

17 February 2026

The Board of Trustees met on 17 February 2026 in Boardroom 1, The Chancellery, Level 2, Barney Glover Building, Parramatta South campus. A summary of matters discussed in the open session is provided below.

The minutes of the previous Board meeting held on [3 December 2025](#) were confirmed.

Main items considered by the board:

Chancellor's Report

The Chancellor briefed the Board on a number of matters, such as the Royal Commission on Antisemitism and Social Cohesion, Respect at uni: Study into antisemitism, Islamophobia, racism and the experience of First Nations people final report, the formation of the Australian Tertiary Education Commission (ATEC), an independent body designed to act as a steward for Australia's higher education system, the University Report Card Project, a national initiative to assess how Australian universities are responding to antisemitism on campus, an update on the Indigenous Centre of Excellence, the University's advocacy for Western Sydney and the Women of Western Sydney Awards.

Vice-Chancellor's Report

The Vice-Chancellor provided a number of updates to the Board, including the Western 2030 strategic plan and the Year of the Student, appointment as Chair of the Innovative Research Universities (IRU), an update on regulatory matters and social cohesion.

Chair of Academic Senate Report

The Chair of Academic Senate spoke to aspects of the report, including the Academic Workload Model, Quality indicator, performance reporting and strategy and research performance.

Election of Deputy Chancellor

Ms Gabreille Trainor AO was elected as Deputy Chancellor pursuant to clause 5 of the Western Sydney University Bylaw 2017.

Annual Compliance Statement and UCC Code of Governance Principles

The Board of Trustees noted the Annual Compliance Statement 2026 and the University Chancellors Council (UCC) Code of Governance Principles and Practice for Australia's Public Universities.



Artificial Intelligence (AI) Deep Dive Session

A Deep Dive session was held with Board members following the Board meeting, which focused on the University's approach to AI.

Philip Maloney

General Counsel and University Secretary