



Regular Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Gillette College

6/17/2026 11:30 AMMDT

@ Technical Education Center, 3251 4-J Road, Gillette, WY 82718

Attendance

Present:

Members: Teri Anderson, Ellis Day, Josh McGrath, Robert Palmer, Larry Smith, Tracy Wasserburger, Nello Williams

Guests: Raveena Devjee, Scott Durgin, Win Hammond, Dave Horning, Jeff Wasserburger

Administration: Janell Oberlander, Elly Henning, Roger Humphrey, Anne Larsen

Faculty: Tony Giest, Travis Grubb

Staff: Shantel Moore, Ellen Peterson, Evonne Carter, Travis Grubb, Renee Collins, Diana Newman, Thomas Newman, Lindsay Wakefield, Kwin Wilkes

I. Call to Order

[Motion Agenda 6-17-2026.doc](#)

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Wasserburger led the pledge.

B. Roll Call

C. Additions/Deletions to Agenda for Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Motion:

Chair Wasserburger requested a motion to approve the Agenda for the Regular GCCD BOT meeting held today, Wednesday, June 17, 2026 with the addition of adding Item D under New Business, Policy 2000.7 Reimbursement Resolution.

Motion moved by Nello Williams and motion seconded by Josh McGrath. Motion carried.

D. Approval of Consent Agenda for Wednesday, June 17, 2026

1. Minutes of GCCD Regular BOT Meeting Held on May 20, 2026

[Regular Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes 5-20-2026 - DRAFT.pdf](#)

2. Minutes of Executive Session Held on May 20, 2026

3. Staffing Report

[June Staffing Report.pdf](#)

4. May 2026 Financials

 [May Financial Report.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Wasserburger requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for the Regular GCCD BOT meeting held today, Wednesday, June 17, 2026.

Motion moved by Teri Anderson and motion seconded by Larry Smith.
Motion carried.

II. For the Good of the District

A. Good News from the Trustees

Trustee Smith wished Trustee McGrath happy 26th wedding anniversary and Trustee Williams has a 60 year wedding anniversary tomorrow. Trustee William's grandson got married in Arizona in 111 degree temperatures. Trustee McGrath's daughter enjoyed playing for Coach Lewis in the Wyoming Montana All Star Games. Trustee Anderson encouraged everyone to attend the community theater production in Frozen. Chair Wasserburger shared the news about the birth of her newest grandson Cooper.

B. Good News from the College

Dr. Oberlander shared that the women's rodeo team is at the College National Finals Rodeo along with some individual men competing. Trustee Smith shared that all but one of the competitors are still in the running to be in the top 10. Our rodeo athletes compete against the 4 year universities. Dean Grubb shared that Tony Giest was recognized as the Postsecondary Teacher of the Year at the recent Wyoming Association for Career and Technical Education Conference. This prestigious award honors outstanding postsecondary Career and Technical Education (CTE) instructors who demonstrate excellence in teaching, innovation in the classroom, and a strong commitment to advancing CTE programs and serving their communities. Dean Grubb added that students at the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference represented Gillette College on the national stage and competed against some of the best career and technical education students in the country. A special congratulations goes to Arianna Castillo, who earned 2nd Place in Medical Math, bringing home a national silver medal for Gillette College.

III. Organizational Reports

A. President's Report - President Oberlander

The replat of Pronghorn Plaza has been completed and there is no change to the original MOU. The City of Gillette, Gillette College and Sheridan College have finalized the 3 way reimbursement settlement for the fixes in Inspiration Hall. This now removes Sheridan College from any further obligations with Inspiration Hall. Tomorrow the college will be having the required annual emergency tabletop exercise. We are nearing the time when we will get a response from the HLC trustees on our candidacy. Once we get that we will institute our plan with the US Department of Education for financial aid as well as the .edu process. Results from the most recent SLEDs reports show that dual and concurrent students are completing their post high school degrees at a higher rate and students who only took high school courses were less likely to pursue higher education. CTE outcomes were also very promising with graduates

staying in the state and earning high wages. Dr. Oberlander concluded by sharing her plans to take some vacation toward the end of this month.

B. Gillette College Advisory Board Report - Chair Scott Durgin

The advisory board is not meeting during the summer so there was no report. Vice President Larsen and Vice President Pauley did have a good conversation with 2 advisory board members about all the exciting things happening at the college and in the community with potential new companies coming.

C. Area 59 Report - Director Ellen Peterson

Director Peterson shared a presentation of all the wonderful things happening at Area 59. Learning, Building and Belonging is the motto for Area 59. Students start coming to Area 59 in elementary school and every second grader in Campbell County and every 6th grader come to the Tech Center. Middle schoolers can be part of the STEM Achievers summer camp. 6 middle school home school classes also came in for lessons this past year. High schoolers get to do career exploration and technical skill development. MakerClasses continue to be really successful and popular with the community. The Marne Keuhne Foundation awarded Area 59 \$25,000 for Veteran specific programs. Several students have started teaching classes now that they are proficient and confident in what they learned.

IV. Old Business

A. FY27 Budget Approval - Dr. Oberlander

 [2027 Budget Hearing Presentation.pptx](#)

 [FY 2027 GCCD budget.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Wasserburger requested a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2027 budget.

Motion moved by Robert Palmer and motion seconded by Josh McGrath. Motion carried.

V. New Business

A. Zoom License Renewal - Vice President Larsen

 [Zoom #1.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Wasserburger requested a motion to approve the Zoom license renewal for \$ \$64,536.

Motion moved by Teri Anderson and motion seconded by Ellis Day. Motion carried.

B. First Reading of Policy 2000.6 - Bond Issuance and Debt Management - Vice President Larsen

 [Policy 200.6 Bond Issuance .pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Wasserburger requested a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 2000.6 – Bond Issuance and Debt Management.

Motion moved by Josh McGrath and motion seconded by Teri Anderson. Motion carried.

C. Reimbursement Resolution - Vice President Larsen

 [Reimbursement Resolution - District 06-10-2026.pdf](#)

Motion:

Chair Wasserburger requested a motion to table the Reimbursement Resolution until the July meeting.

Motion moved by Larry Smith and motion seconded by Robert Palmer. Motion carried.

D. First Reading of Policy 2000.7 - Reimbursement Resolution

Motion:

Chair Wasserburger requested a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 2000.7 - Reimbursement Resolution.

Motion moved by Nello Williams and motion seconded by Ellis Day. Motion carried.

VI. Committee Reports

A. WACCT - Trustee Smith and Trustee Day

Trustee Smith shared that their last meeting was in Sheridan with a legislative panel of Sheridan County people to discuss property tax relief. The community colleges are working to get information out to voters on what the impact of property tax relief could mean for colleges.

B. Governance Committee - Chair Wasserburger, Trustee McGrath, and Trustee Smith

The committee is reviewing series 1000 and any updates will be forthcoming.

VII. Public Comments

VIII. Upcoming Events

A. July 31, 2026 - Foundation Golf Tournament

B. Community College Board of Trustees Application for Election Filing Period - August 5 - August 25, 2026

IX. Executive Session pursuant to Wyoming Statute 16-4-405(ii) on matters concerning personnel

Motion:

Chair Wasserburger requested a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to Wyoming Statute 16-4-405(ii), personnel.

Motion moved by Robert Palmer and motion seconded by Ellis Day. Motion carried.

Executive session ended at 1:15 p.m.

X. Approval of President's Contract - Trustee Wasserburger

Motion:

Chair Wasserburger requested a motion to approve Dr. Oberlander's contract with a 2% increase in salary, \$10,000 in deferred compensation, \$2,000 one time lump sum deferred compensation payment, and extending her contract by 1 year and discontinuing the discretionary time off.

Motion moved by Josh McGrath and motion seconded by Robert Palmer. Motion carried.

XI. Adjourn

Motion:

Chair Wasserburger requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion moved by Robert Palmer and motion seconded by Larry Smith. Motion carried at 1:19 p.m.

