

Watchmen Voter Guide for North Idaho College Trustee Zone 2

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	Brad Corkill	Diana L. Sheridan
1. What is your name and what office are you running for?	Declined to Respond	Diana Sheridan, North Idaho College Zone 2. (All Kootenai County voters get to vote for me)
2. How could North Idaho College be improved? Please provide your top 2-3 ideas.	Declined to Respond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Thorough transparency in all contracts. Fort Myer property was purchased without providing Trustees the 90+ page detailed appraisal prior to the purchase. They did 1 appraisal and should have had 2-3 appraisals for a million-dollar property. b. All contractual agreements are upholding the best interest of NIC. c. I will work with all Board members so that the continuance of NIC's full accreditation will be assured. d. Having the Board support Workforce Training Programs. I would like to expand the Parker Technical Center that attracts businesses to this area. e. Ensure education not indoctrination. All candidates for North Idaho College claim conservative values, but my opponent has been recorded saying he would be open to reinstating the mask mandate on campus and I would strongly oppose any medical mandates. Students need clear policies and NIC's policies are riddled with vagueness.
3. What is your educational philosophy and how do you plan to implement this philosophy as a member of the board of trustees?	Declined to Respond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Educational freedom for students as well as instructors must be valued. Return the emphasis of teaching back to how to think not what to think. I want a place for students to learn how to write and how to create skillset development, not receive ideological indoctrination. b. NIC should advance students and develop individuals who contribute to society, the local economy, and the Idaho workforce needs. c. I commit to scrutinizing sabbaticals and tenure candidates and ensure Board of Trustees does its job
4. Do you support "Critical Race Theory," why or why not?	Declined to Respond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. No, I do not support CRT and believe introducing more racism to rectify historical racism will not solve modern day problems but exacerbate them. b. Does America have work to do regarding racism? I think it is more of ethics and morality work than racism work. The United States consists of so many diverse ethnicities and the foundational values is to provide all people groups the land of opportunity. c. America's forefathers said our system of government only works with a moral and just society. I believe one of America's biggest problems is father absence and overall lack of morality. d. Anywhere sinful mankind exists, racism will occur which is why symbol for Justice has a blindfold. The underlying goals of America are revolutionary consisting of self-reliance and I am involved politically to help contribute to America living up to those goals.

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5. If faced with a budget deficit, would you support cutting spending or increasing student fees or tuition? What would be your reasons for this decision?	Declined to Respond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. I would support cutting spending and reprioritize certain allocations in the budget. Staff personnel have steadily increased while student enrollment has significantly declined over that same period of time. This needs to be reviewed and I have solutions to propose. b. Tuition is already maxed out to the maximum value allowed by legislature. Idaho's 4-year universities just call other student costs "fees" instead of tuition to expand beyond the maximum value allowed by Idaho's legislature. I think that is wrong. c. Parker's Carpentry program was shut down due to being unable to hire instructors at the low pay rates instructors offered. The president is making 330k with total package. I would re-focus the budget on the workforce to better meet the needs of students. d. For example, the golf coach is practically a full-time volunteer and making 19k per year and coaching both men's and women's golf teams. I would ensure our sports teams receive the administration support required for the students to succeed.
6. How do you view the role as a trustee member in regard to public policy like taxes?	Declined to Respond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Trustee members need to provide wisdom that the college is operating properly and judicious use of taxpayer dollars. b. I despise reserving foregone taxes c. I would strongly oppose any medical mandates while to-the-contrary my opponent has been recorded saying he would be open to reinstating the mask mandate on campus.
7. Do you support the ability for employee unions to automatically deduct money from their members' paychecks to finance political activities, why or why not?	Declined to Respond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. No. b. Especially no to unions in the government which largely benefit solely the democrat party.
8. Do you support or oppose bathroom and locker room usage based on preferred gender identification? Why or why not?	Declined to Respond	Women rights and safety should not be sacrificed for trans-rights.
9. In what ways can North Idaho College help local high school students prepare for a college education or for a trade school?	Declined to Respond	Back to my original goal: teach them how to think, team them how to write, basic academic skillsets.

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10. What is your opinion regarding freedom of choice for parents for the education of their children (School choice)?	Declined to Respond	When the money follows the child, we will have a true free market competition and the best will rise to the top.
11. How would you, as a trustee, create opportunities for an education more equitable towards students coming from a private or homeschool background?	Declined to Respond	a. I am unaware that NIC is not equitable for alternative learning environments. b. I would like to see NIC actively pursue private and homeschool communities and ensure those communities' needs are met.
12. What does the term "education" mean to you?	Declined to Respond	Education is how to think not what to think. Students should not be forced to swallow an instructor's ideology to pass courses, that's indoctrination.
13. Do you support or oppose the legalization of marijuana? Why or why not?	Declined to Respond	a. I would be in-favor of legalizing it for prescribed medical purposes. b. Overall, I have concerns of legalizing broad general consumption.
14. What is your background and why does it qualify you for this position?	Declined to Respond	a. I believe you need business professionals on the Board of Trustees. I am a business Executive Officer for 38 years and decades as President/Vice President. I know how to set expectations and hold people to it. b. Innovation in Education needs to happen and it is hard for government to innovate on its own. A Board of Trustees, coming from and elected by the community, holds NIC to the community's expectations. c. I have 25 years of student and family advocacy specifically in education and I did my initial training through Parents Are Vital in Education (P.A.V.E.) I started as a volunteer pro-bono advocate and eventually became a paid advocate. I came out of retirement to solve the problems I see and heard directly from students. The Board of Trustees needs to work together, respect duly elected trustees, and welcome all viewpoints on campus.