

**Salish Kootenai College Board of Directors
Board Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2026
Big Knife Board Room**

Members Present: Eldena Bear Don't Walk, Chair of the Board; Janeal McDonald, 1st Vice Chair; Vernon Finley, 2nd Vice Chair; Jim Durglo, Selina Kenmille (zoom), Janeal McDonald, Elijah Cahoon, and Arrianna Henry

Members Absent: Loni Grant, Board Recording Secretary

Other's Present: Michael Munson, President (Recording minutes)

Meeting Call to Order

Eldena Bear Don't Walk, Chair of the Board, called the SKC Board of Directors meeting to order at 12:30pm.

Consent Agenda

Review and Approve the Meeting Agenda for May 15, 2026. Consent agenda.

Motion by Janeal McDonald to approve the April 17, 2026 meeting minutes. Second by Arrianna Henry. Vote 7 for, 0 Against. Motion carried.

Open for Groups and Individuals

None

Old Business – Updates

- Building Sustainable Pathways for Native and At-Risk Youth at SKC – Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation ~ A campus-wide assessment for organizational restructuring is currently underway. Consultant Dana Grant has been contracted for this initiative and is actively conducting meetings with campus employees. The previously posted position for this project has been rescinded, as the scope of work falls under Dana Grant's existing contract.
- Montana Rural Health Transformation Program – CSKT Tribal Health & Community Health Aide Program (CHAP)
 - Initiative I – Department of Labor & Industry
 - Initiative IX – Department of Public Health & Human Services
- Move to parking lot for July's meeting
- SKQU Name Change - CSKT Resolution Passed, Next Steps
- Will need direction from legal about next steps for resolution received from CSKT
- Annual Award Dinner & Honorary Degrees – Tuesday, June 2nd, KwaTaqNuk 1. Determine who will speak for our awardees.
- **Service Awards**
 - Germaine White (Selina)

- Dorothy Berney (Vernon)
- Arleen Adams (Eldena)

Honorary Degrees

- Clark Matt (Arrianna and Eldena)
- Allen Pierre (Michael ~ bio)
- Gene Beaverhead (Michael ~ bio)
- Francine (Granny Franny) Antoine – will not be in attendance (Michael)

President's Report

1. Human Resources Monthly Report ~ We continue to consider ways to provide more detailed information while maintaining anonymity.
2. Business Affairs – Finance & Business Monthly Report
BIE is supplementing – what is the plan for offsetting BIE, trimming, if necessary
Where are these responsibilities that aren't being fulfilled, instead of bringing new people to fill those responsibilities.
We need to reconsider which positions are necessary to better ensure vacancy savings.
3. President's Budget & Advocacy Efforts
4. Academic Affairs & Institutional Effectiveness – Accreditation & Quality Assurance
Federal Accreditation Changes – AIHEC, Brittnee Benson
AIHEC's Intention to Develop a TCU-specific Accrediting Body
5. Enrollment Management & Student Affairs
Enrollment Statistics
6. Institutional Advancement Update
Pass out the Reports

New Business

254. Educational Leave Policy - <https://policy.skf.edu/253-30-civic-leave-2/>

- A CSKT employee will use her personal leave to account for the difference
- Want to be supportive and accommodating, also.
- If we want to be supportive of our employees and achievement of higher education, maybe we can consider how these programs can be delivered alternatively.
- Employee can bring a proposal to the Board
- Change policy – Board Bylaws do not allow for the last statement

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

Michael's Evaluation - Due May 31, 2026, per Board By Laws

Policies

Campus Facilities Tour – Hold for June

- Student Housing
- Classroom Building & Cafeteria

Employee Roles & Responsibilities – Guiding Principles – Moved to Strategic Planning in August

Report out re Tribal Council quarterly report

Health Financing

Key Dates & Events

May 15th & 16th – Graduation Pow Wow

May 21st – Women 4 Wellness

May 31st – President’s Evaluation due from Board
June 2nd – Awards Dinner
June 6th – Graduation
June 8th – SKC moves to 4, 10s
June 15th – First Day of Summer Quarter
* Loni sends the SKC Events list every Tuesday.

Upcoming Meetings

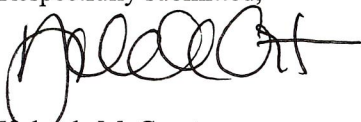
June 12th
July 10th
August 7th (& 8th) – Annual Strategic Planning

Meeting adjourned at 1:49pm

Motion by Vernon Finley to adjourn and move into Executive Session. 2nd by Elijah Cahoon. Vote 7 for, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Respectfully submitted,



Yolanda M. Grant
SKC Board Recording Secretary