



**Northwest Missouri State University  
Board of Regents  
May 20, 2026 Open Meeting Minutes  
Approved on June 18, 2026**

The Northwest Missouri State University Board of Regents convened at 8:30 a.m. on May 20, 2026, via Zoom and following a public notice issued on May 14, 2026.

The following members of the Board were present: Leisha Barry, Steve Coppinger, Shanda Durbin, Jason Klindt, and Mel Tjeerdsma. Also present were Vice President of Culture Krista Barcus, Chief of Staff Jacob Wood and Attorney Sean Tassi.

A quorum being present, Chair Tjeerdsma called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. Roll call was taken.

**Resolution #26-058:** It was moved by Regent Coppinger and seconded by Regent Klindt to adjourn the open session and move into closed session to hear matters pursuant to RSMo. 610.021(3): Hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded.

A roll call vote was taken:

Regent Barry voted yea.  
Regent Coppinger voted yea.  
Regent Durbin voted yea.  
Regent Klindt voted yea.  
Regent Tjeerdsma voted yea.

The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

The open session was adjourned at 8:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carma Kinman, Assistant Secretary to the Board