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***KBOCC Mission Statement:** As a tribal land grant institution, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College supports and uplifts all learners to achieve their goals through holistic education, while promoting Anishinaabe culture, language, and lifeways.*

BOARD OF REGENTS
REGULAR MEETING
Draft Minutes
May 11, 2026, 10:00 A.M.
BOARD ROOM | WABANUNG CAMPUS

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 10:04AM by Robin Chosa.

II. **ROLL CALL:**

	KEITH ROLOF, CHAIRMAN
X	ROBIN CHOSA, VICE CHAIRMAN
	DEANNA FOUCAULT, TREASURER/SECRETARY
X	KAREN ANDERSEN, TRUSTEE
X	DONALD L. CHOSA, TRUSTEE
	TYLER LARSON, TRUSTEE
X	KATHLEEN SMITH, TRUSTEE
X	DIANNE WAARA, TRUSTEE
X	RYLAND EDWARDS, STUDENT GOV'T REP, NON-VOTING

III. **GUESTS:** Megan Haataja, Amanda Nordstrom, Char Weingarten, Corey Pietila

IV. **QUORUM DECLARATION:** Quorum declared by Robin Chosa.

V. **OPENING PRAYER:** Prayer delivered by Donald Chosa.

VI. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Request to add employee handbook updates in letter I under new business. Motion to approve agenda with addition as presented was made by Dianne Waara, supported by Karen Andersen. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. **MINUTES:**

A. **APRIL 14, 2026 MEETING MINUTES**

ACTION ITEM – Motion was made by Karen Andersen, supported by Donald Chosa. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. **POWWOW DONATION LETTER** – Request that future donation discussions clarify who and how donations are to be made. May consider making a donation line item in budget during upcoming budget season.

- B. **SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK ENDOWMENT** – Motion to table until July meeting was made by Dianne Waara, supported by Kathleen Smith. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. **EMAIL POLL – M3 INSURANCE RENEWAL** – Donald Chosa made a motion to accept the email poll supported by Dianne Waara. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **STUDENT LAPTOP POLICY ***

ACTION ITEM – AMANDA NORDSTROM

Motion to accept the Student Laptop Policy as presented was made by Dianne Waara, supported by Donald Chosa. The motion passed unanimously.

B. **TRIBAL MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATE (MODIFICATION) ***

ACTION ITEM – MEGAN HAATAJA

Motion to approve modifications to the Tribal Management Certificate as presented was made by Donald Chosa, supported by Karen Andersen. The motion passed unanimously.

C. **CREDIT HOUR AND INSTRUCTIONAL MODALITY POLICY (NEW) ***

ACTION ITEM – MEGAN HAATAJA

Motion to accept the Credit Hour and Instructional Modality Policy as presented was made by Dianne Waara, supported by Kathleen Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

D. **STUDENT IDENTITY VERIFICATION IN DISTANCE EDUCATION (NEW) ***

ACTION ITEM – MEGAN HAATAJA

Motion to accept the Student Identity Verification in Distance Education as presented was made by Kathleen Smith, supported by Dianne Waara. The motion passed unanimously.

E. **CATALOG ADDENDUM (NEW/MODIFIED COURSES) ***

ACTION ITEM – MEGAN HAATAJA

Motion to approve the Catalog Addendum as presented was made by Dianne Waara, supported by Donald Chosa. The motion passed unanimously.

F. **BS APR FINAL REPORT ***

ACTION ITEM – CHAR WEINGARTEN

Motion to approve the BS APR Final Report was made by Dianne Waara, supported by Kathleen Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

G. **ECE APR FINAL REPORT ***

ACTION ITEM – CHAR WEINGARTEN

Motion to approve the ECE APR Final Report was made by Donald Chosa, supported by Kathleen Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

H. **HLC ACCREDITATION UPDATE (INCL. TRAINING SCHEDULING) ***

ACTION ITEM – CHAR WEINGARTEN

Appreciation was expressed for Char and her department in this process. Discussion about committees, Board responsibilities, and their importance to the accreditation process. It was requested that the Board contact bring up Board procedure updates, changes, or needs in agenda if ever necessary.

Brad Piazza is the external consultant for HLC Accreditation. The Board gives these potential dates for training: After lunch on Monday, August 10th is the first choice; second choice is after lunch on Monday, August 17th in which case the regular BOR meeting shall be moved to this date as well at the regular time of 10:00am. The motion to present the August dates above to the HLC consultant was made by Dianne Waara, supported by Kathleen Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

I. EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK UPDATES *

ACTION ITEM – COREY PIETILA

Motion to approve language modification to the Employee Handbook as presented was made by Donald Chosa, supported by Dianne Waara. The motion passed unanimously.

X. OTHER:

A. PRESIDENT UPDATE *

The Board expressed appreciation for the thorough update.

B. STUDENT GOVERNMENT UPDATE

C. BOARD SELF-EVALUATION TIMELINE

Request to get survey started and sent out before June meeting. Kayli will work with Char to make an online version.

D. BOARD POLICY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORMS

Social Media Policy & Conflict of Interest forms to be signed

E. HEALTH INSURANCE UPDATES

Large Group number accepted (54)

- XI. CLOSED SESSION:** Motion to go into closed session at 11:56am was made by Dianne Waara, supported by Donald Chosa. Motion passed unanimously. Motion to come out of closed session at 12:36pm was made by Karen Andersen, supported by Dianne Waara. Motion passed unanimously.

A. STAFFING NEEDS DISCUSSION *

Motion to approve Facilities Director job description was made by Dianne Waara, supported by Donald Chosa. The motion passed unanimously.

XII. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- A. REGULAR MEETING: June 8, 2026, 10:00 A.M.** (Reorganizational meeting)

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 12:40pm was made by Karen Andersen, supported by Dianne Waara. The motion passed unanimously.

DEANNA FOUCAULT, TREASURER/SECRETARY

DATE

**DENOTES ITEM WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS*