

# NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS

## Minutes

Wednesday, May 20, 2026, NOC Tonkawa

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

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

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Mike Loftis 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 had been 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 public comments were made.

## BOARD ACTIONS

5. **Vote to approve minutes.**
  - The minutes of the Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 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. **2027 NOC Board of Regents Meeting Dates.**
  - President Diana Morris presented the proposed 2027 NOC Board of Regents meeting dates. She noted the June meeting date had been aligned with the State Regents tuition and fee hearing schedule. The Regents approved the 2027 Board of Regents Meeting Dates as presented on the motion of Regent Fox, as seconded by Regent Groendyke. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Fox, Groendyke, Mulligan, and Loftis.

7. **Policies and Procedures.**
  - Vice President Sheri Snyder reviewed recommended changes to Northern Oklahoma College Foundation policies and procedures, including the Bylaws, Gift Fee Policy, Handling of Gifts to the College Policy, Investment Policy, and Spending Policy. Discussion included revisions to bylaws, investment policy updates, and legal review by the Attorney General's office. On the motion of Regent Ewbank, as seconded by Regent Fox, the Regents approved the recommended changes subject to Attorney General review. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Fox, Groendyke, Mulligan, and Loftis.
  
8. **Exchange for Services Agreement.**
  - Vice President Sheri Snyder reviewed the annual Exchange for Services Agreement between Northern Oklahoma College and Northern Oklahoma College Foundation, Inc. The agreement reflected updated position titles and staffing support responsibilities. On the motion of Regent Ewbank, as seconded by Regent Groendyke, the Regents approved the Exchange for Services Agreement between Northern Oklahoma College and Northern Oklahoma College Foundation, Inc. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Fox, Groendyke, Mulligan, and Loftis.
  
9. **Resource Agreement to Support Development Activities for FY2027.**
  - Vice President Sheri Snyder presented the Resource Agreement allocating funds for fundraising, stakeholder relations, marketing and promotion, trustee professional development, and new program scholarship support. The FY2027 agreement totaled \$77,500. On the motion of Regent Fox, as seconded by Regent Ewbank, the Regents approved the Resource Agreement as presented. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Fox, Groendyke, Mulligan, and Loftis.
  
10. **Group Three Trustee(s) of the Northern Oklahoma College Foundation, Inc.**
  - On the motion of Regent Ewbank, as seconded by Regent Fox, the Regents voted to approve the removal of the following Group Three Trustee from the Foundation Board: Mr. Patrick Anderson – Enid Area (Term ending 6-30-2026) – Resignation as presented. The Regents also voted to approve the appointment of the following Group Three Trustee(s) to the Foundation Board as presented: Jodi Cline – Tonkawa Area (New term ending 6-30-2029), Patrick Zimmerman – Stillwater Area (New term ending 6-30-2029), Jackie Conrady – Area Large (New Term ending 6-30-2029), as presented. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Fox, Groendyke, Mulligan, and Loftis.

11. **Rates for Residential Properties, Facility Rental Fees, and Facility Usage Fees.**

- Vice President Anita Simpson presented for approval proposed rate increases for residential rental properties, facility rental fees, and facility usage fees effective July 2026. On the motion of Regent Groendyke, seconded by Regent Ewbank, the Regents voted to approve the FY2027 Rates for Residential Properties, Facility Rental Fees, and Facility Usage as presented. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Fox, Groendyke, Mulligan, and Loftis.

12. **Room and Board Rates.**

- Vice President Anita Simpson requested approval of the Residence Room and Board Rates for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 semesters. The proposal included increases to dining and residence hall rates while maintaining affordability for students. On the motion of Regent Fox, as seconded by Regent Mulligan, the Regents approved Room and Board Rates for Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 semesters. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Fox, Groendyke, Mulligan, and Loftis.

13. **Monthly Financial Report.**

- Vice President Anita Simpson presented for approval the monthly financial report dated April 30, 2026. On the motion of Regent Groendyke, as seconded by Regent Mulligan, the Regents approved the monthly financial report as presented. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Fox, Groendyke, Mulligan, and Loftis.

14. **Monthly Purchase Report.**

- Vice President Anita Simpson presented the May 2026 purchases for approval. **Purchases of \$25,000 or more** were for: (#I.) SchoolDude Annual Software Subscription - Brightly Software, Inc. - \$31,576.93; Funding Source: Capital Funds. (#II.) Harold Hall Roof Replacement 2026 – Any Time Roofing, Inc. – \$186,924.00 Funding Source: Capital Funds. (#III.) Memorial Student Union Bookstore Roof Replacement 2026 – Any Time Roofing, Inc. - \$107,940.00; Funding Source: Capital Funds. (#IV.) Bush Flooring Replacement 2026 – Anderson Flooring - \$62,065.67; Funding Source: Capital Funds. (#V.) – Threlkeld Flooring Replacement 2026 – Anderson Flooring - \$50,621.13; Funding Source: Capital Funds. On the motion of Regent Fox, as seconded by Regent Ewbank, the Regents approved the May 2026 Monthly Purchases. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Fox, Groendyke, Mulligan, and Loftis.

15. **Monthly Allocations Report.**

- Vice President Anita Simpson presented for approval Section 13/New College Fund 600 & 650 allocation requests for the following projects: Computer Hardware, Software, Licenses & Fees - \$20,000.00, Repair of Educational Facilities – Tonkawa - \$50,000.00, Renovation of Campus Buildings – Tonkawa - \$65,000.00. 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 \$135,000.00 as presented. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Fox, Groendyke, Mulligan, and Loftis.

16. **Surplus Property.**

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

## **INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

17. **Administrative Updates.**

- Vice President Dr. Shelly Mencacci provided updates on faculty achievements, division activities, accreditation efforts, and academic program developments. She reported that the Language Arts and Social Sciences Division will separate into two academic divisions to better support instruction and student success. The Nursing Division announced the appointment of Dr. Vicky Crouch as Division Chair, and the Business Division received affirmation of no conditions on its Quality Assurance Report. Agricultural and Biological Sciences reported successful fundraising activities and welcomed Thomas Owings as the new Livestock Judging Team Leader. Dr. Mencacci also provided an update on Higher Learning Commission (HLC) activities, noting continued progress on accreditation initiatives and institutional planning efforts in support of student success and continuous improvement.
- Vice President Sheri Snyder provided an update on Northern Oklahoma College Foundation activities. She reported that the Foundation continues to engage in strategic planning through a dedicated planning subgroup and remains focused on expanding scholarship opportunities for students. Ms. Snyder noted that Foundation assets remain strong, due to the Mackenzie Scott gift. She also reported that a task force has been established to explore and solicit proposals from an additional investment management firm, with preference given to Oklahoma-based vendors. Additionally, she shared that the Foundation's FY2027 budget includes a \$1 million increase in scholarship funding, including support for residence hall incentive scholarships designed to encourage student recruitment and retention.

- Vice President Jeremy Hise reported that Autry Technology Center recognized Northern Oklahoma College as its Partner for Progress. This award honors outstanding collaboration in workforce development and student success initiatives. President Diana Morris, Sheri Snyder, Dr. Rick Edgington, and Mr. Hise represented NOC at the recognition banquet, which featured Oklahoma Attorney General Gentner Drummond as the keynote speaker. Mr. Hise noted that the award reflects the strong partnership between NOC and Autry Technology Center and their shared commitment to expanding educational and workforce pathways for students. Mr. Hise also provided an update on the Athletic Training and Education Center project at Failing Field. Site preparation and earthwork activities are currently underway, and groundbreaking ceremonies are being planned. The project remains on schedule, with classes expected to begin in the new facility in January 2027. He further reported that donor outreach efforts continue as the College seeks additional funding to support the completion of the project.
- Dr. Rick Edgington reviewed the Fall 2026 Preliminary Enrollment Report dated May 20, 2026, noting that headcount is down by 6%, with credit hours down by 7% from 2025.
- Vice President Anita Simpson reported on her attendance at the Oklahoma Higher Education Employees Insurance Group (OKHEEI) Board meeting held on May 6, 2026. She informed the Regents that Sarah Dolezal, Director of Human Resources, has been designated as Northern Oklahoma College's representative to OKHEEI moving forward. Ms. Simpson provided an update on the group's ongoing review of employee benefit rates and noted that preliminary projections indicate a potential 12% increase in health insurance premiums for the upcoming plan year due to rising healthcare costs and claims experience across the consortium. She further reported that Delta Insurance and the Vision Service Plan (VSP) rates are currently expected to remain unchanged. Ms. Simpson indicated that final rate determinations and benefit information will be communicated once approved by the OKHEEI Board and made available to participating institutions.
- Vice President Dr. Marsh Howard provided an update on facilities, communications, and community engagement activities at the Stillwater campus. He reported ongoing collaboration with Oklahoma State University regarding building efficiency and HVAC operations, with projected utility savings remaining on track for FY2026. Dr. Howard also coordinated summer facilities projects and campus maintenance efforts to support summer operations. Additionally, he highlighted continued outreach through campus communications, participation in community engagement activities, and ongoing collaboration with OSU and community partners to support student success initiatives, including the Pete's Path program and Gateway partnership.

- Vice President Jason Johnson reported on the success of the Jets Baseball team, which made an impressive postseason run to capture the Region 2 Championship after entering the tournament as the No. 5 seed. The Jets defeated top-seeded Murray State three times and No. 2 SouthArk once to earn a berth in the West District Finals. Although the team fell short of advancing to the NJCAA World Series, Mr. Johnson commended the players and coaching staff for an outstanding season. He also recognized Walker Wakeland, Lucas Dunn, Cade Christenson, and Maverick baseball player Jakoob Koop for being named to the Region 2 Gold Glove Team. Mr. Johnson also announced the hiring of Rachel Janzen as the new Head Women's Basketball Coach for the Maverick program. He noted that Janzen brings significant coaching experience, including four successful seasons at New Mexico Junior College, where the program advanced to the NJCAA National Championship game in 2026. Mr. Johnson expressed confidence that Janzen's leadership, coaching experience, and commitment to student-athlete development will be a valuable addition to the Maverick athletic program.

18. **President's Update.**

- President Diana Morris provided updates on grant activities, strategic planning efforts, and statewide higher education initiatives. She reported that annual grant performance measures are nearing completion and highlighted ongoing collaboration with the Northern Oklahoma College Foundation Executive Team as part of the institution's strategic planning process. President Morris also shared that she participated in the Oklahoma State University Honors College Dean selection process, which included meeting with and hosting finalists during the interview process. Additionally, she provided an update on discussions regarding the proposed Dental Hygiene Agreement involving the University of Oklahoma and Great Salt Plains Health, noting that a formal response and additional information are expected in June.

19. **Regents' Comments.**

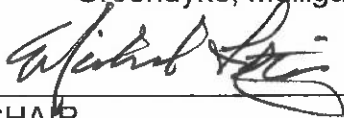
- The Regents congratulated the Jets Baseball Team on its successful season and expressed appreciation to the administration, faculty, and staff for their continued efforts and accomplishments.

20. **Other Reports.**

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

**ROUTINE AND OTHER**

- 21. **New Business.**
- 22. **Items for the next agenda.**
- 23. **Announcement of next scheduled meeting: The next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., President's Large Conference Room on the Tonkawa campus.**
- 24. **Adjournment.** – Motion made at 3:29 p.m. to adjourn by Regent Fox, seconded by Regent Groendyke. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Fox, Groendyke, Mulligan, and Loftis.

  
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