

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS

Minutes

Wednesday, December 17, 2025, NOC Tonkawa

Regents Present: Andrew Ewbank, Brad Fox, Jami Groendyke, Sandy Mulligan, and Mike Loftis.

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

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Mike Loftis 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.** Kyle Shifflett, Attorney General for Northern Oklahoma College.
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.** No Public Comments were made.

BOARD ACTION

5. **Vote to approve minutes.**
 - The minutes of the Wednesday, November 19, 2025, meeting were approved on the motion of Regent Fox as seconded by Regent Ewbank. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Fox, Groendyke, Mulligan, and Loftis.
6. **FY27 Academic Service Fee request**
 - Ms. Simpson presented for approval the Academic Service Fees changes for FY27. On the motion of Regent Groendyke, as seconded by Regent Mulligan, the Regents approved Academic Service Fees changes for FY2027. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Fox, Groendyke, Mulligan, and Loftis.

7. **Monthly Financial Report.**
 - Ms. Simpson presented for approval the monthly financial reports dated November 30, 2025. On the motion of Regent Fox as seconded by Regent Ewbanks, the Regents approved the monthly financial report as presented. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Fox, Groendyke, Mulligan, and Loftis.

8. **Monthly Purchase Report.**
 - Ms. Simpson presented the December 2025 purchases for approval. **Purchases of \$25,000 or more were for:** (#I.) Internet Fiber and Conduit Installation – Tonkawa Process Technology Facility – Shotrok LLC - \$64,759.54, Funding Source: NASNTI Funds – Sole Source. (#II.) Band Risers & Acoustic Shell – Fine Arts – Wenger Corp. - \$35,340.65, Funding Source – Capital Funds. On the motion of Regent Fox as seconded by Regent Groendyke, the Regents approved December 2025 monthly purchases. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Fox, Groendyke, Mulligan, and Loftis.

9. **Monthly Allocations Report.**
 - No Allocation Requests were presented for December 2025.

10. **Surplus Property.**
 - On the motion of Regent Fox as seconded by Regent Mulligan, the Regents approved Surplus Property as presented. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Fox, Groendyke, Mulligan, and Loftis.

11. **Reinstate NJCAA Competitive Cheer.**
 - On the motion of Regent Groendyke, as seconded by Regent Fox, the Regents approved to reinstate NJCAA Competitive Cheer on the Tonkawa and Enid campuses beginning in the fall of 2026, as presented. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Fox, Groendyke, Mulligan, and Loftis

INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

12. **Administrative Comments.**
 - Dr. Shelly Mencacci stated that Academic Affairs continues oversight of academic programs, including STEM, Allied Health, Criminal Justice, and Teacher Education. Academic program reviews remain ongoing in alignment with OSRHE requirements, with continued focus on Allied Health and Nursing. She also noted that Strategic planning and curriculum efforts support student success, workforce readiness, and faculty development, and are integrated into the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Quality Improvement Project (QIP) in preparation for the 2027 reaffirmation. In November, an HLC Peer Reviewer confirmed that NOC maintains effective oversight at all additional locations. The next HLC Comprehensive Evaluation is scheduled for November 15-16, 2027.

- Sheri Snyder reported on the positive impact of the MacKenzie Scott gift on donor relations with year-end giving. She also shared information on a new scholarship endowment in memory of Norma Freeman, which will begin awarding in January 2026. The scholarship will support students pursuing Pre-Medicine, Physical Therapy, and Nursing programs.
- Jeremy Hise reported that demolition at Failing Field has been completed, with bids to be released soon for the construction of new concrete bleachers. A groundbreaking is planned later this spring in conjunction with the next phase of construction. He also highlighted campus engagement efforts tied to the Day of Kindness, including participation in *Food for Finals* and community service activities such as Candy Cane Cash, reflecting continued support for students during the end of the semester. Additionally, Mr. Hise reported assisting with concurrent enrollment efforts at Enid High School, including outreach to area schools to confirm financial assistance options and support enrollment access for students.
- Dr. Rick Edgington presented an enrollment update for the spring semester 2026. He noted that total headcount is up by 1% and total credit hours are up by 13% percent from spring 2025.
- Ms. Anita Simpson reported continued progress on deferred maintenance and physical plant operations, including completion of boiler inspections, electrical and plumbing repairs across campus facilities, repairs to lighting systems, and diagnostic repairs to fleet vehicles. She stated that these efforts support ongoing campus safety, efficiency, and infrastructure sustainability. She also stated that Pell Grant disbursements totaled approximately \$2.95 million, with Student Loan, OTAG, and Oklahoma Promise disbursements proceeding as scheduled. Financial Aid staff continue to meet individually with withdrawing students to explain repayment obligations and provide required load exit counseling. She also reported that the Net Price Calculator is in the testing phase to have it on our website by Friday, December 12th.
- Marsh Howard noted that NOC advanced to the final allocation stage of the TSET Legacy Grant process. NOC was among three institutions included on the docket for the allocation vote; however, no funding was recommended at this stage. He stated that follow-up efforts are underway to seek feedback from TSET and to evaluate next steps and future strategic opportunities related to the grant process.
- Jason Johnson reported that concussion protocols are in place for all student athletes, including baseline testing through the Sway software. He stated that these protocols are compliant with regulations and best practices and stated that the procedures are effective in supporting student-athlete safety and return-to-play decisions. NOC continues to monitor and follow established concussion management standards.

13. **President's Update.**

- Diana Morris provided updates related to accreditation, academic planning, campus operations, and leadership development. Preparation for the upcoming Higher Learning Commission (HLC) visit was discussed, noting that significant time has been dedicated to readiness efforts. The President reported plans to attend the HLC conference and indicated that micro-credential tracking and logging processes are being refined, with related reporting to the state underway.
- She provided an overview of academic planning, including approximately 5,000 appointments across multiple disciplines (Arts & Humanities, English, Music, Computer Science, and Science), with an emphasis on planning for enrollment growth and a coordinated, team-based approach.
- The Board was advised that a federal report will be finalized in the spring and presented to the Board, and that financial timeline reporting will be provided in February.
- Student Affairs updates included positive campus safety and infrastructure developments, specifically noting improvements related to crosswalks in Enid, including coordination with the City of Enid. Diana also noted that ongoing efforts related to residence life and gym access are expected to be helpful to students.
- Leadership development initiatives were highlighted, including ELC leadership efforts and continued focus on strengthening leadership capacity. She concluded by noting ongoing listening sessions across schools, with feedback being collected and used to inform future decisions and institutional improvements.

14. **Regents' Comments.**

- No comments were reported.

15. **Other Reports.**

- ***Personnel Changes.*** Ms. Anita Simpson reported two new hires.
- ***Concurrent Enrollment Update.*** Sheri Snyder gave a brief update on a concurrent enrollment report, detailing the number of students served and the financial assistance provided by various schools.
- ***Strategic Plan Update.*** Diana Morris reported continued progress in the strategic planning process and highlighted the upcoming retreat, emphasizing faculty and staff participation. A recent State Regents productivity report was discussed, including its potential impact on NOC programs, and will be considered as part of ongoing strategic planning efforts. Additional updates will be provided following the retreat.

ROUTINE AND OTHER

16. **New Business.**

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

18. **Announcement of next scheduled meeting:** The next regular scheduled meeting is Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., President's Large Conference Room 106B on the Tonkawa campus.

19. **Adjournment.** – Motion made at 3:38 p.m. to adjourn by Regent Fox as seconded by Regent Groendyke. Voting aye were Regent Ewbank, Fox, Groendyke, Mulligan, and Loftis.



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