

# NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS

## Minutes

Wednesday, February 18, 2026, NOC Tonkawa

**Regents Present:** Andrew Ewbank, Mike Loftis, and Sandy Mulligan.

**Regents Absent:** Brad Fox, Jami Groendyke.

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

**Employees Absent:** Dr. Marsh Howard

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.**
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 comments to report.

### BOARD ACTION

5. **Vote to approve minutes.**
  - The minutes of the Wednesday, December 17, 2025, meeting were approved on the motion of Regent Ewbank, seconded by Regent Mulligan. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Regent Mulligan, and Regent Loftis.
6. **Minutes of Special Meeting.**
  - The minutes of the January 28, 2026, Special meeting were approved on the motion of Regent Ewbank, seconded by Regent Mulligan. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Regent Mulligan, and Regent Loftis.

7. **Resolutions Supporting the Current Law on Guns on Campus.**
  - President Morris presented a Resolution supporting the current law on Guns on Campus. On the motion of Regent Ewbank, seconded by Regent Mulligan, the Regents voted to approve the Resolutions supporting the current law on Guns on Campus. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Regent Mulligan, and Regent Loftis.
  
8. **FY2027 Academic Service Fees.**
  - Vice President Anita Simpson presented for approval the Academic Service Fees changes for FY27. On the motion of Regent Mulligan, as seconded by Regent Ewbank, the Regents approved the Academic Service Fees increase for FY2027. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Regent Mulligan, and Regent Loftis.
  
9. **FY2025 External Audit Report.**
  - Vice President Anita Simpson presented the external audit report and discussed the significance of federal financial aid, which totals approximately \$12.8 million. She reported that the audit resulted in an unmodified opinion with no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses noted. On the motion of Regent Ewbank, as seconded by Regent Mulligan, the Regents approved the FY2025 External Audit Report. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Regent Mulligan, and Regent Loftis.
  
10. **Monthly Financial Report.**
  - Vice President Anita Simpson presented for approval of the monthly financial reports dated December 31, 2025, and January 31, 2026. On the motion of Regent Ewbank, as seconded by Regent Mulligan, the Regents approved the FY2025 External Audit Report. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Regent Mulligan, and Regent Loftis.
  
11. **Monthly Purchase Report.**
  - Vice President Anita Simpson presented the February 2026 purchases for approval. **Purchases of \$25,000 or more** were for: (#1.) 20 HPZ2 G1iSFF Desktop Computers – IT Outlet, INC. -\$25,120.00; Funding Source: Capital Funds. On the motion of Regent Ewbank, as seconded by Regent Mulligan, the Regents approved the February 2026 monthly purchases. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Regent Mulligan, and Regent Loftis.
  
12. **Monthly Allocations Report.**
  - Vice President Anita Simpson presented for approval Section 13/New College Fund 600 & 650 allocation requests for the following projects: Furniture & Equipment – Tonkawa - \$10,000.00, Furniture & Equipment – Enid - \$10,000.00, Computers & Networking – Tonkawa - \$150,000.00, Computers & Networking – Enid - \$120,000.00, Computers & Networking – Stillwater -

\$120,000.00, Computer Hardware, Software, Licenses & Fees - \$40,000.00, Dining Hall Renovation & Equipment – Enid - \$10,000.00. On the motion of Regent Mulligan, seconded by Regent Ewbank, the Regents voted to approve the Section 13/New College Fund 600 & 650 allocation request for \$460,000.00 as presented. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Mulligan, and Loftis.

13. **Surplus Property.**

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

14. **Dental Hygiene MOU.**

- President Morris presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Northern Oklahoma College, the University of Oklahoma, and Great Salt Plains Health for the establishment of a dental hygiene program. The agreement outlines provisions for distance learning, clinical training opportunities, and financial arrangements. President Morris noted the program's potential benefits for both NOC students and the surrounding communities, including a geographic preference in admissions for students from northwest Oklahoma. The MOU is pending review by the College's Assistant Attorney General, Kyle Shifflett, and will also be presented to the University of Oklahoma's Board of Regents for consideration. On the motion of Regent Ewbank, seconded by Regent Mulligan, the Regents approved the Memorandum of Understanding as presented, pending review by the Assistant Attorney General. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Mulligan, and Loftis.

## **INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

15. **Administrative Comments.**

- Vice President Dr. Shelly Mencacci provided updates on activities across Academic Affairs. The Agriculture and Biological Sciences Division prepared to host the annual Interscholastic Ag Competition with approximately 780 anticipated entries; however, the event was canceled due to winter weather. The NOC Sheep Production class competed successfully at the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo, earning several champion and reserve champion titles. The Business Division continues providing tax preparation assistance for low-income families in the community, and the Nursing Division Chair position remains posted. Fine Arts hosted the Roustabouts Homecoming Concert and will present a Black History Month Celebration Concert. The Planetarium continues to support community engagement through school visits and public programming. Dr. Mencacci also reported on updates related to workforce readiness curriculum enhancements, Teacher's Academy training, NASNTI grant activities, and continued preparation for the Higher Learning Commission 2027 reaffirmation. She provided an HLC roadmap outlining preparation efforts and noted that strategic planning initiatives are underway, including employee

survey feedback that will guide development of a formalized onboarding and mentorship program.

- Vice President Sheri Snyder reported that 94 gifts were received between December 17, 2025, and February 6, 2026, totaling \$918,487.19. For FY2026, the Foundation has received 2,065 gifts totaling \$19,206,687.39. She also reported that preparations are underway for the Thank-a-thon, which allows scholarship recipients to personally thank donors. Ms. Snyder noted that the annual Donor Recognition Dinner will be held on March 9, 2026, in the Renfro Center, with invitations sent to approximately 250 donors who contributed \$100 or more. She also reported on the successful NOC Foundation Strategic Planning Retreat held on January 28, which included members of the NOC Foundation Board of Trustees, Board of Regents, and Executive Council. Ms. Snyder shared that the Development Office is coordinating NOC's participation in Higher Education and Oklahoma's Promise Day at the Capitol on March 31, which will include Regents, Foundation Trustees, administrators, and students from the Tonkawa, Enid, and Stillwater campuses.
- Vice President Jeremy Hise reported that NOC participated in an interview with the Oklahoma Department of Commerce regarding the P3 for Education & Workforce Incentive program. NOC was the first college to utilize this funding opportunity, and the interview highlighted the impact of P3-funded projects across the state. Autry Technology Center, another recipient of the funding, also participated. Mr. Hise also reported attending the American Baseball Coaches Association Convention in Columbus, Ohio, where he delivered a presentation related to the NJCAA Division II World Series. Additionally, he communicated with NJCAA leadership regarding facility improvements at David Allen Memorial Ballpark and is currently obtaining quotes for wall padding as part of preparations for hosting the NJCAA Division II World Series.
- Vice President Dr. Rick Edgington provided an overview of the Spring 2026 Preliminary Enrollment Report dated February 18, 2026, noting that overall headcount remains flat compared to the previous year, while total credit hours are down approximately 2%.
- Vice President Anita Simpson discussed the financial impact of the higher education funding formula and emphasized the importance of maintaining strong state appropriations. She also provided updates on deferred maintenance projects, the print management RFP process, and current residence hall occupancy rates.
- Vice President Jason Johnson reported that the spring semester has been very active for NOC athletics. The basketball teams are currently competing in Region 2 play and working toward tournament seeding, while both wrestling programs recently competed in their National Duals and are preparing for regional and national competitions. Baseball and softball have opened their

seasons with early wins despite weather-related schedule adjustments. Soccer programs are currently in their offseason strength and conditioning phase while hosting prospective recruits on campus. Mr. Johnson also noted that applications are currently being accepted for the open Cheer Coach position and expressed appreciation to Stacy Burns, Physical Plant Director, for coordinating repairs and maintenance to the Athletic Fleet vehicles.

15. **President's Update.**

- President Morris discussed the importance of continued advocacy at the State Capitol on behalf of higher education. She highlighted participation in events such as Higher Education Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol and Oklahoma Promise Day at the Capitol, noting these opportunities allow institutions to engage with legislators and promote the value of higher education across the state. President Morris also addressed current legislative discussions, including a proposed food service bill that would prohibit colleges from requiring meal plans for students living in campus housing. She emphasized the potential financial and logistical challenges associated with the proposal, particularly the impact on food service revenue and the operational ability to maintain healthy, affordable meal options for students residing on campus.

16. **Regents Comments.**

- No comments were made.

17. **Other Reports.**

- ***Personnel Changes.*** Vice President Anita Simpson reported six resignations and three new hires.
- ***NOCF Strategic Planning Retreat Update.*** Vice President Sheri Snyder provided an update on the development of the NOC Foundation Strategic Plan, as well as progress related to the \$17 million gift. She outlined the process used to compile and organize the strategic plan, including the collection of input and the coordination of planning discussions to guide future priorities. Sheri also expressed appreciation to the Board of Regents for their time and participation in the Strategic Planning Retreat, noting that their engagement and feedback were instrumental in helping shape the direction of the plan.

## **ROUTINE AND OTHER**

18. **New Business.**

19. **Items for the next agenda.**


20. **Announcement of next scheduled meeting: The next regular scheduled meeting is Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., in the Brown Conference Room 217, on the Stillwater campus.**

21. **Adjournment.** – Motion made at 3:40 p.m. to adjourn by Regent Mulligan, as Seconded by Regent Ewbank. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Mulligan, and Loftis.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIR

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
VICE CHAIR

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SECRETARY

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
MEMBER

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
MEMBER