Northwest Missouri State University
Board of Regents
Work Session Minutes
June 18, 2026
Approved on Oct 30, 2026

The Northwest Missouri State University Board of Regents conducted a work session at 10:30 a.m. on June 18, 2026, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Boardroom, pursuant to public notice given June 9, 2026.

The following members of the Board were present: Leisha Barry, Steve Black, Steve Coppinger, Jason Klindt, Debbie Roach, and Mel Tjeerdsma. Also present were 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, Vice President of Advancement Mike Johnson, Athletics Director Dr. Andy Peterson, Provost and Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Rose Marie Ward, Foundation Liaison Mr. Pat Pijanowski, Staff Council representatives and Faculty Senate representatives.

A quorum being present, Chair Tjeerdsma called the work session to order at 10:41 a.m. Roll call was taken.

Provost and Vice President Ward presented information about 90-credit degrees and answered questions.

Provost and Vice President Ward provided an update on the creation of the Center for Rural Health and answered questions.

Regent Roach motioned to adjourn the work session, and it was seconded by Regent Coppinger.

A roll call vote was taken:

Regent Barry voted yea.
Regent Black voted yea.
Regent Coppinger voted yea.
Regent Klindt voted yea.
Regent Roach voted yea.
Regent Tjeerdsma voted yea.

The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

The work session adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hargrave, Secretary to the Board of Regents