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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

MINUTES

August 10, 2026, 10:00 A.M.
BOARD ROOM | WABANUNG CAMPUS

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 10:00am by Robin Chosa

II. **ROLL CALL:**

X	ROBIN CHOSA, CHAIR
	DIANNE WAARA, VICE CHAIR
X	KAREN ANDERSEN, TRUSTEE
X	DONALD L. CHOSA, TRUSTEE
X	DEANNA FOUCAULT, TRUSTEE
V	TYLER LARSON, TRUSTEE
V	KEITH ROLOF, TRUSTEE
X	KATHLEEN SMITH, TRUSTEE
	(VACANT), STUDENT GOVERNMENT

V - denotes virtual attendance

III. **GUESTS:** Melissa Kieseewetter, Megan Haataja, Kit Laux, Corey Pietila, Kayli Salmela

IV. **QUORUM DECLARATION:** A quorum was declared by Robin Chosa.

V. **OPENING PRAYER:** The prayer was delivered by Donald Chosa.

VI. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Kathleen Smith, supported by Deanna Foucault. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve the June 29, 2026 Board of Regents meeting minutes was made by Karen Andersen, supported by Donald Chosa. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. GSRP VAN QUOTES*

Kit Laux presented three new quotes for a GSRP van since the three previously quoted vans were sold before KBOCC could purchase one. It was noted that the Rhinelander dealer would deliver the van in their bid. Motion to accept bid #2 from Rhinelander dealer was made by Donald Chosa, supported by Deanna Foucault. Motion passed unanimously.

B. REMC CONTRACT EMAIL POLL

Motion to approve the REMC email poll was made by Deanna Foucault, supported by Karen Andersen. Motion passed unanimously.

C. TREASURER/SECRETARY VOTE

Remains tabled.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. STUDENT HANDBOOK 2026-2028*

ACTION ITEM – AMANDA NORDSTROM

Supporting documents include a summary of changes to the handbook. Motion to approve Student Handbook 2026-2028 pending completion of cover page was made by Deanna Foucault, supported by Donald Chosa. Motion passed unanimously.

B. EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK POLICY UPDATES*

ACTION ITEM – COREY PIETILA

Updates improve clarity and ensure current practices are recorded in handbook. Discussion was had about the 80 hours of annual leave payout and 240 hour rollover of earned time. Trustee Smith asked whether KBOCC has considered the practice of having a sick/annual leave bank as a method for sharing leave time among employees. President Kiesewetter explained that KBOCC chooses direct donation method in order to ensure the institution's financial responsibility and sustainability. Motion to approve employee handbook policy updates as presented was made by Deanna Foucault, supported by Donald Chosa. Motion passed unanimously.

X. OTHER:

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ripple House goal opening date is September 1st, 2026.

B. STUDENT GOVERNMENT UPDATE - N/A

C. BOARD CHAIR REPORT

MCCA President's visit next month. TCU Futures and Aspen Institute projects upcoming. Board involvement is expected.

XI. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

A. REGULAR MEETING: September 14th, 2026, 10:00am—MCCA President Brandy Johnson plans to be in attendance.

B. HALF-DAY BOARD TRAINING W/ BRAD PIAZZA (HLC): Today, August 10th, 2026 in the Board Room at 12:30pm

C. ACCT BOARD RETREAT W/ LUKE ROBINS: Friday, August 14th, 2026 at the Baraga Casino Hotel Conference Room from 9:00am-2:30pm

XII. CLOSED SESSION – N/A

XIII. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER/PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dean of Academic Affairs Megan Haataja – She and President Kiesewetter attended a Village of Baraga Meeting in July about the ice rink in Baraga. Ongoing exploration is happening in the hope of turning it into a KBOCC vocational center. The idea was well received by the Board.

- XIV. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn at 11:16am was made by Karen Andersen, supported by Donald Chosa. The motion passed unanimously.

DIANNE WAARA, VICE CHAIR

DATE

**DENOTES ITEM WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS*