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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

September 14, 2026, 10:00 A.M.
ROOM 400 | WABANUNG CAMPUS

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 10:01am by Robin Chosa

II. **ROLL CALL:**

X	ROBIN CHOSA, CHAIR
	DIANNE WAARA, VICE CHAIR
X	KAREN ANDERSEN, TRUSTEE
V	DONALD L. CHOSA, TRUSTEE (joined 10:08am)
X	DEANNA FOUCAULT, TRUSTEE
V	TYLER LARSON, TRUSTEE
V	KEITH ROLOF, TRUSTEE
X	KATHLEEN SMITH, TRUSTEE (joined at 10:47am)
	(VACANT), STUDENT GOVERNMENT

V - denotes virtual attendance

III. **GUESTS:** Brandy Johnson, MCCA President, Melissa Kiesewetter, Kayli Salmela, Char Weingarten, Megan Haataja, Amanda Nordstrom (virtual), Jen Powell, Samuel Carter, Kalyn Isaacson (virtual), Timothy Raymond (virtual), Ruby Alhajjar, Denise Cadeau

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

V. **OPENING PRAYER:** The prayer was delivered by Karen Andersen.

VI. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda was made by Deanna Foucault, supported by Karen Andersen. All in favor.

VII. **MINUTES:** Motion to approve meeting minutes from the August 10, 2026 Board of Regents meeting, the August 10, 2026 work session, and the August 14, 2026 Board of Regents retreat was made by Karen Andersen, supported by Tyler Larson. All in favor.

VIII. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS AND PROCEDURE MANUAL EMAIL POLL

A motion to accept the email poll to approve amendments to the Bylaws and procedure manual was made by Tyler Larson, supported by Keith. All in favor.

B. SECRETARY/TREASURER VOTE

Nominations for Secretary: Karen Andersen, nomination accepted. All in favor.

Nominations for Treasurer: Keith Rolof, nomination not accepted—stated that he has recently started studying for his CPA exam. Tyler Larson, nomination accepted with understanding that he has other important commitments as well. All in favor.

Effective immediately, KBOCC Board of Regents Treasurer is Tyler Larson and KBOCC BOR Secretary is Karen Andersen.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. STRATEGIC ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN*

ACTION ITEM – CHAR WEINGARTEN

A motion to approve the 2026-2029 Strategic Enrollment Management Plan was made by Donald Chosa, supported by Deanna Foucault. All in favor.

B. STRATEGIC PLAN*

ACTION ITEM – CHAR WEINGARTEN

Commendation from the Board for Char & the entire OIE team on their work was given. A motion to approve the 2030-2031 Strategic Plan was made by Karen Andersen, supported by Deanna Foucault. All in favor.

C. WEBSITE POLICY UPDATES*

ACTION ITEM – MEGAN HAATAJA

These updates provide more specific and KBOCC-aligned website policies. A motion to approve the Website Policy Updates was made by Keith Rolof, supported by Donald Chosa. All in favor.

D. ASPEN INSTITUTE PARTICIPATION

ACTION ITEM – MELISSA KIESEWETTER/KAYLI SALMELA

At least one trustee in addition to the Board Chair is expected to attend the in-person session in Livonia, MI on November 12, 2026. A motion to approve Aspen Institute travel utilizing BOR funds for Chair Chosa and Secretary Andersen was made by Donald Chosa, supported by Deanna Foucault. All in favor.

E. TCU FUTURES LETTER OF COMMITMENT*

ACTION ITEM – MELISSA KIESEWETTER/KAYLI SALMELA

Information has already been shared with the Board about the TCU Futures project. A motion to sign the TCU Futures letter of commitment and participate in the initiative was made by Karen Andersen, supported by Keith Rolof. All in favor.

F. COST OF LIVING INCREASE PROPOSAL*

ACTION ITEM – MELISSA KIESEWETTER/COREY PIETILA

A comment was made that the timeline of any previous increases was aligned with the Tribe's fiscal year. Comment was made that cost of living changes have been significant for community members, and this is a good balance between providing a cost of living increase and fiscal responsibility for the College. It was noted that to the memory of everyone in the room, a wage grid study has not ever been completed at KBOCC but would be helpful. A motion to approve the Cost of Living Increase proposal as presented was made by Deanna Foucault, supported by Kathleen Smith. All in favor.

G. REBRANDING – LOGO*

ACTION ITEM – KARINA JOUSMA

A motion to accept the new KBOCC logo as presented and to update official KBOCC documents accordingly was made by Donald Chosa, supported by Tyler Larson. All in favor.

H. PRESIDENTIAL GOALS DISCUSSION

ROBIN CHOSA

Seeking to schedule a work session with the Board to prepare Presidential goals (aligned with new strategic plan, Presidential profile from search, and contract, etc.) by December. In addition, feedback on the Presidential onboarding process from President Kiesewetter would be appreciated.

X. OTHER:

A. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Several updates on each campus department were provided.

B. **BRANDY JOHNSON (MCCA) PRESENTATION** – Information on 2026 Trustee Tour as well as MCCA in general was provided.

C. **STUDENT GOVERNMENT UPDATE** – N/A

D. **BOARD CHAIR REPORT** – Seeking to identify or create a formal procedure for complaints/grievances as well as Board member attendance expectations. Underscored that Board member participation is an area for growth. Plans to research the evaluation methods used by other organizations in preparation for creating a Presidential review.

XI. UPCOMING MEETINGS:

A. **REGULAR MEETING: RESCHEDULED TO TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2026, 10:00 A.M. DUE TO CAMPUS CLOSURE ON TYPICAL MEETING DATE**

XII. **CLOSED SESSION:** Kathleen Smith moved to enter closed session at 12:25pm, supported by Donald Chosa. All in favor.

A. **LAWSUIT UPDATE**

The Board came out of closed session at 12:40pm. A motion was made by Donald Chosa to approve travel utilizing BOR funds for Robin Chosa, Board Chair, to Ohio for lawsuit updates as a representative for KBOCC, supported by Deanna Foucault.

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

KAREN ANDERSEN, SECRETARY

DATE

**DENOTES ITEM WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS*