

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE BOARD OF REGENTS

Minutes

Wednesday, September 16, 2026, NOC Enid

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

Regents Absent: Andrew Ewbank and Sandy Mulligan.

Employees Present: Diana Morris, Dr. Rick Edgington, Sheri Snyder, Audra Biggs, Jason Johnson, Rachel Love, Jeremy Hise, Dr. Marsh Howard, Ashley Moore, Scott Cloud, Denise Bay, Chris Gerber, Renna Bowers, and Brian Roberts.

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 declared present.
2. **Introduction of visitors, guests, and/or speaker.** Members of the NOC Enid President's Leadership Class were introduced to the Board of Regents. NOC Jets Men's Basketball Head Coach Chris Gerber was also recognized and congratulated by the Board of Regents and College Administration for leading NOC Enid to the Elite Eight of the 2026 NJCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kansas.
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, July 22, 2026, meeting were approved on the motion of Regent Loftis as seconded by Regent Groendyke. Voting aye were Regents Groendyke, Loftis, and Fox.

6. **NOC Open Records Request – Fee Schedule.**
 - Vice President Sheri Snyder presented for approval the updated Northern Oklahoma College Open Records Request Policy and Procedures and Fee Schedule. On the motion of Regent Groendyke, as seconded by Regent Loftis, the Regents approved the Open Records Request Policy and Procedures and Fee Schedule as presented. Voting aye were Regents Groendyke, Loftis, and Fox.
7. **Monthly Financial Report.**
 - Brian Roberts, CPA, P.A., presented the monthly financial reports for July FY2026 and August FY2026 for approval. On the motion of Regent Groendyke, as seconded by Regent Loftis, the Regents approved the monthly financial reports as presented. Voting aye were Regents Groendyke, Loftis, and Fox.
8. **Monthly Purchase Report.**
 - No Monthly Purchases to report.
9. **Monthly Allocations Report.**
 - Assistant Vice President Audra Biggs presented for approval Section 13/New College Fund 600 & 650 allocation requests for the following projects: Furniture & Equipment – Tonkawa - \$8,200.00, Computers & Networking – Tonkawa - \$1,100.00, Computer Hardware, Software, Licenses & Fees – \$178,906.00, Campus Safety, Security & ADA – Tonkawa - \$3,600.00, Campus Safety, Security & ADA – Enid - \$2,500.00, Campus Site Development & Physical Plant – Tonkawa - \$139,828.00, Library Acquisitions - \$17,377.00, Library Acquisitions – Enid - \$17,377.00, Repair of Educational Facilities – Tonkawa - \$3,331.00, Repair of Educational Facilities – Enid - \$3,331.00. On the motion of Regent Loftis, as seconded by Regent Groendyke, the Regents voted to approve the Section 13/New College Fund 600 & 650 allocation request for \$375,550.00 as presented. Voting aye were Regents Groendyke, Loftis, and Fox.

INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

10. **Administrative Comments.**
 - Interim Vice President Ashley Moore provided an update on Academic Affairs, noting that during her first two months in the role, she has focused on building relationships with division chairs and faculty, visiting each campus, and strengthening connections with community and industry partners. She discussed efforts to identify workforce development opportunities that align with NOC's academic programs, as well as opportunities for continued program growth and improvement. Moore also highlighted the involvement of faculty and

division chairs in supporting students and advancing their respective programs. Updates and activities from several academic divisions, including Agriculture, Nursing, Math, PTECH, and Language Arts, were also shared.

- Vice President Sheri Snyder provided an update on scholarship and Foundation initiatives. She reported that a Scholarship Task Force, with representation from all three NOC locations, has been formed to conduct a comprehensive review of the College's scholarship program and identify opportunities for enhancements, including potential initiatives connected to the MacKenzie Scott funds. She also reported that the Foundation's Strategic Planning committees have reconvened and will meet biweekly throughout the fall semester. Snyder noted that 389 students received student housing incentive scholarships; 209 in Tonkawa and 180 in Enid, totaling \$194,500. She also reported that \$336,566 in concurrent tuition waivers had been applied for 539 students representing 29 high schools, with final numbers still being determined. Snyder concluded by highlighting NOC's upcoming 125th Anniversary celebration on October 3, which will include several afternoon and evening activities.
- Vice President Jeremy Hise provided an update on the Athletic Training and Education Center (ATEC) campaign, reporting that a committee has been formed to assist with raising the remaining \$375,000 for the project. He noted that the NOC Jets athletic programs committed \$40,000 toward the campaign and that approximately \$57,700 had been pledged or donated to date. Hise also reported that construction continues to progress, with the first tier of the retaining wall completed. He expressed appreciation for Renna Bowers' presence on the Enid campus and the support she provides on a daily basis. Hise also announced that representatives from Project Thunderbird will provide an informational presentation for NOC Enid employees on September 21 at 2:00 p.m.
- Vice President Dr. Rick Edgington reviewed the Fall 2026 Preliminary Enrollment reports dated September 15, 2026, noting that headcount decreased by 6% and credit hours decreased by 7% compared to Fall 2025. Dr. Edgington shared two new marketing pieces developed to better address common questions from prospective students and their families. He highlighted a new recruiting booklet that consolidates information previously provided through several separate materials and thanked the Marketing team for its development. Dr. Edgington also provided an update on concurrent enrollment, reporting that of the 549 concurrent students enrolled in Spring 2026, 82% of the 2027 high school graduates returned to NOC as concurrent students for Fall 2026. Of the 330 students who graduated from high school in 2026, 111 matriculated to NOC as first-time freshmen, representing 33.6%. He also discussed the decline in concurrent enrollment and explained that recent guidance from the Oklahoma State Department of Education requires students using Composition I and II to fulfill senior English requirements to take those

courses during their senior year rather than their junior year. This change has affected concurrent enrollment numbers at some partner high schools.

- President Diana Morris provided an update on Financial Affairs, highlighting changes made to the presentation of the College's financial reports to provide greater clarity for financial review and decision-making. She noted that individual funds, including E&G, capital improvements, and auxiliary accounts, are now presented in greater detail. President Morris also reported that the College remains under budget and explained that higher comparative faculty salary expenses are attributable to differences in payroll timing between July 2025 and July 2026. She recognized Assistant Vice Presidents Audra Biggs and Rachel Love for their "let me find out" approach, commending their willingness to research questions, seek answers, and provide accurate information when needed.
- Vice President Dr. Marsh Howard provided an update on activities at the Stillwater campus, highlighting the success of the Get Going with Gateway kickoff event and increased engagement through social media. He reported that several grant applications are in progress, including funding requests for VR equipment for the Athletic Training and Education Center (ATEC) and an opioid abatement grant to support naloxone supplies. Dr. Howard also noted recent campus engagement activities, including a blood drive and voter registration drive.
- Vice President Jason Johnson provided an update on Student Affairs, highlighting the transition to having two Deans of Students: Ryan Paul serving the Tonkawa campus and Renna Bowers serving the Enid campus. He recognized both Paul and Bowers for adapting well to the transition and their respective roles and responsibilities, as well as their continued efforts to support students and campus operations. Johnson also reported that student move-in went very smoothly this year and expressed appreciation for the coordination and teamwork of everyone involved in welcoming students and preparing for the start of the fall semester.

11. **President's Update.**

- President Diana Morris provided an update from the Council of Presidents' Retreat. Discussions included State System budget and legislative priorities for the 2027 legislative session, higher education[DB1] funding, rising healthcare costs, and competitive faculty and staff compensation. Speaker of the House Kyle Hilbert and Senate Education Committee Chair Adam Pugh addressed legislative priorities, including student literacy, workforce development, artificial intelligence, affordability, infrastructure needs, and strengthening partnerships between higher education, K-12 schools, and industry.

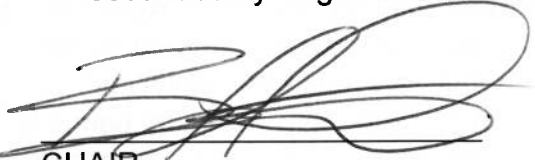
President Morris also provided an update on the HVAC system at the K-PAC facility, noting that while the chiller has been delivered, the necessary coils

d. HLC Update.

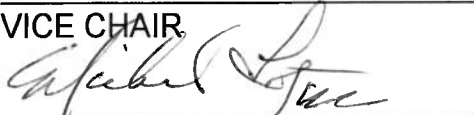
- President Diana Morris provided a brief update on preparations for the upcoming Higher Learning Commission (HLC) visit. She discussed ongoing efforts to ensure the College is prepared for the visit, including reviewing institutional documentation, coordinating with faculty and staff, and addressing any remaining items in preparation for the evaluation. President Morris emphasized the importance of campus-wide collaboration and continued readiness throughout the accreditation process.

ROUTINE AND OTHER

14. **New Business.**
15. **Items for the next agenda.**
16. **Announcement of next scheduled meeting: The next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., 1220 East Grand Avenue, Vineyard Administration Building, Large President's Conference Room 106B**
17. **Adjournment.** – Motion made at 3:20 p.m. to adjourn by Regent Groendyke as seconded by Regent Loftis. Voting aye were Regents Groendyke, Loftis, and Fox.


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remain on backorder. As a result, the north end of the building remains closed. She also reported that the HVAC system upgrades at Wilkins have been completed and the system is fully operational.

12. **Regents Comments.**

- No comments were made.

13. **Other Reports.**

a. Personnel Changes. President Diana Morris reported three resignations and twenty-one new hires.

b. Strategic Plan.

- President Diana Morris provided an update on the College's 2025–2030 Strategic Plan, noting that Year 2 initiatives are currently in progress. She highlighted efforts focused on student engagement and satisfaction, employee development, facility improvements, and community partnerships. She also noted continued efforts to strengthen student communication and scholarship awareness, review concurrent student services, and address identified service gaps. NOC Enid Dean Renna Bowers provided a brief overview of the new Resident Assistant Program, designed to provide students with valuable work experience while developing communication and time management skills. The College plans to hire two part-time and two full-time Resident Assistants to assist with residence hall rounds, laundry room operations, student questions and concerns, and the coordination of monthly residence hall activities.
- President Morris also discussed facility improvements, including completed sidewalk projects and plans for keyless access at the Tonkawa and Enid campuses, upgrades to the Learning Commons in Zollars Library, and continued planning for campus wellness and other facility needs. Additional initiatives include strengthening community engagement, expanding concurrent education opportunities, and continuing partnerships with area schools and organizations.
- President Morris provided an update on the K-PAC facility, noting that although the chiller is in place, a delay in receiving the necessary coils has resulted in a portion of the north end remaining closed.

c. Annual Safety and Fire Report.

- Jason Johnson provided an annual update on the Security and Fire Safety Report. He stated that the report has been updated to include safety statistics. Johnson noted that these updates ensure compliance with federal reporting requirements and reflect the most current campus safety information.