

**Salish Kootenai College Board of Directors
Board Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2025
SKC Campus
Eneas Big Knife Board Room**

Members Present: Eldena Bear Don't Walk, Chair of the Board; Germaine White, 1st Vice Chair (late); Vernon Finley, 2nd Vice Chair; Jim Durglo, Selina Kenmille, ArriAnna Matt, Janeal McDonald

Members Absent: None

Other's Present: Michael Munson, President; Loni Grant, Board Recording Secretary

President Michael Munson started with a prayer.

Meeting Call to Order

Eldena Bear Don't Walk, Chair of the Board, called the SKC Board of Directors meeting to order.

Open for Groups and Individuals

None

Consent Agenda

The agenda for November 14, 2025 was approved by consensus. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Durglo to approve the October 17, 2025 meeting minutes. Second by ArriAnna Matt. Vote 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Motion carried.

Old Business Updates

Discuss SKC Board Report to Council – November 13th.

Catherine Mathias Hamel School of Nursing Update February Naming Ceremony.

Food Sovereignty and Services: An update was provided on the hospitality and food programs, highlighting their connection to farm-to-table practices, sustainability, and the campus cafeteria. Tabled for the next meeting.

Approval of SKC's transition from quarters to semesters

President Michael presented SKC's transition from quarters to semesters. The agreement to move from quarters to semesters was made with the intent that there would be further discussions with campus stakeholders (students and employees) on the best way to accomplish this transition.

Motion by Arrianna Matt to approve SKC change from Quarters to Semesters and the transition will begin August/September 2027. 2nd by Vernon Finley. Vote 6 for, 1 against (Selina Kenmille), 0 abstentions. Motion carried.

Approval of Séliš Ksanka Qlispé University (SKQU) Rebranding

President Michael Munson presented the Séliš Ksanka Qlispé University (SKQU) Rebranding after an initial conversation between President Michael Munson, 1st Vice Chair Germaine White and Tom and Tracie McDonald, who were widely supportive of the rebranding. Further discussion focused on why the rebranding of Salish Kootenai College (SKC) to Séliš Ksanka Qlispé University (SKQU) should occur emphasizing the transition to a university offering Master's degrees, alignment with CSKT Initiatives, inclusivity and incorporation of the Qlispé tribe name as well as consideration of the substantial cost and effort necessary to transition.

Motion by Germaine White to approve to proceed renaming of Salish Kootenai College to SKQU and have the dedication ceremony at the 50th anniversary in 2027. 2nd by ArriAnna Matt. Vote 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Motion carried.

New Business

Invitation for Institutional Advancement Board to join in upcoming Board meeting to be determined for a later date.

President's Report

Institutional Updates: Government shutdown, snap benefits, sustainability planning update and building considerations.

Finance and Business Report

Human Resources Report

Academic Affairs & Institutional Effectiveness: Accreditation and quality assurance

Enrollment Management & Student Affairs

Institutional Advancement

Meeting Adjourned at 3:10pm.

Motion by Germaine White to adjourn. 2nd by Jim Durglo. Voting 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions. Motion Carried.

Executive Session at 3:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Yolanda M. Grant
SKC Board Recording Secretary