Chairperson Arlyn Uhrmacher called the work session and regular meeting of the Southeast Community College Board of Governors to order at 3:03 p.m. on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at the Beatrice Campus, 4771 W. Scott Road, Beatrice, NE.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Kathy Boellstorff, Johnson
Chuck Byers, McCool Junction
Brandon Gunther, Hickman
Matthew Haden, Lincoln
Vicki Haskell, Fairbury
Joann Herrington Pitcher, Lincoln
Carina McCormick, Lincoln
Nancy A. Seim, Lincoln
James Sherwood, Lincoln
Neal Stenberg, Lincoln
Arlyn Uhrmacher, Lincoln

Absent:

Linda Hartman, Faculty Representative

PUBLIC MEETING LAW COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

Chairperson Uhrmacher stated the public meeting notice had been published in the Lincoln Journal Star on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, as well as posted on the bulletin board in the Area Office and on the website. He indicated that the meeting is conducted according to the principles of the revised ***Robert's Rules of Order***.

Chairperson Uhrmacher stated that supplementary materials were available for the public, along with a copy of the Open Meetings Law. A specific agenda item is reserved for Public Comment, item number 10. To testify during this time any member of the audience may approach the Board. In general, oral testimony by individuals is limited to five minutes. Written testimony will also be accepted for the public record.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Byers moved approval of the consent agenda. Seconded by Mr. Gunther.

1) Approval of Agenda as Presented
2) Approval of Minutes of June 16, 2026, Regular Meeting
3) Approval and Ratification of Bills and Claims
4) Approval of Personnel Changes for College Administrative and Support Personnel

5) Approval of Hiring/Resignations/Terminations of Instructional Staff

Chairperson Uhrmacher asked for discussion.

Mr. Byers inquired about an expense listed in the Bills and Claims report. Ms. Jorgens responded that she believed the expense was related to Continuing Education and indicated that she would verify the information.

Roll call vote follows:

FOR (11):	**AGAINST (0)**	**ABSENT (0):**
Byers		
Gunther		
Seim		
Boellstorff		
Haden		
Stenberg		
Herrington Pitcher		
McCormick		
Haskell		
Sherwood		
Uhrmacher		

Motion Carried

Mr. Byers:

Mr. President, with regard to the Consent Agenda item for Bills and Claims, I declare a conflict of interest and abstain from the action with regard to the following voucher numbers and vote to approve all other bills and claims and all other Consent Agenda items:

- V0947423

Dr. Sherwood:

Mr. President, with regard to the Consent Agenda item for Bills and Claims, I declare a conflict of interest and abstain from the action with regard to the following voucher numbers and vote to approve all other bills and claims and all other Consent Agenda items:

- V0947530

Mr. Stenberg:

Mr. President, with regard to the Consent Agenda item for Bills and Claims, I declare a conflict of interest and abstain from the action with regard to the following voucher numbers and vote to approve all other bills and claims and all other Consent Agenda items:

- V0947533

FINANCIAL REPORT

Unaudited Cash Basis Financial Summary through June 30, 2026

General Fund	**Budget 25-26**	**Year to Date through June 30, 2026**			
		Budget	**Actual**	**Variance**	**% Variance**
Revenues:					
State aid	31,565,827	31,565,827	31,565,827	-	--
CCFF	71,181,055	71,181,055	71,181,055	-	--
Tuition	18,129,212	18,129,212	18,993,614	864,402	4.77%
Other	995,988	995,988	2,589,988	1,594,000	160.04%
Total Revenues	**121,872,082**	**121,872,082**	**124,330,484**	**2,458,402**	**2.02%**
Expenses					
Personal services	95,743,799	95,743,799	85,815,772	(9,928,027)	-10.4%
Operating	21,279,396	21,279,396	28,250,327	6,970,931	32.8%
Travel	716,387	716,387	514,101	(202,286)	-28.2%
Equipment	4,132,500	4,132,500	6,735,942	2,603,442	63.0%
Total Expenses	**121,872,082**	**121,872,082**	**121,316,142**	**(555,940)**	**-0.5%**
Net Position	-	-	**3,014,342**	**3,014,342**	

Dr. Illich, President, reviewed the unaudited financial report for the period through June 30, 2026. He also reviewed the investment accounts.

The budget report ending June 30, 2026 showed:

Percentage of Budget year:	100%
Percentage of Budget spent:	99.5%
Percentage of Board budget spent:	75.9%

Ms. Boellstorff moved acceptance of the unaudited financial report. Seconded by Ms. Herrington Pitcher.

Chairperson Uhrmacher asked for discussion.

Ms. Boellstorff requested clarification regarding the Operations for Physical Plant line item on page 4 of the budget report. Dr. Illich explained that the item represented available funds designated to address necessary needs as they arose.

Dr. McCormick asked why available funds were included in the budget. Dr. Illich explained that the funds were based on projected cost savings identified throughout the fiscal year. As savings were identified and analyzed, the administration forecasted the amount that could be available and planned for potential needs, such as technology replacements and other priority projects. He noted that while the exact amount could not be guaranteed each year, the projections were based on careful analysis and historical trends.

Roll call vote follows:

FOR (11):	**AGAINST (0)**	**ABSENT (0):**
Boellstorff		
Herrington Pitcher		
Haden		
Sherwood		
McCormick		
Haskell		
Seim		
Gunther		
Byers		
Stenberg		
Uhrmacher		

Motion Carried

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Mr. Byers reported that he attended the Construction Management Risk meeting, where the team selected and recommended a contractor to Dr. Illich for the Lincoln Campus second dormitory project. He noted that the selection was very close between the top contractors and that Dr. Illich would review the recommendation before it was brought back to the Board. Mr. Byers also shared that he attended a new student visit tour at the Milford Campus. He enjoyed the opportunity to interact with students and staff and toured the facilities with a prospective student. He highlighted the importance of the student experience and encouraged others to participate in future student tours.

Ms. Boellstorff reported that she attended a new student event at the Beatrice Campus on June 17. She shared that the event was well attended and provided an opportunity to interact with incoming students as they prepared for their first semester, including registering for classes and becoming familiar with campus resources. She expressed appreciation for the enthusiasm of the students and staff and encouraged Board members to participate in future student events.

Chairperson Uhrmacher reported that on June 2, Cook Motorsport, a private car museum in Lincoln, partnered with the Nebraska Corvette Association and Southeast Community College to host a scholarship fundraiser. This was the third time the organizations collaborated on the event. He shared that approximately $16,000 was raised, with a portion of the funds supporting SCC-related scholarships. He noted that attendance was lower than previous years, which helped accommodate the museum’s capacity, and expressed appreciation for the continued partnership and support of student scholarships.

BOARD TEAM REPORTS

Executive Advisory. Chairperson Uhrmacher stated the Executive Advisory Team met on July 6. The team met with Dr. Illich via Zoom to establish the agenda for the Board meeting and discuss proposed Board goals and the implementation process. He shared that ACCT accepted SCC's proposal to present at the 2027 Leadership Conference in Chicago, with the presentation focusing on the Upward Program.

Planning/Advocacy. Ms. Seim stated that the team met prior to the board meeting and discussed plans for the upcoming "Brownies with the Board" events. She noted that participation was voluntary and shared the tentative dates and locations:

- Monday, August 24, at the Academic Excellence Center in Beatrice from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 26, in Lincoln from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 27, at the Eicher Center in Milford from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Additional information and a sign-up sheet would be provided to Board members.

Ms. Seim also shared that the committee discussed developing a speaker's "bureau" for Board members. She noted that the effort would involve coordination with Marketing to ensure consistent messaging aligned with the College's upcoming brand campaign. Marketing would provide information to staff and faculty in August before launching the campaign publicly in the fall.

Finance & Facilities. Ms. Boellstorff stated the team met prior to the Board meeting. She provided an overview of the projects included in the Facilities Project Status chart and upcoming projects.

- She shared that progress continued on the Agriculture Facility, with steel structures being installed and fiber lines expected to be completed before the start of the fall semester.
- Work was also progressing on the Construction Technology Center, with steel structures and precast components being installed.
- The Science Facility would begin moving forward after the site preparation period, with clearing of the remaining soil and installation of footings expected to begin soon.
- The CMR team interviewed two firms for the Residential Life and Dining Facility project on the Lincoln campus. After review, recommendations are expected to come before the Board.
- The Residential Life Facility project at the Milford Campus was in the planning stages.
- Discussions regarding the York Learning Center Workforce Center continue, with legal details being finalized before moving forward with the architect selection process.
- Updates were also provided on campus projects, including Milford Campus improvements, where parking lot repairs and replacements continue, storm-related repairs at Piper Hall were completed, and new windows were installed in Pioneer Hall.
- Sidewalk improvements have been completed at the Beatrice campus, and additional concrete work was planned.

- Campus Master Plan continue to progress and will be shared at the August Board meeting.
- Landscaping projects has begun at the Welding and TCA facilities, including new trees, shrubs, and flowers, with future phases being planned for spring.
- Summer projects were mentioned, including work with PTK and a campus project led by Dr. Illich.
- A water break on the Lincoln Campus occurred July 9-10, required repairs to an original water line and resulted in minor basement flooding. The repairs were completed after accessing the affected area and obtaining the necessary parts.

HR and Policy. Mr. Haden mentioned the team met prior to the board meeting. The team reviewed policies that will be presented to the Board at the August meeting, with anticipated approval in September. The policies include:

- Policy A-07, Board Meetings – Regular: Updates were made in response to changes to the Open Meetings Law requirements.
- Policy A-08, Board Meetings – Special: Language was updated to align with the revisions made to the Regular Board Meetings Policy and to ensure applicable Open Meetings Law requirements were addressed.
- The policies received team and legal review and will be placed in OnBoard for Board review.
- Ms. Padilla published the annual Board meeting calendar on July 1 and will continue to provide quarterly updates.
- Procedure B-06a, Shared Governance. Updates were made to two sections of the procedure related to the Faculty Representative to the Board of Governors and Data-Informed Practices. The revisions were highlighted in the redline document available in OnBoard Resources. The procedure was approved by the Administrative Team and published on the College website. Additional minor edits were identified to remove redundant language.
- Additional policies and procedures currently in progress include:
    - E-19a Procedure, Concern Complaint Resolution Process
    - F-01e Procedure, Hazing (new)
    - F-01a Procedure, General Nondiscrimination
    - Review of E Section personnel policies and procedures, being led by Jen Olive and Bev Cummins

He stated the team discussed developing a "Dot-to-Dot" resource to provide an overview of policies and procedures at a glance. A summary of the Governance Team's work will also be provided to the full Board. He noted that Dr. Illich previously discussed exploring DocTract software capabilities to provide additional data on policy and procedure progress.

Academic and Student Affairs. Dr. Sherwood stated that the team met and discussed the upcoming HLC presentation with Ms. Herwick. He requested that the presentation provide a deeper look into the accreditation process, including how peer reviewers are selected, their responsibilities, and how the review team operates. He shared that Ms. Herwick titled the presentation "Behind the Scenes of an HLC Visit" and that the discussion provided valuable insight into the accreditation process and the College's relationship with HLC.

TCA Joint Board. Mr. Uhrmacher mentioned the next TCA Joint Board meeting was scheduled for August 4th at 9:30 a.m. in Room 107 at the Career Academy. He noted that the meeting was scheduled earlier than usual due to insurance matters requiring attention by the Joint Board.

NCCA Representative. Ms. Byers reported that the NCCA Board did not meet during the month. He shared that the Board's annual planning meeting would take place in August. He also noted that Board members had received a link to complete the review, which was due at the end of the month so the results could be compiled and reviewed in August.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Illich reported on the following items:

- Facilities
  - Selection process continues for choosing the CMR constructor for the second residence hall on the Lincoln Campus.
  - Financial modeling has been completed for the second residence hall on the Lincoln Campus. The College's investment banker and bond counsel will conduct a presentation on a potential revenue bond in support of the project.
  - Site work and initial construction work have begun on all three of the remaining phase II projects.
    - Agriculture Technology Center (Beatrice)– Structural steel placement is in process.
    - Construction Technology Center (Milford) – Pre-cast wall placement is in process.
    - Life Sciences Center (Lincoln) – Earth work continues.
  - Planning continues on the renovation of spaces where programs have been relocated on the Lincoln Campus.
- Administrative Reorganization
  - Interviews for the VP of Campus Operations and Development position are scheduled for the end of July.
- State Budget Update
  - Earlier this month the Governor issued a memo to leaders of State agencies, boards, and commissions directing them to cut budgets and take other cost savings actions.
  - Although the community colleges are not state agencies, we are studying potential impacts the budget deficit could have on State Aid for the current year and in the future. We are in frequent communication with our legislative consultants (Robak and Mueller) in relation to potential impacts.
- Foundation and Fundraising
  - Work continue with the Foundation Executive Director on revision of the MOU between the Foundation and SCC, with the primary goal of aligning the Foundation with SCC's 2025-2030 Strategic Plan.
  - Fundraising efforts for the Construction Technology Center, Agriculture Technology Center, and the Life Sciences Center are

ongoing.
- Enrollment Update
  - Preliminary fall 2026 enrollment is up about 400 students.
- Policy/Procedures
  - Initial reviews and revisions have begun on Section D (Fiscal) policies and procedures.
  - Work is beginning on Section E (Personnel).
- Other Activities
  - The Administrative Team had an expanded work session to discuss expanded projects.
  - Consulting work on review and restructure of classification system and market analysis is in process.
  - Senator Fischer toured our facilities on the Lincoln Campus.
  - Board members will be receiving an invite to the UNL-SCC Transfer Signing Ceremony.
  - An SCC Educational Foundation Board Meeting will be held on July 29, 2026.

FACULTY ASSOCIATION REPORT

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Uhrmacher asked for public comment. There was none.

Chairperson Uhrmacher declared the Board in recess at 3:50 p.m.
Chairperson Uhrmacher declared the Board in session at 4:06 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATION/BOARD REVIEW

College Budget

Ms. Amy Jorgens, Vice President Administrative Services and CFO, provided an overview of the college 2026–2027 budget, including:

- General Fund
  - State Aid
  - Community College Future Fund
  - Tuition
  - Other Revenue
- The largest expenditure category is salary and benefits followed by:
  - Operating
  - Travel
  - Equipment
- Tuition and Fees
  - Tuition

    - Student Service Fee
    - Facility Fee
    - Total tuition and fees a 1.6% increase
- State Funding
- Capital Improvement Fund (CIF)
- Major Capital Projects
    - Milford
        - Third residence hall
        - Construction Technology Center
        - Eicher, Dunlap and Welsh renovations
        - Loop road and parking
        - Athletic/recreation facilities
    - Lincoln
        - Automotive design/construction
        - Life Sciences Center
        - Science Tower
        - Master planning and construction
        - Residence hall renovations
        - Parking, sidewalks and landscaping
        - Athletic/recreation fields
    - Beatrice
        - Agriculture projects
        - Baseball complex and indoor practice facility
        - Physical plant replacement
        - Soccer field improvements
        - Bus barn with charging
        - Arena design/construction
        - Truman renovations
    - Learning Centers
        - Nebraska City shell space
        - York Learning Center
        - Hebron Manufacturing
- Nonrecurring Expenditures
- Restricted/Self-Supporting Budgets
- Staffing and Program Requests

Chairperson Uhrmacher asked if changes need to be made to the budget to cover the state deficit. Dr. Illich stated they are budgeting for that.

HLC Update

Shawna Herwick, Associate Vice President Accreditation & Strategic Initiatives, provided an update on Higher Learning Commission. Ms. Herwick reviewed the importance of accreditation, the accreditation triad, and changes to HLC's 2025 Criteria for Accreditation. SCC remains accredited under HLC's Open Pathway, which follows a 10-year reaffirmation cycle. The 2026–2027 academic year is a critical year in the cycle, with SCC's Year 4

Assurance Review due in July 2027. Ms. Herwick reported that the steering team has been gathering evidence and preparing the first draft of the Assurance Argument, which will include responses to 18 Core Components and approximately 1,000 sources of evidence. She also reviewed the Board's role in maintaining accreditation compliance, including policy review, budget and strategic plan approval, professional development, and ensuring decisions align with the strategic plan. Ms. Herwick outlined the next steps for fall 2026, including continued development of the Assurance Argument, refinement of the evidence repository, and monitoring changes to federal and HLC requirements.

Board Mission Action Plan Goal

Chairperson Uhrmacher stated the Executive Advisory Team proposed a Board MAP goal focused on refreshing the orientation process for new board members, particularly for two incoming members expected later this year.

Ms. Boellstorff and Mr. Byers pushed for an additional goal regarding community representation and advocacy, emphasizing the need for board members to be the "eyes and ears" of the college in rural counties.

Chairperson Uhrmacher agreed to formalize both the orientation and advocacy goals to bring back to the board as action items in August.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

There was no report.

TIME AND PLACE FOR AUGUST MEETING

Chairperson Uhrmacher stated the next regular Board meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., at the Learning Center at York.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chairperson Uhrmacher complimented the latest issue of Velocity magazine, noting that it did an excellent job of highlighting Southeast Community College and showcasing the institution's accomplishments with a focus on the UPWARD Prison Education program (Unlocking Potential with Academic Resources and Development).

Chairperson Uhrmacher announced that ACCT had accepted a proposal to present on the Upward Program at the 2027 Leadership Congress in Chicago.

Ms. Padilla provided an update on parking permits, explaining that the permits were valid only for the Lincoln Campus and were issued for the current fiscal year.

Ms. Seim shared information regarding the upcoming Brownies with the Board event.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Uhrmacher adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

Joann Herrington Pitcher

Joann M. Herrington pitcher

Secretary

SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

Southeast Community College
Beatrice Campus
4771 W. Scott Road, Beatrice, Nebraska
Academic Excellence Center – Room 134

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA – 3:00 P.M.

1. Meeting Called to Order	3:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call	3:03
3. Public Meeting Law Compliance Statement	3:05
4. Consent Agenda	3:07
a. Action Item - Review Agenda; Move Action Items to Regular Agenda and/or Approve Consent Agenda Items	
1) Approval of Agenda as Presented	
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3) Approval and Ratification of Bills and Claims	
4) Approval of Personnel Changes for College Administrative and Support Personnel	
5) Approval of Hiring/Resignations/Terminations of Instructional Staff	
5. Financial Report	3:12
6. Board Member Reports	3:22
7. Board Team Reports	3:32
8. President's Report	3:42
9. Faculty Association Report	4:02
10. Public Comment	4:07
BREAK	4:12
11. Administrative Presentation/Board Review	
a) College Budget	4:22
b) HLC Update	4:37
c) 2026-2027 Board of Governors Mission Action Plan Goal	4:52
12. Legal Counsel Report	5:07

13. Time and Place for August Meeting	5:09
14. Good of the Order	5:12
15. Adjournment	5:15

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NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA

July 21, 2026
3:00 P.M.

Location: Beatrice Campus Academic Excellence Center – Room 134
4771 West Scott Road, Beatrice, Nebraska

Notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Board of Governors of the Southeast Community College Area, will be held at 3:00 p.m. on July 21, 2026, at the Southeast Community College Beatrice Campus, Academic Excellence Center, room 134, 4771 West Scott Road, Beatrice, NE. The agenda for the meeting, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Southeast Community College – Lincoln Campus, 8800 O Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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