Northwest Missouri State University
Board of Regents
Open Meeting Minutes
July 30, 2026
Approved on Oct 30, 2026

The Northwest Missouri State University Board of Regents convened at 1:30 p.m. on July 30, 2026, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Boardroom the Northwest Missouri State University campus following public notice issued on July 24, 2026.

The following members of the Board were present: Steve Black, Shanda Durbin via Zoom, 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, Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Bruce Skinner, Athletics Director Dr. Andy Peterson, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Rose Marie Ward via Zoom and Attorney Sean Tassi via Zoom.

A quorum being present, Chair Black called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Resolution #27-001: It was moved by Regent Klindt and seconded by Regent Tjeerdsma to adopt the agenda as presented.

The motion carried unanimously (5-0) by voice vote.

Resolution #27-002: It was moved by Regent Klindt and seconded by Regent Roach that the following consent agenda items be approved:

- June 18, 2026, OPEN Board Meeting Minutes
- June 18, 2026, CLOSED Board Meeting Minutes
- Conferral of Degrees (provided all requirements are met by the 18th day of the following semester and certified by the Registrar)

The motion carried unanimously (5-0) by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution #27-003: It was proposed by Police Chief Cullin, endorsed by President Tatum, moved by Regent Klindt and seconded by Regent Durbin that the item presented in 3.01 be approved:

appointment of university police officers Rachel Neville and Grant Adkins per Missouri Revised Statute 174.700.

A roll call vote was taken:

Regent Black voted yea.

Regent Durbin voted yea.
Regent Klindt voted yea.
Regent Roach voted yea.
Regent Tjeerdsma voted yea.

The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Resolution #27-004: It was proposed by Provost Ward, endorsed by President Tatum, moved by Regent Klindt and seconded by Regent Durbin that the following item presented in agenda item 3.02 be approved:

appointment of seven full-time and 123 adjunct faculty for the 2026-27 academic year

A roll call vote was taken:

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

The motion carried (5-0).

Resolution #27-005: It was proposed by Provost Ward, endorsed by President Tatum moved by Regent Klindt and seconded by Regent Tjeerdsma that the following item presented in agenda item 3.03 be approved:

the FY27 Department of Elementary and Secondary Education contract in the amount of $2,242,050 to fund the Northwest Regional Professional Development Center.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Dr. Luke Campbell, Faculty Senate president-elect, provided a verbal report.

Resolution #27-006: It was moved by Regent Klindt and seconded by Regent Roach to adjourn the open session and move to closed session to consider matters pursuant to exemptions to the open meeting requirement as specified in Section 610.021(1), RSMo, relating to matters identified in that provision, which include legal actions, causes of action or litigation, and confidential or privileged communications with counsel; and in R.S. MO 610.021(13) relating to matters identified in that provision, which include individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings, or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Regent Tjeerdsma voted yea.

The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

The open session was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hargrave, Secretary to the Board