



Montana University System

Minutes Montana Board of Regents July 22, 2026

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Meeting Convened at 12:34 pm

Regents Present: Loren Bough, Chair, Jeff Southworth, Todd Buchanan, Dean Folkvord, Heather Hoyer, Dan Spoon and Quindy Gronley. Ex officio member present included Commissioner of Higher Education Clayton Christian. Ex officio members Governor Greg Gianforte and Superintendent of Public Instruction Susie Hedalen were excused.

Comments by Chair Bough | 00:00:53

Chair Bough said the agenda item is authorizing compensation for new leadership at Great Falls College MSU and other key salary adjustments. He thanked the search team for their efforts in identifying and naming a candidate to serve as CEO and Dean of Great Falls College.

ACTION | 00:01:30

a. Staff Item; OCHE/MUS ITEM 226-100-S0726 | Attachment #1

Commissioner Christian said Dr. Leanne Frost has been selected as the new CEO and Dean of Great Falls College. He discussed the compensation plan and salary adjustments.

Chair Bough shared his support for this item and his gratitude to Chancellor Hicswa, MSU Billings, and Dean Bauman, Helena College, for their continued excellent performance.

A motion for approval of action item a. ITEM 226-100-S0726 was made by Regent Southworth; motion passed (7-0).

Public Comment | 00:05:57

No public comment was received.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:37 pm



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Approved by the Board of Regents on

September 24, 2026

Date

Clayton T. Christian
Commissioner of Higher Education
and Secretary to the Board of Regents

September 24, 2026

Date

Loren Bough
Chair, Board of Regents