

**Salish Kootenai College Board of Directors  
Board Meeting Minutes  
July 17, 2026  
Big Knife Board Room**

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

Members Absent:

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

**Meeting Call to Order**

Eldena Bear Don't Walk, Chair of the Board, called the SKC Board of Directors meeting to order at 12:15pm.

**Consent Agenda**

Review and Approve the Meeting Agenda for July 17, 2026. Consent agenda.

Motion by Janeal McDonald to approve the June 12, 2026 meeting minutes. Second by Jim Durglo. Vote 7 for, 0 Against, 0 abstentions. Motion carried.

**Open for Groups and Individuals**

Selina Kenmille Derek Plouffe and Teresa McDonald ~ apprenticeship support through Tiwahe for plumbing, electric, etc. A meeting will be scheduled.

**Old Business – Updates**

1. The Montana Rural Health Transformation Program – CSKT Tribal Health & Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) – Tribal Colleges Association of Montana meeting, June 17 - 18, 2026. President Michael Munson gave an update. How would the financial work if SKC is designated. All TCU's have agreed that SKC take the lead.

By consensus, Board agrees to proceed and come back when/if MTCA is ready.

2. Board Retreat – August 7 & 8, 2026, Deborah's His Horses Thunder will facilitate (no cost to SKC) Roles, responsibilities, relationship, etc (Blue Bay Lake Front Building is available 2 days x \$150 + 150 deposit) Application is filled out. Approval required to proceed.

**President's Report**

1. Human Resources Monthly Report – April – June 2026
2. Business Affairs – Finance & Business Monthly Report
3. Academic Affairs & Institutional Effectiveness
  1. 2026-2027 Program Offerings
  2. Accreditation & Name Change Timeline
4. Enrollment Management & Student Affairs
5. Institutional Advancement Update

### **New Business**

#### A. Human Resources Proposals

1. Navigator Benefits Portal
2. Edward Jones Retirement Proposal & Alignment with CSKT

#### B. Campus Healthcare

#### C. Policy – 200.20 Freedom from Discrimination, Harassment, and Hazing (tabled for future meeting)

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

#### A. Building Sustainable Pathways for Native and At-Risk Youth at SKC – Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation – Gaps Analysis Report, Dana Grant – Communications Plan Development – Rollout at Inservice

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

### **Key Dates & Events**

\* Loni sends the SKC Events list every Tuesday.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

1. August 7 & 8 – Annual Strategic Planning w/ Encompass
2. September 11
3. October 9

### **Meeting adjourned to move into Executive Session at 3pm**

Motion by Vernon Finley to adjourn and move into Executive Session. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janeal McDonald. Vote 7 for, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions. Motion carried.

### **Executive Session**

**Executive session adjourned at 3:59pm**

### **Meeting Call to Order**

Motion by Jim Durglo to accept the proposal from Spoon and Thompson for legal counsel for a 2 year term. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Janeal McDonald. Vote 7 for, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions. Motion carried.

### **Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm**

Respectfully submitted,



Yolanda M. Grant  
SKC Board Recording Secretary