

**Salish Kootenai College Board of Directors  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 20, 2026  
Big Knife Board Room**

Members Present: Eldena Bear Don't Walk, Chair of the Board; Germaine White, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair; Vernon Finley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair; Selina Kenmille, ArriAnna Matt, Janeal McDonald

Members Absent: Jim Durglo

Other's Present: Michael Munson, President; Loni Grant, Board Recording Secretary; Tim Ryan (Zoom)

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 at 12:35pm.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion by Selina Kenmille to approve the agenda as amended for the February 20, 2026 Board meeting. Second by Germaine White. Vote 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Jim Durglo). Motion carried.

Motion by Selina Kenmille to approve the January 23, 2026 meeting minutes. Second by Germaine White. Vote 6 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Jim Durglo). Motion carried.

**Open for Groups and Individuals**

Marketing and Communications Strategist Introduction Cammie Pablo  
Food Sovereignty and Culture and Language Studies Updates – Tim Ryan  
New Office Professions Program Discussion

**Old Business**

Updates

1. Catherine Mathias Hamel School of Nursing planning in progress for April 17 morning.
2. Building Sustainable Pathways for Native and At-Risk Youth at SKC – Arthur M. Blank  
Family Foundation grant received
3. Marketing Update

President's Report

A. Consent Agenda – Quarterly Reports from Executive Council

1. Human Resources Report
2. Business Affairs – Finance & Business Report
3. Academic Affairs & Institutional Effectiveness – Accreditation & Quality Assurance
4. Enrollment Management & Student Affairs
5. Institutional Advancement

## New Business

1. SKC's Board for Institutional Advancement (30 minutes) regarding Board Priorities for 2026
  - IA Advisory Board can support Endowed Chairs
  - May be able to come back together in person, May/June
2. Potential Partnership Projects
  - Montana Rural Health Transformation Program – CSKT Tribal Health & Community Health Aide Program (CHAP)8. Parking Lot (for items that we are holding onto but are not currently actionable)
3. Reimagining Campus-wide Partnerships, Culture, Language, and Indigenous Methodologies as a Foundation

### **Parking Lot** (for items that we are holding onto but are not currently actionable)

1. Policies
2. Transition to Semester System – Establishing a working group
3. Séliš Ksanka Qlispé University (SKQU) Rebranding – Establishing a working group
4. Proposed dates for Strategic Planning in August

## What's Coming Up

### A. Key Dates & Events

1. February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – SKC is hosting the TRIO Aspire Conference
2. March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> – Achieve the Dream's Dream Conference in Portland
3. March 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> – Celebrating Salish Conference
4. March 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> – 2026 Spring AIHEC Board of Directors Meeting
5. March 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> – 2026 AIHEC Student Conference
6. March 16<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> – SKC Students' Spring Break
7. March 26<sup>th</sup> – Faculty Return with Spring Inservice
8. March 27<sup>th</sup> – Spring New Student Orientation
9. March 30<sup>th</sup> – Spring Classes Begin
10. April 17<sup>th</sup> – Catherine Hammel School of Nursing Dedication

### B. Upcoming Meetings

1. Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>
2. April 17<sup>th</sup>
3. May 15<sup>th</sup>
4. June 12<sup>th</sup>
5. July 10<sup>th</sup>
6. August 7 – Encompass can attend for their annual SKC site visit.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05pm

Motion by Germaine White to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Selina Kenmille Voting 6 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions, 1 absent (Jim Durglo). Motion Carried.

Executive Session at 3:05pm.

Executive Session adjourned at 4:15pm.

Meeting back in session at 4:15pm.

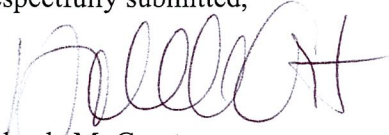
**SKC Compensation Increase Proposal**

Motion by Jim Durglo to accept the SKC Compensation Increase proposal as written including supporting both ends of the payroll spectrum and faculty at 8%. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Germaine White. Voting 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:18pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Yolanda M. Grant', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Yolanda M. Grant  
SKC Board Recording Secretary

