

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS

Minutes

Wednesday, July 22, 2026, NOC Tonkawa

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

Employees Present: Diana Morris, Sheri Snyder, Dr. Rick Edgington, Jason Johnson, Dr. Marsh Howard, Ashley Moore, Jeremy Hise, Audra Biggs, Scott Cloud, and Denise Bay.

1. **Call to Order.** Chair Brad Fox 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.** Brian Roberts, CPA, 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.** No comments to report.
5. **Oath of Office.** Regent Jami Groendyke, having been reappointed to the Northern Oklahoma College Board of Regents for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2021, re-executed and subscribed to the statutory Oath of Office on July 22, 2026. The oath was administered by Regent Andrew Ewbank, Attorney and Tonkawa Municipal Judge. Regent Groendyke affirmed her commitment to uphold the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Regents.

BOARD ACTION

6. **Vote to approve minutes.**
 - The minutes of the Tuesday, June 23, 2026, meeting were approved on the motion of Regent Loftis as seconded by Regent Mulligan. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Fox.

7. **Course Catalog.**

- Vice President Dr. Rick Edgington presented the FY2026-2027 Course Catalog for approval. Revisions to the Course Catalog include the following:

- Added Directory Information under Student Rights to Privacy of Records – FERPA Policy:

Information the school has designated as “directory information” under §99.37. (§99.31(a)(11)) * If kept, statistical information not identified with a particular student and directory information shall be open for inspection and copying. The items below are designated as directory information and may be released for any student for any purpose at the discretion of Northern Oklahoma College unless a written request for non-disclosure is on file: Student name, college email address, and classification.

- *Added Agriculture Sciences-Horticulture as a degree option.*

On the motion of Regent Groendyke, as seconded by Regent Ewbank, the Regents approved revisions to the FY2026-2027 Course Catalog as presented. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Fox.

8. **Student Handbook.**

- Vice President Jason Johnson presented recent updates to the FY2026-2027 Student Handbook for approval. The areas of revision included:

- *Updated the message from the President and Non-Discrimination Policy*
- *Added the Scooter Policy*
- *Updated the Financial Aid Consideration date*
- *Added Service and Emotional Support/Assistance Animal Policy*
- *Updated all the links throughout the handbook*

On the motion of Regent Ewbank, as seconded by Regent Mulligan, the Regents approved revisions to the FY2026-2027 Student Handbook as presented. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Fox.

9. **Athletic Handbook.**

- Vice President Jason Johnson presented recent updates to the FY2026-2027 Athletic Handbook for approval. The areas of revision included:

- *Updated table on Eligibility*
- *Updated Transfer Policy*
- *Updated Financial Aid Consideration date*

- *Updated Student -Athlete Consent Form*
- *Updated Staff Directory*

On the motion of Regent Ewbank, as seconded by Regent Groendyke, the Regents approved changes to the FY2026-2027 Athletic Handbook as presented. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Fox.

10. **Employee Handbook.**

- President Morris reviewed the proposed revisions to the FY2026-2027 NOC Employee Handbook. Updates included revisions and clarifications to employee and faculty policies, administrative titles and responsibilities, leave provisions, faculty appointment and tenure language, and other general policy and procedural updates. President Morris also reviewed updated institutional policies and procedures incorporated into or referenced within the handbook, including the Purchasing Policy, Purchasing Card Program (PCard) Guidelines, Open Records Request – Policy and Procedures, and the Requisition for Travel Policy, along with the reformatted Requisition for Travel form. The Open Records section was specifically identified for replacement/update through the revised Open Records policy and procedures. On the motion of Regent Groendyke, seconded by Regent Loftis, the Regents approved the revisions to the FY2026-2027 NOC Employee Handbook as presented. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Fox.

11. **Monthly Financial Report.**

- Brian Roberts, CPA, P.C., presented the monthly Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2026, for approval. On the motion of Regent Loftis, as seconded by Regent Ewbank, the Regents approved the monthly financial report as presented. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Fox.

12. **Monthly Purchases.**

- Assistant Vice President Audra Biggs presented the July 2026 purchases for approval. **Purchases of \$25,000 or more** were for: (#I.) Public Information/Monthly Website Services, Cave Interactive Media - \$28,293.00, Funding Source: E & G Funds; (#II.) 70 Ton DX Air Conditioner Unit Replacement for Kinzer Performing Arts Center, Ideal Mechanical Services - \$166,100.00, Funding Source: Capital Funds; (#III.) 100 Ton Chiller, Hydraulic Coils for both AHU's, Ideal Mechanical Services - \$319,000.00, Funding Source: Capital Funds. On the motion of Regent Ewbank, as seconded by Regent Mulligan, the Regents approved July 2026 Monthly Purchases. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Fox.

13. **Monthly Allocations Report.**

- Assistant Vice President Audra Biggs presented for approval Section 13/New College Fund 600 & 650 allocation requests for the following projects: Computer & Networking – Tonkawa, \$760.00; Computer Hardware, Software, Licenses & Fees - \$142,793.00; Campus Safety, Security & ADA - Tonkawa - \$11,400.00; Classroom Building – Stillwater - \$1,069,600.00. On the motion of Regent Ewbank, as seconded by Regent Groendyke, the Regents voted to approve the Section 13/New College Fund 600 & 650 allocation request for \$1,224,553.00 as presented. Voting aye were Regents Ewbank, Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Fox.

INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

14. **Administrative Comments**

- Interim Vice President Ashley Moore reported on several Academic Affairs activities. She noted that Student Advisement was reviewed with Division Chairs and Vice President Rick Edgington with the goal of expanding student advisement opportunities. The Agriculture and Biological Science Division hosted a Sheep Field Day on July 13, with 299 4-H and FFA students participating. The Nursing Honor Society also hosted its annual Nurse Camp in Tonkawa on June 18, serving 64 campers in grades 1–6, with plans to explore expanding the camp to Enid next year. In the Business Division, Cara Beth Johnson attended the ACBSP Annual Conference June 10–14 in Phoenix, Arizona. Conference activities included sessions on artificial intelligence and accreditation standards, Board of Directors meetings, and participation in the search process for a new ACBSP CEO. The STEM Division remained active in academic, research, and professional development initiatives. Dr. Frankie Wood-Black hosted a Planetarium Show on the Enid campus on July 8. Faculty continued participation in the Amazon Web Services Artificial Intelligence Cohort, including Tech Talks and a Language Module Boot Camp, with an additional AWS Boot Camp scheduled for July 30–31 in Oklahoma City. Student research activity also continued throughout the summer, with six students participating in research projects. Three students worked with Oklahoma State University's Industrial Assessment Center Energy Audits program, while three participated in the Rural Confluence project. Student abstracts by Orrin Few, Blake Beebe, and Eglan Gomez were submitted for poster presentations at the Rural Renew Conference in October. Equipment was also ordered to support the Rural Confluence Study, and faculty representatives participated in the monthly CODE meeting and the newly established Oklahoma Library and Information Services consortium.
- Vice President Sheri Snyder reported that the Development Team completed individual employee performance goal-setting meetings to assess performance and establish objectives for the upcoming year. She noted that Rachel Kirk attended the North Central Oklahoma Center of Workforce Excellence Advisory

Council Luncheon at Pioneer Technology Center on July 8. Vice President Snyder also reported that the NOC 125th Anniversary Committee has met several times and planning is underway for upcoming anniversary events. She invited the Regents to attend the Tonkawa Alumni & Friends Social, scheduled for August 4 from 4:30–6:30 p.m. at The Hub in Tonkawa.

- Vice President Jeremy Hise provided an update on the Athletic Training and Education Center, reporting that construction continued to progress, with \$301,386.37 paid to date for architecture and design, demolition, and the first two construction payment applications. He noted that Enid Public Schools had made the largest local financial contribution to the project. Vice President Hise reported that a \$15,000 grant application was submitted to the Cherokee Strip Community Foundation for athletic training room equipment and that he continued to work with Vice President Sheri Snyder and the Development Office on a potential matching gift from a local family foundation to assist with the remaining funding needs. He also reported that NOC received the final \$662,500 disbursement from the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority on July 16 as part of the College's \$675,000 P3 for Education & Workforce Incentive award. The final disbursement represents completion of the project funding provided under the award.
- Vice President Rick Edgington reviewed the Summer and Fall 2026 Preliminary Enrollment Reports dated July 22, 2026. He reported that preliminary Fall 2026 headcount remained consistent with Fall 2025, while credit hours were down approximately 1% compared to Fall 2025.
- Dr. Marsh Howard reported on recent campus operations and partnership efforts. He noted communication with OSU staff regarding HC door repairs and Flow Station control updates. He also shared that the recent electrical surge issue has been resolved, restoring water fountain breakers, and that quotes have been sent for necessary ADA door repairs. In addition, he stated that he met with the new OSU Transfer Specialist to discuss partnership opportunities, including FRC involvement, student organizations, and shared events.
- Vice President Jason Johnson reported that the Athletic Department was preparing for the arrival of student-athletes and completing eligibility requirements for the upcoming fall semester. Johnson highlighted the continued academic success of NOC student-athletes. Eleven of NOC's 12 athletic teams achieved a cumulative team GPA of 3.0 or higher, qualifying for nomination as NJCAA Scholar Academic Teams, with Jets Baseball leading NOC with a 3.73 team GPA. NOC also nominated 112 student-athletes for individual NJCAA academic honors, including 37 for First Team (4.0 GPA), 35 for Second Team (3.80–3.99 GPA), and 40 for Third Team (3.60–3.79 GPA). Johnson also provided several athletics personnel updates. Studd Morris was named Head Men's Wrestling Coach, and Sarah Jo Otto was selected as the new Head Competitive Cheer Coach for the Tonkawa campus. Otto is a

graduate of Northwestern Oklahoma State University and has experience in collegiate cheer, competitive cheer and tumbling, gymnastics, and education.

15. **President's Update.**

- President Morris reported that Human Resources continues to work diligently to fill open Faculty positions. She noted that Director of Information Technology Mike Machia is assisting with efforts to improve efficiencies in related processes. President Morris also highlighted a J1 feature that has improved the process for Student Account Specialists to email billing statements directly to students. Additionally, she reported that responsibility for issuing student identification cards will transition to the Student Affairs Office and explained new procedures as part of efforts to strengthen security and reduce the potential for fraud. President Morris also provided an update on damage to the dock at the NOC Cove, noting that Physical Plant personnel have dedicated time to making the necessary repairs.

16. **Regents' Comments.**

- No Comments to Report

17. **Other Reports.**

- ***Personnel Changes.*** President Morris reported four resignations and five new hires.
- ***Graphic Standard Guide.*** Vice President Sheri Snyder presented each Regent with a copy of the updated NOC Graphic Standards Guide. The guidelines are reviewed each summer for potential changes and provide a clear and consistent message for the institution when marketing NOC.

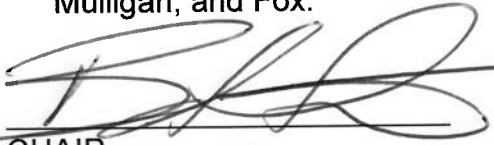
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18. **New Business.**

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

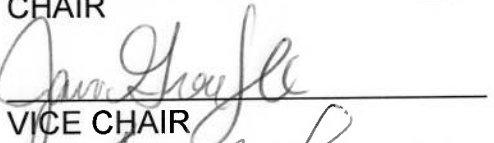
20. **Announcement of next scheduled meeting: The next regular scheduled meeting is Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., in the Gantz Center, James Room, Enid Campus.**

21. Adjournment. – Motion made at 3:48 p.m. to adjourn by Regent Loftis, as seconded by Regent Mulligan. Voting ayes were Regents Ewbank, Groendyke, Loftis, Mulligan, and Fox.



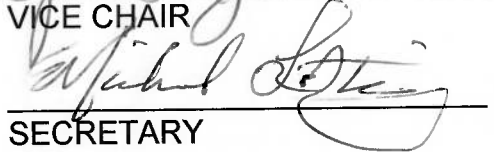
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