

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

July 8, 2026

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** President: MS. DENISE LAURSEN; Vice President/Secretary: MR. R.J. KOST; Treasurer: MR. BOB NEWSOME; TRUSTEES: MR. JOHN HOUSEL, MS. TARA KUIPERS, and DR. MARK WURZEL.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** MR. SHANE OGDEN.
- OTHERS PRESENT:** MS. LISA WATSON, President; MR. DAVE ERICKSON, Vice President for Academic Affairs; MR. BURT REYNOLDS, Vice President for Administrative Services and Finance; MS. JILL ANDERSON; MS. KAREN BERCHTOLD; MS. JACQUE COBOURN; MR. DUSTIN DICKS; MS. TRACY GASAWAY; MR. MARK GRANT; MR. RYAN MANGUS; MS. CAREY MILLER; MS. SANDY MYERS; MR. DENNIS QUILLEN; MR. GREG SMITH; MS. LINDA SPOMER; MR. OSCAR TREVIÑO; 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 Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 4:04 p.m. in the Yellowstone Building, Room 240.
- REVIEW THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET:** President Watson stated that the final budget being presented for consideration has changed only slightly from the first reading in June. There is a slight increase, less than \$ 100,000, added to revenue due to the local levy assessed valuation.
- The budget primarily reflects an increase from last year in compensation and major maintenance funding. The College needs to remain very mindful of operational spending as those budget lines have not increased.
- The College will continue to monitor future revenue streams from property taxes, state allocations, and enrollment levels.
- PUBLIC COMMENT** No individuals wished to speak during the public comment period.
- A ADOPT EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY RESOLUTION:** A motion was made by Trustee Kuipers and seconded by Trustee Wurzel to adopt the Expenditure Authority Resolution as presented in the 2026-2027 budget materials. Motion carried.
- A ADOPT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE INCOME:** A motion was made by Trustee Kuipers and seconded by Trustee Kost to adopt the Resolution to Provide Income as presented in the 2026-2027 budget materials. Motion carried.
- A ADOPT RESOLUTION FOR ONE MIL LEVY:** A motion was made by Trustee Kuipers and seconded by Trustee Wurzel to adopt the Resolution for One Mil Levy as presented in the 2026-2027 budget materials. Motion carried.
- A ADJOURNMENT:** The Budget Hearing adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

R.J. KOST, Vice President/Secretary

Date