



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Preparing for CWU Board of Trustees' Meetings

The CWU Board of Trustees is constituted under state law ([RCW 28B.35](#)). The board is comprised of eight individuals appointed by the governor with one member being a student trustee. The term of office for the trustees is six years and they may be reappointed, with the exception of the student trustee, who is appointed for only one year.

Members of the Board of Trustees currently meet four-five times a year to be advised of important matters related to Central Washington University and to take formal action on others. The Board of Trustees currently functions with four standing committees: Executive Committee (Jeff Hensler, Gladys Gillis, and Erin Black), Academic Affairs (Erin Black, Jeff Charbonneau, Gladys Gillis), Finance and Administration (Ray Conner, Gladys Gillis and Zabrina Jenkins), Student Engagement and Success (Jeff Charbonneau, Jeff Hensler, Robert Nellams, and Vy Frolov). The chair of the Board is Jeff Hensler, the Chair Elect is Gladys Gillis, and the Past Chair is Erin Black.

The following information is intended as a basic guideline to assist in submitting, presenting, and formatting information for the CWU Board of Trustees along with links to applicable documents.

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**Submitting Information and/or Action Items
to the CWU Board of Trustees**

- ✓ **All items** with a budgetary impact will be approved by the vice president for Finance and Administration. Approvals for addition or deletion of degree programs must include the endorsement of the Faculty Senate and the Academic Affairs Council.

2025-2026 Board of Trustees Agenda Items Submittal Schedule Meeting Dates

Final Draft to BOT Secretary	Agenda Released	Board Meeting Date
October 3, 2025	October 9, 2025	October 16, 2025
February 6, 2026	February 12, 2026	February 19-20, 2026
May 8, 2026	May 14, 2026	May 21-22, 2026
July 3, 2026	July 9, 2026	July 16-17, 2026 [Annual Planning Retreat]

2026-2027 Board of Trustees Agenda Items Submittal Schedule Meeting Dates

Final Draft to BOT Secretary	Agenda Released	Board Meeting Date
October 9, 2026	October 15, 2026	October 22-23, 2026
February 5, 2027	February 11, 2027	February 18-19, 2027
May 7, 2027	May 13, 2027	May 20-21, 2027
July 2, 2027	July 8, 2027	July 15-16, 2027 [Annual Planning Retreat]

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Presenting Information at Meetings of the CWU Board of Trustees

When speaking before the Board, your presentation should be to the point and flow logically. Below is a suggested format:

1. State your name and position.
2. State the topic and give context.
3. State up-front what you want the trustees to do. (Is the topic “for information” or “for board action”?) If it is “for action” state what action the board may take. Action items always require briefing or background information.
4. Outline what will be presented today and what questions are posed for discussion.
 - Presentation should be clear and concise.
 - If there are three or four topics, deal with them separately, one at a time, and do not confuse them.
 - Presentation should include a brief history of item (give general background information down to specific information for the item).
 - If this topic went to the Board at a previous meeting, summarize what happened.
 - Explain options, if any, you considered in analyzing your issue. (You did your homework as you looked at the issue and here is what you considered.)
 - Summarize and give administration’s recommendations.
5. Remember to address your presentation to the Board of Trustees. The Board will decide when/whether to address questions to the audience.

Formatting Items for Presentation to the CWU Board of Trustees

Submit all documents electronically to the appropriate vice president’s office. Once approved, the divisional Executive Assistant will forward to the BOT Secretary and the President’s Office Executive Assistant. Once approved by the Board Secretary, the Executive Assistant will load the documents to the CWU Board of Trustees web page.

Equipment/Software Program:	PC, Microsoft Word, Excel or PowerPoint
Font Style:	Regular
Font:	Calibri
Word Font Size:	11 point (preferred)

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PPT Font Size	No less than 20 point; 32 preferred for headings; 28 preferred for outline
Page Margins:	Item cover sheets are submitted on electronic letterhead with one inch margins on all sides.
Paragraph Alignment:	Left justified
Title of Item Cover Sheet (one page only):	Title Case, Bold Example: Action – Consent Agenda Executive Summary – Legislative Briefing (All item cover sheets are structured in this order <u>and 1 page only.</u>) Information items should be new information, avoid repeating the same information at each meeting
Attachments:	Please list the titles of any and all attachments accompanying your item and make sure they have the CWU Logo. Examples: 1. Consent Action and Report List 2. Project Status Report 2012.02.03
Description:	Each item cover sheet will have a 1-2 paragraph description of the item.
Jargon:	Translate jargon. Assume the audience for the packet is smart and inquisitive, but not higher education geeks.
Action/Information Notation:	Upper and Lower Case Example: Staff recommend the following motion: The Board of Trustees of Central Washington University hereby approves the consent action and accepts the consent information items submitted October 30, 2020. Review the upper left hand intro for Info and Action items.
Signature Line:	Each item cover sheet will be submitted with signature lines. Example: Submitted by: (electronic signature) – NO UNDERLINES Name Title Approved for Submittal to the Board: (electronic signature of president) – NO UNDERLINES Name Title
PowerPoint Presentations:	Develop on standard template. Use “bullet” format, not paragraphs. Recap the information to be imparted in the PPT.