

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

Members Present: Eldena Bear Don't Walk, Chair of the Board; Vernon Finley, 2nd Vice Chair; Jim Durglo, Selina Kenmille, ArriAnna Matt, Janeal McDonald (zoom), Elijah Cahoon

Members Absent: None

Other's Present: Michael Munson, President; Loni Grant, Board Recording Secretary; Amie Tryon, Brittnee Benson

Elijah Cahoon 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 Jim Durglo to approve the agenda as amended for the March 20, 2026 Board meeting. Second by Selina Kenmille. Vote 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions, Motion carried.

Motion by Selina Kenmille to approve the February 20, 2026 meeting minutes. Second by Arrianna Henry. Vote 6 for, 0 against, 1 abstention, Motion carried.

Open for Groups and Individuals

Presentation of Curriculum changes as approved by the Curriculum Committee presented by Amie Tryon, VP of Academic Affairs & Brittnee Benson – Director of Institutional Effectiveness
Academic Program List for Board Approval March 2026

- **Associate Degree Programs (min. of 90 credits)**
Public Health, Associate of Science (Replacing Health Promotion Practices)
Secondary STEM Education-Science, Associate of Science
Secondary STEM Education-Mathematics, Associate of Science
- **Bachelor's Degree Programs (min. of 180 credits)**
Public Health, Bachelor of Science
Secondary STEM Education-Science, Bachelor of Science (Replacing Secondary Education-Broadfield Science)
Secondary STEM Education-Mathematics, Bachelor of Science (Replacing Secondary Education-Mathematics)
- **Certificate of Completion Programs (min. of 45 credits)**
Trauma and Resiliency, Certificate of Completion
Office Administration and Operations, Certificate of Completion
- **Workforce Certificate Programs (less than 45 credits, short-term)**
Community Health Worker, Workforce Certificate
Class A Truck Driving, Workforce Certificate
Heavy Equipment Operations, Workforce Certificate
Python Data Analysis, Workforce Certificate
Medical Office, Workforce Certificate
Customer Relations, Workforce Certificate

Motion by Jim Durglo to terminate the three (3) programs as presented. Second by Arrianna Henry. Vote 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Motion carried.

Motion by Selina Kenmille to accept all new associate degree, bachelor's degree, certificate of completion, and workforce certificate programs as presented. Second by Jim Durglo. Vote 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Motion carried.

Motion by Jim Durglo to approve the two new minors for Forestry and Geospatial Science. Second by Janeal McDonald. Vote 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Motion carried.

Old Business - Updates

- Catherine Mathias Hamel School of Nursing, April 17th, 10:00 am
- Building Sustainable Pathways for Native and At-Risk Youth at SKC – Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation – Due to unsuccessful candidate search, the position was revised and reposted, and an RFP for Gaps Analysis (close 03/20/26)
- Montana Rural Health Transformation Program – CSKT Tribal Health & Community Health
- Aide Program (CHAP) – Partnerships with CSKT Tribal Health & Montana TCUs

President's Report

Consent Agenda – Quarterly Reports from Executive Council on April 17th

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

New Business

Election of 1st Vice Chair

Motion by Jim Durglo to elect Janeal McDonald as 1st Vice Chair. Second by Arrianna Henry. Vote 7 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions. Motion Carried.

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

- Policies
- Séliš Ksanka Qlispé University (SKQU) Rebranding – led by Cammie Dupuis-Pablo and a working group. Update in April 17th Board Report
- Transition to Semester System – led by Brittnee Benson and a working group. Update in April 17th Board Report
- Michael's Evaluation - Due May 31, 2026, per the Board Bylaws
- Review Board Priorities

Key Dates & Events

March 16th – 27th – SKC Students' Spring Break

March 26th – Faculty Return with Spring Inservice

March 27th – Spring New Student Orientation

March 30th – Spring Classes Begin

April 17th – Catherine Hamel School of Nursing Dedication

May 31st – President Evaluation for the Board.

Upcoming Meetings

April 17th

May 15th

June 12th

July 10th

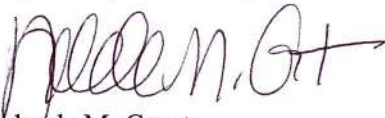
August 7th (& 8th) – Annual Report from Encompass & Annual Strategic Planning

Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm

Motion by Selina Kenmille to adjourn. 2nd by Janeal McDonald. Voting 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Yolanda M. Grant

SKC Board Recording Secretary

