

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS

Minutes

Wednesday, November 13, 2024, NOC Enid

Regents Present: Brad Fox, Jami Groendyke, Mike Loftis, Sandy Mulligan, and Jason Turnbow.

Employees Present: Diana Morris Watkins, Anita Simpson, Sheri Snyder, Dr. Rick Edgington, Dr. Marsh Howard, Jason Johnson, Dr. Shelly Mencacci, Jeremy Hise, Scott Cloud, and Denise Bay.

1. **Call to Order.** Presiding Chair Jason Turnbow called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Notice of meeting had been given to the Secretary of State and the agenda posted. Quorum was declared present.
2. **Introduction of visitors, guests, and/or speaker.** Kirk Vanderslice of Hinkle & Co., PC.
3. **Reciting of the Northern Oklahoma College Mission Statement.** Northern Oklahoma College, the State's first public community college, is a multi-campus, land-grant institution that provides high quality, accessible, and affordable educational opportunities and services which create life changing experiences and develop students as effective learners and leaders within their communities and in a connected, ever-changing world.
4. **Public Comments.**

BOARD ACTION

5. **Vote to approve minutes.**
 - The minutes of the Wednesday, October 25, 2024, meeting were approved on the motion of Regent Loftis as seconded by Regent Mulligan. Voting aye were Regents Fox, Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Turnbow.
6. **FY2024 External Audit Report.**
 - Mr. Kirk Vanderslice with Hinkle & Co., PC, presented the FY2024 External Audit Report. Mr. Vanderslice stated that the independent auditor's report expressed an unmodified opinion and the audit had no findings. On the motion of Regent Loftis as seconded by Regent Fox, the Regents voted to approve the

FY2024 External Audit Report. Voting aye were Regents Fox, Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Turnbow.

7. **Board of Regents Meeting Date Change.**

- Diana Morris Watkins presented a proposal to reschedule the Board of Regents (BOR) meeting originally planned for November 26, 2025, to an earlier date of November 19, 2025. On a motion by Regent Fox, seconded by Regent Loftis, the Board of Regents voted to approve the date change from November 26, 2025 to November 19, 2025. Voting aye were Regents Fox, Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Turnbow.

8. **2025-2026 Academic Calendar.**

- Dr. Shelly Mencacci presented for approval the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar. The fall semester will begin on August 18, 2025, and the spring semester will begin January 12, 2026. On a motion by Regent Fox, seconded by Regent Groendyke, the Board of Regents voted to approve the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar. Voting aye were Regents Fox, Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Turnbow.

9. **Monthly Financial Report.**

- Ms. Simpson presented for approval the monthly financial reports dated for October 31, 2024. On the motion of Regent Fox as seconded by Regent Loftis, the Regents approved the monthly financial report as presented. Voting aye were Regent Fox, Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Turnbow.

10. **Monthly Purchase Report.**

- Ms. Simpson presented November 2024 purchases for approval. **Purchases of \$25,000 or more were for:** (#I.) Zollars Memorial Library Roof Layover – American Roofing and Construction, LLC –\$179,500.00 Funding Source: Capital Funds, deferred Maintenance (#II.) Roof Replacement – Tonkawa Multiple Rental Houses – Hail Damage May 2023 – David Williams Construction Co., Inc - \$224,345.00; Funding Source: Auxiliary Funds to be reimbursed by OMES for Insurance Claim #2350032092. On the motion of Regent Fox as seconded by Regent Loftis, the Regents approved November 2024 Monthly Purchases. Voting aye were Regent Fox, Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Turnbow.

11. **Monthly Allocations Report.**

- Ms. Simpson presented for approval Section 13/New College Fund 600 & 650 allocation requests for the following projects: Purchase of Vehicles - \$10,000.00, Purchase of Vehicles – Enid - \$10,000.00. On the motion of Regent Fox as seconded by Regent Groendyke, the Regents voted to approve the Section 13/New College Fund 600 & 650 allocation request for \$20,000.00

as presented. Voting aye were Regent Fox, Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Turnbow.

INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

12. Administrative Comments.

- Dr. Shelly Mencacci highlighted key updates across various divisions. The Engineering, Physical Sciences, & Process Technology division is proud to announce that the NOC Rocket Team has been accepted into NASA's First Nations Launch Competition. In the Business division, plans are underway for an academic interscholastic competition. Suzy Brown, PLC Sponsor for the Tonkawa campus reported that 9,200 cinnamon rolls have been sold for the holiday. She also reported that Academic Affairs launched two micro-credential programs: Cinema Set Construction and Spanish for Healthcare Workers. Supported by \$30,000 in grants, these programs aim to address workforce needs and re-engage adult learners.
- Sheri Snyder announced the successful coordination of the First Generation, Fundraising Campaign. The campaign raised \$10,000 in donations on November 7-8, which will be matched with a generous \$20,000 contribution from an anonymous donor. Proceeds will support the newly established First Generation Scholarship Fund and enhance programming for first-generation students across all three campus locations. She also stated that she is pleased to announce that artist Yatika Starr Fields has begun work on a new mural in the Cultural Engagement Center. The project is expected to be completed by November 24. She extended an invitation to the Regents to attend the Mural Dedication and Reception in celebration of this significant addition to NOC's Tonkawa campus. The event is scheduled for December 11, 2024, immediately following the Board of Regents meeting.
- Jeremy Hise stated that President Diana Morris Watkins, along with NOC faculty and staff, led PLC students from all three campuses on an educational trip to Tulsa. The group visited the Greenwood Rising Museum and explored the historic Greenwood District, famously known as Black Wall Street. During a guided museum tour, students learned about the vibrant African American community that thrived prior to the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921. The visit continued with a walking tour of key historic sites and concluded at the John Hope Franklin Reconciliation Park, a space dedicated to remembrance, education, and healing for those impacted by this tragedy. He also noted that on October 30 NOC-Enid hosted a significant community event on human trafficking awareness. Led by Dr. Nyla Ali Khan, chair of the human trafficking subcommittee of the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women, the event featured a panel discussion held in partnership with the commission. Experts, including representatives from the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and

Dangerous Drugs Control, gathered at the Gantz Center to discuss the prevalence of human trafficking in Oklahoma.

- Dr. Rick Edgington reviewed the Spring 2025 Preliminary Enrollment reports dated November 13, 2024, noting that the headcount and credit count are both up 9% from last year.
- Anita Simpson presented an economic impact report for FY2023-2024 detailing the significant contributions of NOC through gross payroll and vendor payments:
 - **Gross Payroll:** Totaled \$11,353,003, with 96% (\$10,881,121) spent in Oklahoma.
 - Kay, Garfield, Payne, and Noble counties accounted for \$9,726,257 (89% of Oklahoma payroll).
 - **Kay County:** \$5.3M (Tonkawa \$3.1M; Ponca City \$1.2M; Blackwell \$678K)
 - **Garfield County:** \$2.1M (Enid \$2.0M; Covington \$75K)
 - **Payne County:** \$1.6M (Stillwater \$1.1M; Perkins \$227K; Glencoe \$195K)
 - **Noble County:** \$731K (Perry \$368K; Morrison \$255K)
 - **Vendor Payments:** Totaled \$22,125,843, with 71% (\$15,725,663) paid to Oklahoma vendors. Kay, Garfield, Payne, and Noble counties received \$5,032,921 (32% of Oklahoma vendor payments).
 - **Kay County:** \$2.5M (Tonkawa \$994K; Ponca City \$1.5M; Blackwell \$38K)
 - **Garfield County:** \$1.2M (Enid \$1.2M)
 - **Payne County:** \$1.2M (Stillwater \$1.2M)
 - **Noble County:** \$19K (Perry \$19K)

These figures underscore NOC's substantial economic contributions to the local and state economies.

- Dr. Marsh Howard reported that the accreditation site visit for Scholars for Excellence – Child Development went very well. He also highlighted the success of the First Generation Fundraising event on the Stillwater campus, with 30 students in attendance. Additionally, the Northern Encounter event in Stillwater saw a significant increase in attendance, with 33 students participating—doubling last year's turnout.
- Jason Johnson announced that the Men's and Women's Wrestling programs have officially launched their seasons. On October 31, NOC hosted its first Wrestling dual against Trinidad State from Colorado. The Men's team participated in their first match in 40 years. Meanwhile, the Women's team made history with their inaugural match at the college level, with Addison Polk securing the first-ever win in Women's Wrestling at NOC—an achievement that will be remembered in the record books.

13. **President's Update.**

- Diana Morris Watkins invited the Regents to NOC's Holiday Luncheons on all three campuses. Holiday luncheons for Enid will be held on December 5, 2025, Stillwater on December 10, 2025, and Tonkawa on December 11, 2025 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Diana Morris Watkins will have the privilege of serving as the keynote speaker at the Women in Higher Education event. She will highlight the importance of supporting and empowering women in academics, sharing her experiences and insights on overcoming challenges and achieving success in higher education. The event will provide a platform for meaningful dialogue and networking among women in the field.

14. **Regents' Comments.**

- Regent Fox expressed his sincere gratitude to Sheri Snyder and her department for their outstanding efforts in organizing the Veterans parade float. He recognized their dedication in making the event a great success.

15. **Other Reports.**

- a. **Personnel Actions.*** Ms. Anita Simpson reported three new hires.
- b. **2024 Biennial Review of Drug Free School Act.*** Jason Johnson presented the 2024 Biennial Review of the Drug Free School Act stating that the following revisions have been made: updated activities for fall 2022 through spring 2024, updated program names, updated Federal Legal Sanctions, updated State Legal Sanctions, and updated number of incidents.

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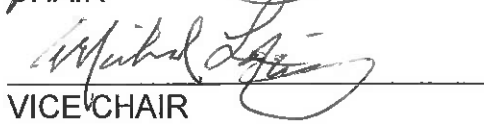
16. **New Business.**

17. **Items for the next agenda.**

18. **Announcement of next scheduled meeting: The next regular scheduled meeting is Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., President's Large Conference Room 106B on the Tonkawa campus.**

19. **Adjournment** – Motion made at 3:08 p.m. to adjourn by Regent Fox as Seconded by Regent Mulligan. Voting aye were Regents Fox, Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Turnbow.


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