

**Salish Kootenai College Board of Directors
Board Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2026
Kicking Horse**

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, Elijah Cahoon, and Arrianna Henry

Members Absent:

Other's Present: Michael Munson, President; Loni Grant, Board Recording Secretary; Spoon and Thompson Law Legal Team, Evan Thompson, Jesse Big Knife, and Monte Cole

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.

Confirmation of Quorum

Consent Agenda

Review and Approve the Meeting Agenda for September 11, 2026. Consent agenda.

Motion by Selina Kenmille to approve the August 7-8, 2026 meeting minutes. Second by Janeal McDonald. Vote 7 for, 0 Against, 0 abstentions. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned to move into Executive Session at 12:20pm

Motion by Arrianna Henry to adjourn and move into Executive Session. 2nd by Selina Kenmille. Vote 7 for, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions. Motion carried.

Open for Groups and Individuals

Spoon & Thompson Legal Counsel

Executive Session

Executive session adjourned at 1:08pm

Meeting Call to Order

Motion by Jim Durglo to provide direction to our legal counsel to move forward with items discussed in executive session. 2nd by Janeal McDonald. Vote 7 for, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions. Motion carried.

Old Business – Updates

TCU Futures project

Motion by Selina Kenmille to participate in the TCU Futures Project. 2nd by Elijah Cahoon. Vote 7 for, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding the Board Budget: Compensation for Board member participation at SKC events and purchase of new board chairs.

Rural Health Transformation Project Update

Joint proposal submitted to DPHHS in August. Kasie Murphy-Brazill and Kindra McQuillan have been heading this project. First year of the project will begin with the purchasing of equipment and adding a few positions.

Building Sustainable Pathways for Native and At-Risk Youth at SKC – Arthur M. Blank Family Foundation – Gaps Analysis Report, Dana Grant

1. Final Report Available on October 1, 2026
2. Strategic Planning Meeting possibilities
Dana Grant will present at the October 9 Board Meeting
Stakeholder meeting possibilities: October 10, 14, and 30th

President's Report

- A. Human Resources Monthly Report
New Director of Human Resources
New Grants and Contracts
- B. Finance & Business Monthly Report
Revenue up and expenses down
Building Update – Completion of dorms for December
Progress on the 6-classroom building has stalled due to dorms
Big Knife building renovation
6-classroom building includes a cafeteria and offices will be added for this building to be our new Cultural Center
- C. Academic Affairs & Institutional Effectiveness (IE) Update
IE Director is updating the SKC Fact Book – any suggestions from the Board
Suggestion from the Board to focus on updating the website
Which data, specifically, would the Board like us to collect?
- D. Enrollment Management & Student Affairs Update
New student orientation – 5 new CALS students
Discussion regarding CALS and apprenticeship program - What is the college's role in supporting the language apprentice program
What is happening with the Kootenai language program at SKC – KCC is focusing on a different pathway of their language program
Student Enrollment 608 registered 683 applications processed 110 students at NSO
- E. Institutional Advancement Report

New Business

Policies – 250.00 – 257.00 Personnel Leave Policies

Policy 250.00 Staff Annual Leave

Policy 250.50 Faculty Personnel Leave
Policy 250.70 Holiday Pay
Policy 251.00 Sick Leave
Policy 251.50 Wellness Leave
Policy 252.00 Administrative Leave
Policy 253.30 Civic Leave
Policy 254.00 Education Leave
Policy 254.50 Sabbatical Leave
Policy 255.00 Bereavement Leave
Policy 256.00 Family Medical Leave Act
Policy 256.50 Military Leave
Policy 257.00 Leave without pay

Motion by Arrianna Henry to approve Policies 250.00, 250.50, 250.70, 251.00, 251.50, 252.00, 253.30, 254.50, 255.00, 256.00, 256.50. 2nd by Jim Durglo. Vote 7 for, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions. Motion carried.

Policies 254.00 and 257.00 have been tabled.

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

Key Dates & Events

* Loni sends the SKC Events list every Tuesday.

Founders' week October 26-30

Tailgate October 28

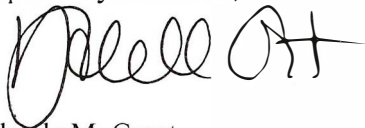
Upcoming Meetings

1. October 9 & October 30
October 9 at 11am for campus construction tour
2. November 13
3. December 11

Meeting adjourned at 3:34pm

Motion by Selina Kenmille to adjourn. 2nd by Janeal McDonald. Vote 7 for, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Yolanda M. Grant
SKC Board Recording Secretary