

WACCT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 2, 2025

EASTERN WYOMING COLLEGE

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by WACCT President Don Erickson at 10:00 am.

Those present:

Don Erickson, LCCC
Bob Salazar, LCCC
Mark Wurzel, NWC
Larry Smith, GCCD
Katherine Patrick, EWC
Dr. Brandon Kosine, CC
Dr. Joe Schaffer, LCCC
Ellis Day, GCCD
Tiffany Marshall, WWCC
Dr. Kirk Young, WWCC
Doug Mercer, EWC
Dr. Paige Fenton-Hughes, WCCC

Erin Taylor, WACCT
Craig Tolman, CWC
Dale Bohren, CC
Ernie Over, CWC
Brad Cundy, CC
Dr. Laurel Ballard, WCCC
Dr. Lisa Watson, NWC
Kathy Dolan, CC
Dr. Walt Tribley, Sheridan College
Dr. Brad Tyndall CWC
Denise Laursen, NWC

After introductions, a motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda for the October 2nd meeting as amended.

There was no objection to the September 22, 2025, WACCT Executive Committee meeting minutes and June 5, 2024, WACCT Board meeting minutes.

Financials:

Trustee Smith and Executive Director Taylor explained the year-to-date profit and loss, balance sheet, and year-end financials, including an update on the extra assessment to the colleges. The Association ended the fiscal year with \$52,000 in reserves. The Board appointed members of the WACCT Audit Committee, Trustees Ketchum, Over and Laursen. **After careful consideration, a motion was made and seconded to accept the financial reports.**

Advocacy

The Executive Director's Report referenced an attachment included in the board packet, providing an update on legislative outreach, marketing, and implications of property tax relief measures.

Other Business

The following topics were discussed under other business:

- ACCT Congress – WIP Presentation and attendees
- Shaping Wyoming's Future Student Awards
- WACCT Legislative Luncheon and partnership with WACTE, February 12, 11-2
- Finally, Trustee Salazar gave an update on the WACCT Performance Committee evaluations (13 responses):
 - How well did the board stay focused and statewide priorities during this meeting? – Average response – 4 of 5
 - Did today's meeting encourage broad participation and meaningful dialogue among trustees? – Average response – 4 of 5
 - Other input:
 - Need microphones for WACCT meetings
 - More discussion on advocacy
 - Need more input from trustees (Presidents appreciated, but need more from the Board)
 - How can we build consistency/sharing between WACCT members and the rest of the college boards
 - Reminder of the "you said" items – these will be incorporated into the ED's goals as much as she can – but we will start a running list
 - Add 1- or 2-minute report from each college (we used to do this)
 - "Just in time" training for trustees on advocacy. Planned as a future WACCTwebinar already!

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 am.