Northwest Missouri State University
Board of Regents
Open Meeting Minutes
July 31, 2025
Approved on Oct 24, 2025

The Northwest Missouri State University Board of Regents convened at 1:30 p.m. on July 31, 2025, in the Goppert Foundation Classroom at the Agricultural Learning Center, located at 22893 US Highway 71, Maryville, Missouri, following public notice issued on July 23, 2025.

The following members of the Board were present: Steve Black, Steve Coppinger, Shanda Durbin, Jason Klindt, Debbie Roach, Roxanna Swaney and Mel Tjeerdsma, who participated via Zoom. Also present was President Dr. Lance Tatum, Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Matt Baker, Vice President of Culture Krista Barcus, Vice President of Finance and Administration Stacy Carrick, Provost Dr. Jamie Hooyman, Athletics Director Dr. Andy Peterson and General Counsel Hayley Hanson.

A quorum being present, Vice-Chair Coppinger called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Resolution #26-001: It was moved by Regent Klindt and seconded by Regent Black to adopt the agenda as presented.

The motion carried unanimously (7-0) by voice vote.

Resolution #26-002: It was moved by Regent Klindt and seconded by Regent Durbin that the following consent agenda items be approved:

- June 18, 2025, OPEN Board of Regents Meeting Minutes
- June 18, 2025, CLOSED Board of Regents Meeting Minutes
- Conferral of Degrees - provided all requirements are met by the 18th day of the following term and certified by the Registrar.

The motion carried unanimously (7-0) by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution #26-003: It was proposed by Provost Hooyman, endorsed by President Tatum and the Academic and Student Engagement Committee, moved by Regent Roach and seconded by Regent Klindt that the following item presented in agenda item 4.01 be approved:

appointment of three full-time and 122 adjunct faculty for the 2025-26 academic year (list on file).

Regent Black voted yea.
Regent Coppinger voted yea.
Regent Durbin voted yea.
Regent Klindt voted yea.
Regent Roach voted yea.
Regent Swaney voted yea.

Regent Tjeerdsma voted yea.

The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Resolution #26-004: It was proposed by Provost Hooyman, endorsed by President Tatum and the People, Finance and Operations Committee, moved by Regent Roach and seconded by Regent Klindt that the following item presented in agenda item 4.02 be approved:

the 2025-26 contract in the amount of $2,585,050 between the Northwest Regional Professional Development Center and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (document on file).

Regent Black voted yea.
Regent Coppinger voted yea.
Regent Durbin voted yea.
Regent Klindt voted yea.
Regent Roach voted yea.
Regent Swaney voted yea.
Regent Tjeerdsma voted yea.

The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Resolution #26-005: It was proposed by Vice President Baker, endorsed by President Tatum and the Academic and Student Engagement Committee, moved by Regent Roach and seconded by Regent Durbin that the following item presented in agenda item 4.03 be approved:

the revised Anti Hazing Policy effective July 31, 2025 (document on file).

Regent Black voted yea.
Regent Coppinger voted yea.
Regent Durbin voted yea.
Regent Klindt voted yea.
Regent Roach voted yea.
Regent Swaney voted yea.
Regent Tjeerdsma voted yea.

The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Resolution #26-006: It was proposed by Vice President Stacy Carrick, endorsed by President Tatum and the People, Finance and Operations Committee, moved by Regent Roach and seconded by Regent Swaney that the following item presented in agenda item 4.04 be approved:

authorize university leadership to execute a contract to purchase the Wesley Foundation property located at 549 West Fourth Street, Maryville, Missouri for $500,000 based on the appraised value provided by E.K. S. Appraisals, Inc. (document on file).

Regent Black voted yea.
Regent Coppinger voted yea.
Regent Durbin voted yea.
Regent Klindt voted yea.
Regent Roach voted yea.

Regent Swaney voted yea.
Regent Tjeerdsma voted yea.

The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Resolution #26-007: It was proposed by President Tatum, endorsed by Northwest Leadership Team, the Academic and Student Engagement Committee and the People, Finance, and Operations Committee, moved by Regent Klindt and seconded by Regent Roach that the following item presented in agenda item 4.04 be approved:

the FY26 institutional goals (document on file).

Regent Black voted yea.
Regent Coppinger voted yea.
Regent Durbin voted yea.
Regent Klindt voted yea.
Regent Roach voted yea.
Regent Swaney voted yea.
Regent Tjeerdsma voted yea.

The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Verbal reports were presented by the following individuals:

- **Ms. Anna Tucker, Student Senate President**

  As July comes to a close, I'm excited to share a few key updates as we prepare to kick off the fall semester.

  Presidential Transition Meetings: As mentioned briefly last month, I had the opportunity this summer to meet with Dr. Tatum, Dr. Baker, and Dr. Hoffmann as part of my leadership transition. These conversations were incredibly insightful and helped shape many of our goals for the year ahead. I'm grateful for their time and support—and I'm looking forward to continuing to build strong partnerships across campus leadership. If any of you would ever like to talk more in-depth about Senate's goals, please don't hesitate to reach out. I'd love to connect.

  Athletics & Student Engagement Initiatives: We're currently exploring partnerships to help increase student attendance at athletic events. These efforts reflect one of Senate's top priorities: boosting student engagement and building a strong sense of Bearcat pride. Our goal is to help students feel more connected, more involved, and more excited to be part of this community.

  Fall Retreat & Senate Preparation: Planning for our fall cabinet retreat is nearly complete. The retreat will focus on leadership development, team building, and setting our strategic goals for the semester. We're also working to fill the remaining Senate vacancies and have seen great interest from both new and returning students—which is a strong sign for the year ahead.

  Looking Ahead: I truly can't wait to be back on campus and to see students returning. There's a lot of momentum building, and I'm proud to lead a Student Senate that is committed to being collaborative, transparent, and focused on making a real impact.

Thank you for your continued support as we begin another exciting year.

- **Dr. Lance Tatum, President**
  - SOAR events concluded with good attendance.
  - Infrastructure Project Updates:
    - An open trench from Owens Library to Garrett Strong will be fenced for safety.
    - College Avenue will be re-opened for start of fall term.
    - Martindale Hall is on schedule to be completed in spring term.
    - Administration Building shutdown scheduled to begin in January 2026 and staff will be re-located.
  - Coaches Caravan events were well received and well attended.
  - Upcoming events:
    - Week of Aug 11: new faculty orientation
    - Aug 20: all-employee meeting at 8:30 am and president's picnic at 5 pm at Courter Pavilion
    - Aug 21: move-in day for freshmen
    - Oct 24: Homecoming Walkout Day, Board of Regents Meeting, Hubbard Hearth Dedication
  - Thank you to lobbyists Alex Tuttle and Cara Hoover for attending today's Foundation Board and Board of Regents meetings.

Adjourn Open Meeting

Resolution #26-008: It was moved by Regent Klindt and seconded by Regent Swaney to adjourn the open meeting and move into closed session to consider matters pursuant to exemptions to the open meeting requirement as specified in R.S. Mo 610.021(13):

Individually Identifiable Personnel Records: §610.021(13) R.S. Mo.

A roll call vote was taken:

Regent Black voted yea.
Regent Coppinger voted yea.
Regent Durbin voted yea.
Regent Klindt voted yea.
Regent Roach voted yea.
Regent Swaney voted yea.
Regent Tjeerdsma voted yea.

The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

The open session meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Hargrave
Diane Hargrave, Secretary to the Board