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### **CWI Presidential Announcement**

In alignment with a transparent and inclusive presidential search process and in accordance with public meeting laws, the College of Western Idaho (CWI) Board of Trustees approved a motion during the Board’s monthly meeting today, Dec. 9, to extend an offer to Gordon Jones to serve as the next president of the College.

The Board of Trustees contracted Summit Search Solutions to assist with the search process. Focus groups were held earlier this spring to help provide input on the presidential profile, and individuals representative of the college’s Broad stakeholder groups were identified to participate on the search committee. Over seventy applications were received, and after the committee interviewed an impressive list of semifinalists, four finalists were identified to invite on to campus to participate in a series of individual stakeholder forums.

Board Chair, Molly Lenty said, “The Board is excited to make this announcement following an extensive and comprehensive process to find a new president who will lead CWI boldly into the future, ensuring the College continues to empower students and the community.”

Once an agreement of terms of employment and a start is established, more details of CWI's next president will be released. Visit CWI’s [Presidential Search](#) page to learn more about the search process.

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**About the College of Western Idaho:**

The College of Western Idaho is a public, open-access, and comprehensive community college committed to providing affordable access to quality teaching and learning opportunities to the residents of its service area in western Idaho. CWI has several campus locations throughout Southwest Idaho providing higher education and 21st Century technical skills acquisition. The college is dedicated to improving the community's economic well-being by responding with highly-educated and productive graduates. The foundation for the area's only community college was created by a supermajority of voters in Ada and Canyon counties on May 22, 2007. CWI is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). For more information about the college, visit [www.cwi.edu](http://www.cwi.edu) or call 208.562.3000.

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