Northwest Missouri State University Board of Regents
People, Finance and Operations Committee Open Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2026
Approved on April 28, 2026

The Northwest Missouri State University Board of Regents People, Finance and Operations Committee met in open session via Zoom on March 10, 2026, pursuant to public notice given on March 5, 2026.

The following members of the People, Finance, and Operations Committee were present: Chair Steve Black, Shanda Durbin and Mel Tjeerdsma. Also present were Regent Leisha Barry, Regent Debbie Roach, President Dr. Lance Tatum, Vice President of Culture Krista Barcus, Vice President of Finance and Administration Stacy Carrick, Interim Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Charles Fey, Athletics Director Dr. Andy Peterson, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Rose Marie Ward, Police Chief Amanda Cullin, Associate Provost of Academic Operations Dr. Tyler Tapps and General Counsel Hayley Hanson.

OPEN SESSION

Roll call was taken at 10:00 a.m., and a quorum was established.

Unfinished Business

It was moved by Regent Tjeerdsma and seconded by Regent Durbin to adopt the agenda.

A voice vote was taken.

The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

It was moved by Regent Durbin and seconded by Regent Tjeerdsma that the following consent item as presented in agenda items 2.01 be approved:

December 9, 2025, OPEN People, Finance and Operations Committee Meeting Minutes (document on file).

A voice vote was taken.

The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

New Business

It was recommended by Vice President of Culture Krista Barcus and Police Chief Amanda Cullin, endorsed by

President Tatum, moved by Regent Tjeerdsma and seconded by Regent Durbin that the following item as presented in agenda item 3.01 be recommended to the Board for consideration:

appoint University Police Officer Cade Johnson per Missouri Revised Statute 174.700.

A roll call vote was taken:

Regent Durbin voted yea.
Regent Tjeerdsma voted yea.
Regent Black voted yea.

The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

It was recommended by Vice President Barcus, endorsed by President Tatum, moved by Regent Tjeerdsma and seconded by Regent Durbin that the following item, as presented in agenda item 3.02, be recommended to the full Board for consideration:

Staff Serving as Adjunct Faculty Policy effective July 1, 2026 (document on file).

A roll call vote was taken:

Regent Durbin voted yea.
Regent Tjeerdsma voted yea.
Regent Black voted yea.

The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

It was recommended by President Tatum, moved by Regent Durbin and seconded by Regent Tjeerdsma that the following item, as presented in agenda item 3.03, be recommended to the full Board for consideration:

FY27 Board of Regents meeting schedule (document on file).

A roll call vote was taken:

Regent Durbin voted yea.
Regent Tjeerdsma voted yea.
Regent Black voted yea.

The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

President Tatum presented the following verbal FYIs to the committee:

- Welcome to Dr. Ward and Dr. Fey.
- Search for Vice President of Student Affairs is underway.
- Dining Services contract RFP is underway.
- The state legislature is considering a new higher education funding model.
- Purchase of the Wesley Foundation property is completed.
- Infrastructure projects are on time and on budget.
- Commencement ceremonies are scheduled for May 1 and 2. Dr. Matt Baker will be the keynote speaker.

There being no other business before the committee, it was moved by Regent Tjeerdsma and seconded by Regent Durbin to adjourn the meeting.

A roll call vote was taken:

Regent Durbin voted yea.
Regent Tjeerdsma voted yea.
Regent Black voted yea.

The motion carried unanimously (3-0).

The People, Finance, and Operations Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hargrave, Secretary to the Board of Regents