

**NORTHWEST COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF BUDGET HEARING**

July 14, 2025

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** President MS. DENISE LAURSEN; Treasurer MR. BOB NEWSOME; Trustees MR. JOHN HOUSEL (via Zoom), MR. SHANE OGDEN, and DR. MARK WURZEL.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Vice President/Secretary MR.R.J. KOST.
- OTHERS PRESENT:** MS. LISA WATSON, President; MR. DAVE ERICKSON, Vice President for Academic Affairs; MR. TOM HAVRON, Vice President for Student Services; MR. BURT REYNOLDS, Vice President for Administrative Services and Finance; MS. JILL ANDERSON; MS. JACQUE COBOURN; MR. DUSTIN DICKS; MS. TRACY GASAWAY; MR. MARK GRANT; MS. CAREY MILLER; MR. DENNIS QUILLEN; MS. LISA SMITH; MS. LINDA SPOMER; MR. OSCAR TREVIÑO; MS. SHELBY WETZEL; MR. ZAC TAYLOR, *Powell Tribune*; and MS. KELI BORDERS, Executive Secretary to the President and Board of Trustees.
- CALL TO ORDER:** The budget hearing of the Northwest College Board of Trustees convened on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Yellowstone Building Conference Center.
- President Laursen requested a friendly amendment to the Budget Hearing agenda to include Public Comment after the Review of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.
- REVIEW THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET:** President Watson stated that the final budget being presented for consideration has changed only slightly from the first reading in June, due to minor adjustments.
- The College is waiting on final numbers from the State, as is normal this time of year. The College is also experiencing uncertainty due to federal and state funding related to grants. There will likely be budget adjustments in the fall once the numbers are known.
- PUBLIC COMMENT** There were no individuals who wished to speak during the public comment period.
- A ADOPT EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY RESOLUTION:** A motion was made by Trustee Kuipers and seconded by Trustee Ogden to adopt the Expenditure Authority Resolution as presented in the 2025-2026 budget materials. Motion carried.
- A ADOPT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE INCOME:** A motion was made by Trustee Ogden and seconded by Trustee Wurzel to adopt the Resolution to Provide Income as presented in the 2025-20256 budget materials. Motion carried.
- A ADOPT RESOLUTION FOR ONE MIL LEVY:** A motion was made by Trustee Wurzel and seconded by Trustee Kuipers to adopt the Resolution for One Mil Levy as presented in the 2025-2026 budget materials. Motion carried.
- A ADJOURNMENT:** The Budget Hearing adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

DENISE LAURSEN, PRESIDENT

Date