

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS

Minutes

Tuesday, June 23, 2026, NOC Tonkawa

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

Regents Absent: Andrew Ewbank

Employees Present: Diana Morris, Anita Simpson, Sheri Snyder, Dr. Rick Edgington, Dr. Shelly Mencacci, Jason Johnson, 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 posted. A quorum was declared present.
2. **Introduction of visitors, guests, and/or speaker.** Dwayne Tate with Crawford & Associates, P.C., Ashley Moore, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs, beginning July 6.
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, May 20, 2026, meeting were approved on the motion of Regent Fox as seconded by Regent Groendyke. Voting aye were Regent Fox, Regent Groendyke, Regent Mulligan, and Regent Mike Loftis.
6. **FY2026 Internal Audit Report.**
 - Mr. Dwayne Tate of Crawford & Associates, P.C., delivered the FY2026 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-nine (97%)

of the 30 claims tested were properly encumbered prior to the receipt of goods and/or services. On the Motion of Regent Fox, seconded by Regent Groendyke, the Regents voted to approve the FY2026 Internal Audit Report. Voting aye were Regents Fox, Groendyke, Mulligan, and Loftis.

7. **Election of NOC Board of Regents Officers.**

- On the motion of Regent Mulligan as seconded by Regent Fox, the Regents appointed Regent Fox as Chair, Regent Groendyke as Vice Chair, and Regent Ewbank as Secretary. Voting aye were Regent Fox, Groendyke, Mulligan, and Loftis.

8. **Group One Trustee(s) of Northern Oklahoma College Foundation, Inc.**

- On the motion of Regent Fox as seconded by Regent Groendyke, the Regents voted to approve Regent Fox and Regent Mulligan to serve on the Northern Oklahoma College Foundation Board for FY 2026-2027. Voting aye were Regent Fox, Groendyke, Mulligan, and Loftis.

9. **Tuition and Mandatory Fee Rates for FY2027.**

- **Tonkawa and Enid Campuses.** Vice President Anita Simpson presented the Tuition and Mandatory Fees for FY2026-2027 for the Tonkawa and Enid campuses for approval. **No increases were made for FY2026- 2027.**
NOC/OSU Gateway Program. Vice President Anita Simpson presented for approval that there will be a 4.7% increase in Tuition and Fees for the NOC/OSU Gateway program. On the motion of Regent Fox as seconded by Regent Mulligan, the Regents approved no increase to Tuition and Mandatory Fees for Tonkawa, Enid, and a 4.7% increase for NOC/OSU campuses. Voting aye were Regent Fox, Regent Groendyke, Regent Mulligan, and Regent Mike Loftis.

10. **Institutional Budget for FY2027.**

- Vice President Anita Simpson presented for approval the Institutional Budget for FY2027. On the motion of Regent Fox as seconded by Regent Groendyke, the Regents approved the Educational and General Budget FY2026- 2027 Part. Voting aye were Regent Fox, Groendyke, Mulligan, and Loftis.

11. **Campus Master Plan.**

- Vice President Anita Simpson presented for approval the Campus Master Plan FY2028- 2035. On the motion of Regent Groendyke, as seconded by Regent Mulligan, the Regents approved the Campus Master Plan FY2028- 2035. Voting aye were Regent Fox, Groendyke, Mulligan, and Loftis.

12. **Monthly Financials**

- Vice President Anita Simpson presented for approval of the monthly financial report dated May 31, 2026. On the motion of Regent Fox as seconded by

Regent Groendyke, the Regents approved the May 2026 Financial Report. Voting aye were Regent Fox, Groendyke, Mulligan, and Loftis.

13. **Monthly Purchase Report.**

- Vice President Anita Simpson presented the June 2026 purchases for approval. **Purchases of \$25,000 or more** were for: (#I.) Tonkawa Residence Halls Water Softeners – Installation – Stolhand-Wells Group - \$33,180.00; Funding Source: Capital Funds. (#II.) Easterling Floor & Counter Tile Replacement 2026 – Anderson Flooring - \$126,140.37; Funding Source: Capital Funds. (#III.) 507E Cab Utility Tractor, Loader, Auto Track Unit, Bucket, Fork, Spear, & Cutter Precision Agriculture Courses – Deere & Company, \$87,964.37; Funding Source: NASNTI Grant Funds, OK Grounds Maintenance Equipment & Services State Contract: SW0196JD. (#IV.) Upgrade HVAC Direct Digital Control System to R2 Migration – Automated Building Systems, Inc. - \$134,155.00; Funding Source: Capital Funds – Sole Source. (#V.) FY27 Athletic Accident & Catastrophic Insurance – Academic Health Plans, Inc., \$62,779.00; Funding Source E & G Funds, (#VI.) FY27 Student Accident Shield Insurance, Academic Health Plans, Inc., \$82,814.00; Funding Source: E&G Funds & Auxiliary Funds. (#VII.) FY2026 External Audit Preparation Service, Crawford & Associates, \$70,000.00; Funding Source: E&G. (#VIII.) Tonkawa & Enid Residence Hall Furniture: 32 Couches, 12 Loveseats, 80 Mattresses, Blockhouse Furniture, & \$128,876.00; Capital Funds. On the motion of Regent Fox, as seconded by Regent Mulligan, the Regents approved June 2026 Monthly Purchases. Voting aye were Regent Fox, Groendyke, Mulligan, and Loftis.

14. **Monthly Allocations Report.**

- Vice President Simpson presented for approval Section 13/New College Fund 600 & 650 allocation requests for the following projects: Computer Hardware, Software, Licenses & Fees - \$25,000.00, Repair of Educational Facilities – Enid - \$10,000.00, Campus Safety, Security & ADA – Tonkawa - \$5,000.00, Campus Safety, Security & ADA – Enid - \$5,000.00, Campus Site Development & Physical Plant – Tonkawa - \$75,000.00, Campus Site Development & Physical Plant – Enid - \$75,000.00, Residence Halls: Renovation, Furniture & Equipment – Tonkawa - \$100,000.00, Residence Halls: Renovation, Furniture & Equipment – Enid - \$30,000.00, Library Acquisitions - \$10,000.00, Library Acquisitions – Enid - \$10,000.00. On the motion of Regent Groendyke, as seconded by Regent Fox, the Regents voted to approve the Section 13/New College Fund 600 & 650 allocation request for \$345,000.00 as presented. Voting aye were Regent Fox, Groendyke, Mulligan, and Loftis.

INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

15. Administrative Comments.

- Vice President Dr. Shelly Mencacci reported that, as the 2026 and 2027 multi-million-dollar NASNTI grants and associated supplements near completion, the College has implemented a strategic spend-down plan focused on: Upgrading precision agriculture technology and equipment to enhance student learning and support modern, data-driven agricultural practices. Completing the final construction and operational phases of the NASNTI greenhouse project. Maximizing utilization of the Jenzabar ERP system through workflow analysis and staff training initiatives to improve efficiency and data management. Dr. Mencacci also announced that Mason Newark, current Agriculture and Biological Sciences adjunct instructor for the NASNTI project, has agreed to oversee remaining project activities during the final weeks of implementation. The Board was informed of recent developments regarding alternative credit pathway bachelor's degree programs in Oklahoma. Proposed 90-credit-hour bachelor's degree programs currently in the Council of Instruction approval process include:
 - Bachelor of Social Work in Social Work (University of Oklahoma)
 - Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity (University of Oklahoma)
 - Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence (Oklahoma State University)

Dr. Mencacci formally notified the Board of her resignation, effective at the end of June, to accept a new position at Southeastern Oklahoma State University. She expressed appreciation to the College community for its support throughout her tenure and reflected on the importance of servant leadership and giving back to others through her future endeavors.

- Vice President Sheri Snyder reported continued success in grant funding and Foundation support initiatives during FY2026. As of May 8, 2026, a combined total of 36 Presidential Partners and Masonic Grant applications had been submitted, requesting more than \$42,000 in funding. The Presidential Partners Grant Fund received nearly \$24,000 in donations through May 27, including contributions from employee payroll deductions. During the 2025–2026 academic year, 16 Presidential Partners Grants and 8 Masonic Grants were awarded to support projects across the institution. In addition, the Northern Oklahoma College Foundation approved new program grants for FY2027 to support the Enid Jets Cheer program, Tonkawa Maverick Cheer program, and Tonkawa Horticulture program. Ms. Snyder also provided an update on Open Records Requests, noting a significant increase in activity compared to the previous fiscal year. To date, 29 requests have been received, with the majority completed and the remaining requests either awaiting additional information from requestors or undergoing review with the Attorney General liaison. She noted that ongoing collaboration with legal counsel and campus stakeholders continues to ensure compliance and timely responses to all requests.

- Vice President Jeremy Hise reported on the successful hosting of the 2026 NJCAA Division II Baseball World Series at David Allen Memorial Ballpark in Enid, marking the 17th consecutive year the community has hosted the national championship tournament. During the event, the NJCAA announced a 10-year contract extension, securing Enid as the host site through 2038. Mr. Hise noted that the extension reflects the strong partnership among Northern Oklahoma College, the City of Enid, community leaders, and tournament supporters. He also provided an update on the Athletic Training and Education Center at Failing Field, reporting that construction continues to progress with site preparation and earthwork underway. Concrete work is expected to begin soon, and the project has reached several early milestones, including initial requests related to building access and security infrastructure, signaling continued advancement toward completion.
- Dr. Rick Edgington presented the Preliminary Enrollment Report for Summer and Fall 2026, dated June 23, 2026. He noted that summer enrollment has increased by 11% in headcount and 1% in credit hours compared to Summer 2025. Fall 2026 headcount and credit hours have both increased by 1% over the previous year.
- Vice President Anita Simpson reported that the FY2026 Deferred Maintenance Utilization Summary has been completed and submitted. As of the reporting date, approximately 96 percent of the \$2.26 million in deferred maintenance funding has been encumbered or expended, with the remaining funds expected to be fully obligated by June 30, 2026. Ms. Simpson noted that all FY2025 and FY2026 deferred maintenance funds will be accounted for by the end of the fiscal year. She also provided an update on the NASNTI Greenhouse project, stating that the College is in the process of encumbering and expending the remaining revenue bond funds generated through project-related investments, ensuring all available resources are utilized to support the completion of the project.
- Vice President Dr. Marsh Howard reported that the Stillwater campus continued to focus on enrollment growth and student success through summer Enroll & Explore events, scholarship administration, workforce development initiatives, and community partnerships. He shared positive updates regarding the restoration of scholarship and stipend support for Child Development Associate pathways within the Scholars for Excellence in Child Care (SECC) program following temporary program restrictions. Dr. Howard also highlighted ongoing efforts related to HLC accreditation preparation, facility maintenance and efficiency projects, student support services, and collaboration with regional educational and community partners to strengthen opportunities for students and support institutional goals.

- Vice President Jason Johnson reported that the Athletics Department remains actively engaged in preparations for the upcoming academic year while completing year-end NJCAA compliance and administrative responsibilities. Recruitment efforts continue across athletic programs as coaches work to finalize team rosters and host summer camps to support student-athlete engagement and development. Mr. Johnson also noted that searches remain underway for the Head Men's and Women's Wrestling Coach positions, as well as the Head Cheer Coach position on the Tonkawa campus, with numerous interviews conducted throughout June. He added that NJCAA All-Academic team and individual honors are expected to be announced and included in a future report.

16. **President's Update.**

- President Morris reported that despite receiving a flat state appropriation for the upcoming fiscal year, the College prioritized compensation adjustments for hourly employees who had not received increases in some time. She emphasized the importance of recognizing the contributions of these employees and ensuring they share in the institution's investment in its workforce. President Morris also shared several upcoming opportunities and campus initiatives. She noted that Dr. Laura Stevens has been named the Director of the Honors College at Oklahoma State University. Dr. Cheryl Evans, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Association of Community Colleges, will be visiting all NOC campuses in August. President Morris highlighted her attendance at the Miss Oklahoma Pageant, noting the value of the program in providing scholarship opportunities for students. She was pleased to report that NOC won a Non-Finalist Talent Award. She also expressed her appreciation to Sheri Snyder and her staff for their exceptional work in managing the increased volume of Open Records Requests during the past year. Finally, President Morris acknowledged the departure of Dr. Shelly Mencacci, expressing gratitude for her service to the College and support for her return to her alma mater, Southeastern Oklahoma State University. She welcomed Ashley Moore as Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and noted her extensive experience, including work at the state level, which will be a valuable asset to the College.

17. **Regents' Comments.**

- Regent Mulligan expressed appreciation to Scott Harmon, Science and Greenhouse Manager, for donating leftover marigolds from the NOC Greenhouse to the Historical Society. She also extended her sincere gratitude to Vice President Anita Simpson for her many years of dedicated service to Northern Oklahoma College and wished her continued success and happiness as she begins her next chapter and future endeavors.

18. **Other Reports.**

- ***Personnel Changes.*** Ms. Anita Simpson reported five resignations and one new hire.
- ***Updated Organizational Chart. Vice President*** Anita Simpson presented the updated Organizational Chart for the period from 2026 to 2027, dated June 10.

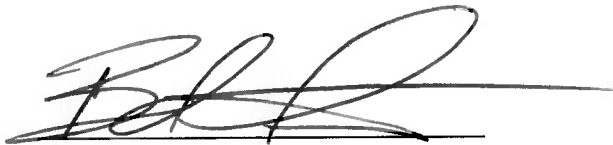
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19. **New Business.**

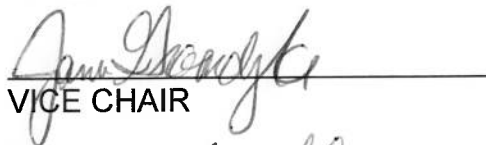
20. **Items for the next agenda.**

21. **Announcement of next scheduled meeting: The next regular scheduled meeting is Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., President's Large Conference Room, 106B on the Tonkawa campus.**

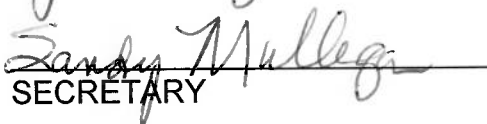
22. **Adjournment.** – Motion made at 3:34 p.m. to adjourn by Regent Fox, as seconded by Regent Groendyke. Voting aye were Regent Fox, Groendyke, Mulligan, and Loftis.



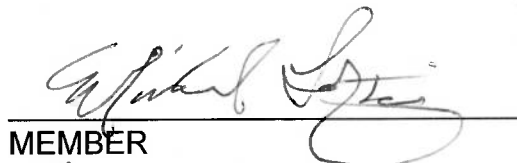
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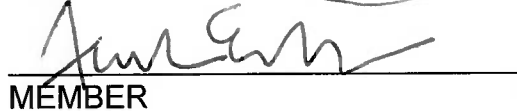
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