

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS

Minutes

Wednesday, April 23, 2025, NOC Tonkawa

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, Jason Johnson, Dr. Shelly Mencacci, Dr. Marsh Howard, Jeremy Hise, Denise Bay, and Scott Cloud.

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Jason Turnbow called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Notice of the 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.** Kevin Ditmore, with Tonkawa Economic Development, and Dwayne Tate and Landon Wheelock with Crawford & Associates, P.C.
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, March 26, 2025, meeting were approved on the motion of Regent Fox, as seconded by Regent Loftis. Voting aye were Regents Fox, Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Turnbow.
6. **FY2025 Internal Audit Report.**
 - Mr. Dwayne Tate and Landon Wheelock of Crawford & Associates, P.C., delivered the FY2024 Internal Audit Report. The report outlined findings in the areas of Miscellaneous Claims Encumbrance and Follow-up on Prior Year Recommendations within the College's Pre-Audit System. Twenty-eight (93%) of the 30 claims tested were properly encumbered prior to the receipt of goods and/or services. On the Motion of Regent Groendyke, seconded by Regent

Fox, the Regents voted to approve the FY2025 Internal Audit Report. Voting aye were Regents Fox, Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Turnbow.

7. **Monthly Financial Report.**

- Ms. Simpson presented for approval of the monthly financial report dated March 31, 2025. On the motion of Regent Loftis, as seconded by Regent Groendyke, the Regents approved the April 2025 Financial Report. Voting aye were Regents Fox, Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Turnbow.

8. **Monthly Purchase Report.**

Ms. Simpson presented the April 2025 purchases for approval. **Purchases of \$25,000 or more were for:** (#I.) Steinway Grand Piano Model D Restoration – Steinway & Sons - \$35,867.00; Funding Source: Sole Source, Capital Funds, (#II.) Print Shop Equipment – 36 Month Lease – Galaxie Business Equipment, Inc. – Option B - \$180,178.68; Funding Source: Auxiliary Funds. On the motion of Regent Fox, as seconded by Regent Groendyke, the Regents approved April 2025 Monthly Purchases. Voting aye were Regents Fox, Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Turnbow.

9. **Monthly Allocations Report.**

Ms. Simpson presented for approval Section 13/New College Fund 600 & 650 allocation requests for the following projects: Furniture & Equipment – Tonkawa - \$35,000.00, Computer Hardware, Software, Licenses & Fees - \$20,000.00, Residence Halls: Renovation, Furniture & Equipment – Tonkawa - \$30,000.00, Residence Halls: Renovation, Furniture & Equipment – Enid - \$20,000.00. On the motion of Regent Loftis, as seconded by Regent Groendyke, the Regents voted to approve the Section 13/New College Fund 600 & 650 allocation request for \$105,000.00 as presented. Voting aye were Regents Fox, Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Turnbow.

INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

10. **Administrative Comments.**

- Dr. Shelly Mencacci gave a brief update from her department, noting that under the NASNTI grant, a new greenhouse was completed on the Tonkawa campus to support the Precision Agriculture program. Initially constructed without a motorized shade cloth, irrigation, or lighting, a budget modification allowed for a full instructional buildout. Despite some delays due to electrical issues, pilot courses are now moving forward. Students are gaining hands-on experience in soil testing, planting, pest identification, turf propagation, and sustainable

practices like composting and water recycling. Dr. Mencacci also stated that our virtual career services platform, Handshake, is live and includes all currently enrolled students. Degree majors have been aligned with relevant career pathways, and employer and advisory board data have been uploaded to support job searches, internships, and ongoing student-employer engagement. The Regroup texting platform is now in use to support student communication. Faculty and staff have completed training, which was recorded for future use, and this tool is helping increase timely responses and participation through direct mobile messaging. She also stated that Academic Affairs participated in the HLC annual conference, strengthening our institutional accreditation efforts and my role as Accreditation Liaison Officer. Fall scheduling has been completed in partnership with Enrollment Management and is now available to students. Each Academic Affairs unit is finalizing annual reports outlining goal progress, needs, and faculty support. These reports, along with input from Financial Services and the Foundation, will guide our budget development for FY 25–26 under the President's leadership.

- Sheri Snyder provided an update on recent activities, stating that the NOC Alumni & Friends Ballpark Social held on April 22 was a great success. She expressed appreciation to all who participated in the Heilmann Dedication event. Sheri also reported that the website redesign is progressing well, with a projected go-live date in early August and full functionality anticipated by the first day of classes on August 18.
- Jeremy Hise noted that on April 9, Northern Oklahoma College hosted a well-attended Criminal Justice Career Fair on the Enid campus, welcoming NOC students, area K-12 schools, and community members interested in law enforcement and public safety careers. Representatives from multiple agencies—including the Enid Police Department, Arkansas City Police Department, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, and Garfield County Sheriff's Office—were present to share career insights and network with attendees. The event reinforced NOC's commitment to career readiness and community engagement. In addition, on April 12, NOC partnered with the Early Childhood Coalition and local organizations to co-host Superhero Saturday at North Meadow Lake Park in Enid, a free, family-oriented event celebrating the Week of the Young Child. Families participated in paddle boats, miniature golf, games, educational activities, and a free lunch, with many children dressed as their favorite superheroes. NOC provided information on education, scholarships, and wellness resources, while community agencies offered additional support and giveaways. Special thanks were extended to the NOC Hispanic Culture Club, Jets Men's Basketball, and Women's Soccer teams for their volunteer efforts in logistics and hospitality throughout the event.

- Dr. Rick Edgington reviewed the preliminary enrollment report for Fall 2025, noting that enrollment numbers reflect a decrease in headcount and credit hours. He did note that Wrestling and Tonkawa Baseball still need to enroll for Target Enrollment Day sessions.
- Anita Simpson reported that her department has begun responding to the Governor's Executive Order 2025-09, which requires tracking the number of employees on specific dates and identifying any positions replaced by independent contractors. As part of this process, two employee positions were eliminated in the FY2025 budget and converted to independent contractor roles. She also noted that the Accounting Department has initiated implementation of the P-Card system and has begun preparations for the upcoming external audit.
- Dr. Marsh Howard provided an update on recent activities at NOC Stillwater, highlighting the success of the Boys from Oklahoma Concert Parking Fundraiser held April 10–13. The event raised a total of \$10,300 over four nights by selling 203 parking spaces (51 out of 52 spaces sold each night). He gave thanks for support from IT, faculty, and staff, and the phone-tree system was used for several weeks to collect donor information, ultimately selling out the event during concert week. Students and staff oversaw donor verification and parking logistics. Proceeds of \$1,630 each were distributed to the President's Leadership Council (PLC), H.A.T.S., Nursing Study Abroad scholarships, the Stillwater Activity Fund, United Way of Payne County's Stillwater Strong Fire Relief Fund, and the Stillwater Public Education Foundation. Internal distributions have been completed, and both external organizations have agreed to participate in a "big check" presentation for social media and publicity purposes.
- Jason Johnson stated that as the semester wraps up, we reflect on the fast pace of the academic year and recognize that for some students, their time at NOC is nearing an end. It's been a year of ups and downs, but overall, a success. Softball is winding down regular season play as both the Mavericks and Jets prepare for the Region 2 Tournament in Piedmont, OK. Both teams have qualified and aim to make a strong postseason run. Baseball continues with a strong season, with both teams appearing in the NJCAA Top 25. The Mavericks are currently ranked #23. Both teams are aiming to qualify for the Region 2 Tournament in Hot Springs, AR, and we're hopeful for deep postseason runs—maybe even an NOC vs. NOC championship matchup. Basketball and Wrestling are focused on recruiting and have already begun hosting and signing athletes for next season. Soccer teams have been scrimmaging this spring as we welcome a new hire: Joe Jolly has been named Head Women's/Assistant Men's Soccer Coach. Jolly, previously Associate Head Coach at Arizona Christian University, brings experience from UCO and ACU. Coach Jolly is a Lawton, OK native and former player at

Oklahoma City University. He brings Oklahoma ties and a strong recruiting background. Academically, student-athletes continue to excel. Outstanding Academic Student Athlete awards were presented at recent academic banquets, and it's always impressive to see how well athletes balance sports and academics.

11. **President's Update.**

- Diana Morris Watkins provided a brief update on Legislative Bill HB2197, which addresses housing and dining. She noted that the bill may remain under consideration until next year. Diana expressed appreciation to Great Western for preparing a document that outlines strong opposition to the bill, emphasizing that its passage would jeopardize NOC's current dining service model. The document has been shared with members of the Senate Education Committee as well as the House and Senate representatives for all NOC campus locations. She also reported that Higher Education Day at the Capitol was a success and extended thanks to Sheri Snyder's team for organizing the event.
- Diana also noted that end-of-year budget hearings are currently being scheduled with each Division Chair, the Vice Presidents, and members of the Board of Regents to review fiscal performance and discuss priorities for the upcoming budget cycle.

12. **Regents' Comments.** Nothing to report.

13. **Other Reports.**

- ***Personnel Changes.*** Ms. Anita Simpson reported one resignation and three new hires.

ROUTINE AND OTHER


14. **New Business.**

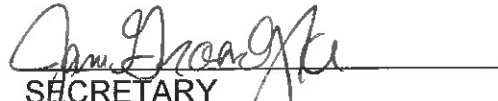
15. **Items for the next agenda.**

16. **Announcement of next scheduled meeting: The next regular scheduled meeting is Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., Gantz Center, Room 102 in Enid.**

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


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