

**Salish Kootenai College Board of Directors
Board Meeting Minutes
June 12, 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 (zoom), Selina Kenmille, Elijah Cahoon, and Arrianna Henry (late arrival)

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 12:20pm.

Consent Agenda

Review and Approve the Meeting Agenda for June 12, 2026. Consent agenda.

Motion by Janeal McDonald to approve the May 15, 2026 meeting minutes. Second by Selina Kenmille. Vote 6 for, 0 Against, 1 absent (Arrianna Henry late arrival). Motion carried.

Open for Groups and Individuals

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

- Discussion about the SKQU name change process (funding, capacity, ability)
- Communication plan completed by Inservice and roll out at Inservice
- Update on the Gaps Analysis (Stakeholders 50% Tribal, stakeholder commitment to SKC, student survey response high, employee surveys still in progress).

Old Business – Updates

- SKQU Name Change – Legal Timeline CSKT Resolution Passed, Board motion for change. Salish Kootenai College doing business as SKQU was the recommendation from Counsel.
 - a. The Board is to make an official motion authorizing the President to effect the change for the College to a University.
 - b. The next step in the business/name change would be to change the name at the tribal business license department across the street.

Motion by Selina Kenmille to direct Michael to move forward with the name change. Second by Arrianna Henry. Vote 7 for, 0 Against. Motion carried.

President's Report

1. Human Resources Monthly Report – add retirement.
2. Business Affairs – Finance & Business Monthly Report
3. Academic Affairs & Institutional Effectiveness – Accreditation & Quality Assurance 160 graduates.
4. Enrollment Management & Student Affairs

1. BIE & MT Non-Beneficiary Paperwork Submitted for AY2025-2026
2. Payment for FY2027 Indian Student Count confirmed
 - a. 472.57 ISC for 2024-2025
 - b. \$3,890,678
5. Institutional Advancement Update
 1. Falcons Football Clinic, August 8th – AMBFF, SKC, & Ronan PS

New Business

Policies

1. 205.00 Lactation

Motion by Janeal McDonald to approve the lactation policy 205.00. Second by Selina Kenmille. Vote 7 for, 0 Against. Motion carried.

2. 253.00 Cultural Leave (w/ Attachments) – for Discussion
 - a. 253.00 Cultural Leave-Attachments
 Postpone vote for feedback from Sadie and Vernon

2. 855.00 Text Messaging_SMS

Motion by Jim Durglo to approve the Text Messaging policy 855.00. Second by Janeal McDonald. Vote 6 for, 0 Against, 1 absent (Arrianna Matt stepped out). Motion carried.

Board Retreat

1. Strategic Planning Retreat & Encompass Presentation, August 7 & 8, 2026
Possible location: Blue Bay

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

- A. Campus Healthcare – This has been postponed until July to allow the presenter to take care of a family emergency
- B. The Montana Rural Health Transformation Program – CSKT Tribal Health & Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) – Tribal Colleges Association of Montana meeting, June 17 - 18, 2026, will focus on the MT RHTP project.
- C. Campus Facilities Tour – Hold for July
 1. Student Housing
 2. Classroom Building & Cafeteria
- D. Employee Roles & Responsibilities – Guiding Principles – Moved to Strategic Planning in August

Key Dates & Events

- June 8 – SKC moves to 4, 10s
- June 15 – First Day of Summer Quarter
- July 1, 2, & 6 – Arlee Esyapqeyni Tribal Holiday
- July 16 & 20 – Standing Arrow Tribal Holiday
- 5. * Loni sends the SKC Events list every Tuesday.

Upcoming Meetings

- July 10 – Eldena will be remote
- August 7 (& 8) – Annual Strategic Planning w/ Encompass

September ?

October ?

Meeting adjourned to move into Executive Session at 2.21pm

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

Executive Session

Executive session adjourned at 3:47pm

Meeting Call to Order

Motion by Selina Kenmille to offset cashflow with SKC savings, with a monthly repayment update. 2nd by Elijah Cahoon. Vote 6 for, 0 Against, 1 Absent (Jim Durglo). Motion carried.

Motion by Elijah Cahoon to approve Budget FY2027 as proposed with all of the instructions. 2nd by Arrianna Henry. Vote 6 for, 0 Against, 1 Absent (Jim Durglo). Motion carried.

Plan for a significant budget discussion during meetings moving forward.

Motion by Janeal McDonald to adjourn. 2nd by Vernon Finley. Vote 6 for, 0 Against, 1 Absent (Jim Durglo). Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yolanda M. Grant'.

Yolanda M. Grant

SKC Board Recording Secretary

