a required part of the Social Work degree and is designed for transfer to four-year institutions. It aligns with the Council for Social Work Education (CSWE) accreditation standards, making it essential and irreplaceable for students pursuing a bachelor's degree in social work.

Trustee Lenty - Question: Are there other institutions that are delivering the same course as part of that requisite?

Provost Cannata - Answer: Community colleges that transfer into the social work program will have this same class and will have to seek the same exemptions. Those who offer this program are programmatically accredited which means they cannot deviate from the curriculum.

MS(Lenty/Bradshaw): To approve the program exemption as presented for summer and fall 2025. The motion carried.

V. CWI GREENHOUSES (VP Miller)

VP Miller reported that, as CWI contemplated the move and new Ag Complex, we looked at the current condition of the greenhouses and what it would cost to disassemble, repair and move vs. building new. This resulted in the decision to purchase new Greenhouses for the Nampa Campus. The lease on the property in Boise will expire at the end of the month and that is where the old greenhouses are located. CWI has had the greenhouses appraised and they are valued at \$210,000. He conveyed that he believes our options are to put them up for public auction for a minimum bid of \$150,000, or, if a qualifying bid is not received, to convey them to the Idaho State Historical Society.

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Trustee Buckner-Webb - Question: If we were to convey them to somebody else, would they be responsible for removal and re-erecting with no costs incurred to CWI?

VP Miller - Answer: Yes, with a minimum bid of \$150,000 they would have to have them removed from the property and restored the grounds to original form to satisfy our conditions.

Sec/Treas Lenty - Question: Would there be a value to salvaging the parts?

VP Miller - Answer: We currently have that equipment in the new greenhouses in brand new condition.

MS(Buckner-Webb/Lenty) To sell the CWI Greenhouses by sealed bid for not less than \$150,000, and if no such bid is received, to reject all bids and convey the CWI Greenhouses to the Idaho State Historical Society without consideration for the interest of the College under Idaho Code 33-601(4)(b).**The motion carried.**

VI. TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT

Vice Chair Bradshaw reviewed how previous trustee Gary Smith had to resign because of his move out of the district.

Sec/Treas Lenty – added that the process to find new trustees is not easy and the hope is that the new appointments will provide new expertise to the board. She noted that this candidate has a lot of excellent experience as well as vision and leadership, and that he will be a great addition to the board.

MS(Lenty/Buckner-Webb): To appoint David Bishop as Zone 4 Trustee to the College of Western Idaho. The motion carried.

VII. OATH OF OFFICE

Vice Chair Bradshaw administered the Oath of Office to Trustee Bishop. Trustee Bishop then joined the Board to finish the meeting.

VIII. CHAIR'S REPORT (Vice Chair Bradshaw)

Vice Chair Bradshaw read a letter from Chair Reames, who had to miss the meeting.

The letter noted that the Chair Reames expresses his gratitude for the leadership and collaboration shown by President Gordon Jones and other key individuals in evaluating the potential transfer of the Ford Idaho Center. The letter emphasizes the importance of this opportunity for CWI and the broader

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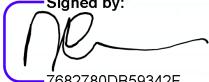
Treasure Valley community, highlighting the college's commitment to transparency, community engagement, and educational excellence.

Additionally, Chair Reames noted that we undertook an extensive and thoughtful interview process to identify Gary Smith's successor. He expressed gratitude to have a strong pool of applicants, each bringing a unique set of experiences and values to the table. He closed by welcoming David Bishop as the newest Trustee.

Vice Chair Bradshaw expressed appreciation for the efforts and hard work that is put in by those here and to those not in the room today.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.


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Molly Lenty

Board Secretary