

EASTERN WYOMING COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 EWC Dolores Kaufman Board Room

Attendance

Present:

Members: Kurt Sittner, Katherine Patrick, Randy Adams, Rick Vonburg, Bob Baumgartner, Jackie Van Mark, Doug Mercer, Jim Willox

Absent:

Members:

- 1. Chairman Van Mark called the meeting to order at 5:57 p.m.
- 2. Approval of the Agenda

Recommended To: Approve the Agenda

Moved by: Bob Baumgartner Seconded by: Rick Vonburg

Motion Carried

3. Approval of the Minutes

Recommended To: Approve the Minutes

Moved by: Randy Adams

Seconded by: Katherine Patrick

Motion Carried

4. Introductions - None

5. Public Comment- None

6. Administrative Reports

President's Report: Dr. Hawes

Dr. Hawes discussed the transitioning of the EWC student host program from the EWC Foundation to student services to ensure compliance with NJCA rules. Dr. Hawes explained that the program is now collegewide and emphasized the importance of following written rules to protect student eligibility and the college's liability.

Financial Report: CFO Wilkes

CFO Wilkes presented the Financial Report for July, 2025.

7. Board Consent Agenda

Recommended To: Approve the Consent Agenda Ratification of the July 2025 Expenditure Report

Moved by: Katherine Patrick
Seconded by: Bob Baumgartner

Motion Carried

8. Board Approval of Action Items

8.1 Approval to authorize funds not to exceed \$65,000 for a pickup truck for the EWC CDL program.

Moved by: Rick Vonburg
Seconded by: Doug Mercer

Motion Carried

8.2 Approval to authorize CFO Wilkes to conduct a public hearing for comment regarding proposed transfers of unexpended and unencumbered appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

Moved by: Randy Adams

Seconded by: Katherine Patrick

Motion Carried

Discussion around public hearing by Trustee Adams. Trustee Adams inquired if any patrons attended the public hearings. CFO Wilkes noted that two public hearings were scheduled in May and the new was to account for expenses based on Title IV adjustments. CFO Wilkes also noted that he has had one attendee attend a public hearing during his tenure as CFO.

9. Department Reports- None

10. Trustee Topics

- Trustee Mercer asked a question regarding the Risk Strategies Company. CFO Wilkes provided an overview of the risk management strategy for athletics.
- Trustee Sittner Inquired about an update regarding the Veteran VA Mobile Health Care. Dr. Hawes shared some insight on a potential collaboration between EWC and Cheyenne Regional Medical Center, with more details to come at a future meeting.
- Trustee Baumgardner stated he had some concerns brought to him regarding the heating and cooling in the Fine Arts Building. Dr.
 Hawes noted that the VP of Administration will present a plan in the coming moths to address the concern.
- Trustee Van Mark shared that the Wyoming Department of Health is seeking input about Wyoming rural health.
- Willox gave an update regarding the Douglas campus expansion project, for construction trades programming.

11. Meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m. by Chairman Van Mark

Moved by: Katherine Patrick Seconded by: Randy Adams

Motion Carried

Jackie Van Mark, Chairman

Randy Adams, Secretary

Lynda Dean, Executive

Assistant