



**MINUTES**  
**WHS Executive Board Meeting**  
**Monday, June 9, 2025**  
*via Zoom*

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by President Beki Speas.

II. Welcome and Introductions – Beki Speas, President

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| ✓ Beki Speas, President / NE Rep   | ✓ Nancy Tabb, Secretary          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hailey Sorg, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President - EXCUSED | ✓ Dean King, NW Rep              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greg Luhman, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President - EXCUSED | ✓ Terri Geissinger, At Large Rep |
| ✓ Heidi McCullough, Treasurer / SE Rep   |                                  |

A quorum was established with 5 of 7 board members present.

III. Approval of the Agenda

Heidi McCullough moved to approve the agenda. Nancy Tabb seconded, it was approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of Past Minutes from May 13, 2025

Heidi moved to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2025 meeting. Dean King seconded. Approved unanimously.

V. President's Statement:

President Beki Speas imparted her thoughts regarding the ongoing of the Society over this past week. She encouraged respectful engagement of all members and a passion for our mission.

VI. Old Business

a. Annual Meeting Update

- i. The Society has received an invitation from the Sheridan History Community for the 2025 Annual Conference. It will be the same date as previously scheduled, September 12-14, 2025.

b. Strategic Plan

c. The Executive Board will have a Strategic Planning session prior to the Annual Meeting.

d. Formal Acceptance of Bylaws Update Vote

Heidi McCullough moved to formally accept the results of the member bylaw vote which concluded at midnight on May 31, 2025 with a total of 589 members voting with the following results:

<b>Article II: Membership</b>	PASSED with 482 of 589 votes, 81.83%
<b>Article III: Officers and Governance</b>	PASSED with 437 of 589 votes, 74.19%
<b>Article IV: Officers and Duties</b>	PASSED with 434 of 589 votes, 73.68%
<b>Article V: Annual Meeting</b>	PASSED with 483 of 589 votes, 82.00%
<b>Article VI: Amendments to the Bylaws</b>	PASSED with 483 of 589 votes, 82.00%
<b>Article VII: Committees and Subcommittees</b>	PASSED with 477 of 589 votes, 80.98%
<b>Article VIII: Quorum</b>	PASSED with 482 of 589 votes, 81.83%
<b>Article IX Publications of the Society</b>	PASSED with 480 of 589 votes, 81.49%
<b>Article X Parliamentary Procedure</b>	PASSED with 492 of 589 votes, 83.53%

*Proper and legal documentation with the State of Wyoming to facilitate these changes will be addressed immediately. The updated bylaws are available on our website. Seconded by Dean King. Approved unanimously.*

- e. Audit
  - i. Nancy Tabb moved to start the process of an audit including hiring a professional auditing firm to conduct an appropriate external financial review, sometimes colloquially known as an “audit” for at least three years previous, starting with FY2022. (FY2022, FY2023, and FY2024.)  
Terri Geissinger seconded. Approved unanimously.
- f. Trek Update – Heidi McCullough provided an update on the Trek in Converse County. 104 registered participants and Converse County is looking forward to seeing everyone soon and sharing their history with us.

VII. New Business

- a. Approval of participation in Leadership Fremont County – Ex. Dir.  
Dean King moved to approve the \$450 cost out of the earmarked funds in our budget for Professional Development for our Executive Director to be a part of Leadership Fremont County. Heidi McCullough seconded. Approved unanimously.
- b. Partner & Transition Support  
President Speas stated that a transition support packet for local historical societies formerly under the WHS umbrella will be emailed out Tuesday, June 10, 2025 and also sent via USPS. To make sure you receive one, please email [info@wyshs.org](mailto:info@wyshs.org) with your email and mailing address.

VIII. Next Meeting of the Executive Board - TBD

IX. Public Comments

Those who made open public comments were: Nancy Tabb, Rebecca Hunt, Claudia Thompson, and Nancy Curtis  
President Beki Speas waited several minutes for other comments and then asked for a motion to adjourn.

*\*NOTE: If you are a member and were unable to attend the meeting, and have questions for members of the Executive Board, it is encouraged that you reach out via email. Through email you can schedule a phone call if desired. The Executive Board remains unwavering in its commitment to listening, engaging, and working alongside each of you. Your voices matter. Your ideas matter. Together, we can shape a stronger, more dynamic organization—one that honors the past while boldly embracing the future. We appreciated constructive dialogue. The Executive Board's emails are available on our website.*

X. Adjournment

Heidi McCullough moved to adjourn at 6:42 pm. Beki Speas seconded. Approved unanimously.

Guests:

Judy \_\_\_\_\_

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Richard Currah

Nancy Curtis

Mary England

Rebecca Hunt

Rodney Knudson

Jane Nelson

Elizabeth Philp

Melanie Stine

Claudia Thompson

Leslie Waggener

Patrick Brady, Legal Counsel to the Wyoming Historical Society

A. Philp, Wyoming History Society Executive Director