

**Special Full Board Meeting
August 14, 2025
UWF Conference Center
Minutes**

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Board Meeting

11:10 a.m.

The public was provided with information on the UWF Board of Trustees website to attend this public meeting in person in the UWF Conference Center or virtually through Zoom Webinar.

I. Call to Order

- A. The meeting of the UWF Board of Trustees was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by Chair Rebecca Matthews.

II. Roll Call

- A. Chair Matthews asked Anna Lochas to conduct roll call. Trustees Paul Bailey, Dick Baker, Trista Bennett, Adam Kissel, Rebecca Matthews, Heather Riddell, Ashley Ross, Alonzie Scott, Zack Smith, and Chris Young were in attendance in person. Trustees Edward Fleming, Paul Hsu, and Rachel Moya were in attendance virtually.

B. Others in attendance included:

1. Manny Diaz, Jr., Interim President; Jaromy Kuhl, Senior Vice President and Provost; Howard Reddy, Vice President of University Advancement; Betsy Bowers, Vice President of Finance and Administration; Mary Anderson, Interim Vice President and Dean of Students for Academic Engagement and Student Affairs; Clifford Humphrey, Chief of Staff and Vice President of Strategic Initiatives; Dave Scott, Associate Vice President for Athletics; Jamie Sprague, Chief Human Resource Officer; Julie Sheppard, Interim General Counsel; Anamarie Mixson, Assistant Vice President for the Office of the President; Abigail Megginson, Director, Government Relations; Alex Smith, Director of External Affairs; David Bryant, Chief Audit Executive; Matt Packard, Chief Compliance Officer; Dallas Snider, Vice Provost; Mohamed Khabou, Dean of Hal Marcus College of Science and Engineering; Allison Schwartz, Director of Undergraduate Research; Cass Boatwright, Director of Procurement and Contracts; and Anna Lochas, Board of Trustees Liaison.

III. Greeting

- A. Chair Matthews welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that there were two action items and two information items on agenda.

IV. Public Comment

- A. Chair Matthews opened the floor for public comment. There was none.

V. President's Report

- A. Chair Matthews called on Interim President, Manny Diaz, Jr. to give the President's Report. Interim President Diaz gave an update on his activities for his first month in office.

VI. Approval of Minutes

- A. Chair Matthews reminded the trustees that they had been given the opportunity ahead of time to review the minutes of the June 12, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting and the July 24, 2025, Special Board of Trustees Meeting. Chair Matthews asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented, if there were no changes or corrections.
 1. Motion by: Trustee Smith
 2. Seconded by: Trustee Kissel
 3. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. New Business

- A. Action and Information Items
 1. INFO-1: Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP)
 - a. Dr. Mohamed Khabou, Dean of the Hal Marcus College of Science and Engineering and Dr. Allison Schwartz, Director of the Office of Undergraduate Research, presented the first

information item on the Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP).

2. BOT-1: General Education Course Offerings

- a. Dr. Dallas Snider, Vice Provost, presented the first action item on the General Education Course Offerings list.
- b. Trustee Kissel made a motion to approve the list of general education course offerings effective Fall 2026 excluding the course AST 2037 Life in the Universe to be discussed separately.
 - i. Seconded by: Trustee Baker
 - ii. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. Trustee Kissel started the discussion on the course AST 2037 Life in the Universe. Trustee Young made a motion to remove AST 2037 Life in the Universe from the list of general education course offerings effective Fall 2026, noting that the course may still be offered as an elective.
 - i. Seconded by: Trustee Smith
 - i. Trustee Paul Bailey Aye
 - ii. Trustee Dick Baker Nay
 - iii. Trustee Trista Bennett Nay
 - iv. Trustee Edward Fleming Nay
 - v. Trustee Paul Hsu Nay
 - vi. Trustee Adam Kissel Aye
 - vii. Trustee Rebecca Matthews Aye
 - viii. Trustee Rachel Moya Aye
 - ix. Trustee Heather Riddell Nay
 - x. Trustee Ashley Ross Aye
 - xi. Trustee Alonzie Scott Nay
 - xii. Trustee Zack Smith Aye
 - xiii. Trustee Chris Young Aye
 - ii. Motion passed.

3. BOT-2: 2026-2027 Legislative Budget Request

- a. Dr. Jaromy Kuhl, Senior Vice President and Provost, presented the second action item on the 2026-2027 Legislative Budget Request.
- b. Chair Matthews asked for a motion to approve the proposed 2026-2027 Legislative Budget Request as presented.
 - i. Motion by: Trustee Riddell
 - ii. Seconded by: Trustee Ross
 - iii. Motion passed unanimously.

4. INFO-2: Institutional Neutrality Statement

- a. Dr. Kuhl presented the second information item on the Institutional Neutrality Statement.

VIII. Good of the Order

- A. Chair Matthews identified that all agenda items had been discussed. Chair Matthews asked if the board members had any additional business to discuss. No other business was discussed.

IX. Adjournment

12:30 p.m.

- A. Chair Matthews thanked those in attendance for their participation. With no other business to discuss, Chair Matthews adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.