



Chairperson Arlyn Uhrmacher called the special meeting, budget hearing, of the Southeast Community College Board of Governors to order at 3:02 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at the Milford Campus, 600 State Street, Milford, Nebraska.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Kathy Boellstorff, Johnson
Chuck Byers, McCool Junction
Brandon Gunther, Hickman
Vicki Haskell, Fairbury
Joann Pitcher, Lincoln
Carina McCormick, Lincoln
Nancy Seim, Lincoln
James Sherwood, Lincoln
Neal Stenberg, Lincoln
Kristin Yates, Lincoln
Linda Hartman, Faculty Representative
Arlyn Uhrmacher, Lincoln

Absent:

Chairperson Uhrmacher welcomed everyone to the meeting. He indicated that it was necessary for any member of the public wishing to testify to sign in and that individuals would be allowed a maximum of five minutes to speak.

PUBLIC MEETING LAW COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

Chairperson Uhrmacher stated the public meeting notice had been published in the Lincoln Journal Star on Monday, September 15, 2025, as well as posted on the bulletin board in the Area Office and on the website. He stated that the meeting is conducted according to the principles of the revised *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Chairperson Uhrmacher indicated that supplementary materials were available for the public, along with a copy of the Open Meetings Law.

PUBLIC COMMENT. There were none

PRESENTATION OF 2025-2026 BUDGET

Chairperson Uhrmacher convened the 2025-2026 public budget hearing at 3:06 p.m. Amy Jorgens, Vice President of Administrative Services, presented the 2025-2026 Budget.

The 2025-2026 General Fund Budget Revenue and Expense Summary was explained in detail. The total 2025-2026 general fund budget was \$121,872,000 or a 8.56% increase from the 2025-2026 general fund budget.

General fund budget revenues for 2025-2026 included, but was not limited to state aid (including dual enrollment) of \$31,565,827 or a 2.81% increase; a property valuation increase of 10.8% over the 15-county area for a total valuation of \$93,126,133,114 resulting in a Community College Future Fund total of \$71,181,055 based on the amount of funds generated by the mandatory minimum rate of 7.50 cents per \$100 valuation. The Community College Future Fund amount replaces the general fund taxing authority. The College has no general fund taxing authority for the 2025-2026 general fund budget.

Expenditures included salary and benefits of \$93,447,462 or a 6.94% increase; operating \$20,980,396 or a 4.14% increase; equipment of \$2,000,000 or a 33% increase; expanded expenditures of \$2,775,337 and nonrecurring expenditure projects of \$2,000,000. The summary resulted in a balanced 2025-2026 general fund budget, whereas revenues of \$121,872,082 equal expenses of \$121,872,082.

Dr. McCormick asked what would be the difference if they had an increased enrollment instead of flat enrollment? Dr. Illich mentioned that SCC had been growing rapidly and it would create a more conservative approach.

Ms. Jorgens mentioned that they will be asking the board to approve a two cent CIF increase, 32% on cash reserve on property tax of \$18.2 million total restricted fund is \$5 million, base limit percent increase 2.5%.

Ms. Jorgens also reviewed in detail the total SCC budget per Notice of Budget Hearing & Budget Summary 2025-2026 of \$354,898,600 included several funds including Restricted (Self-Supporting) \$96,200,000, Other Facilities Project Financing \$111,200,000, Capital Improvement Fund \$25,626,518, and General Fund budget \$121,872,082. Also reviewed was the Uniform Budget Document and required supporting documentation and Interlocal Agreement Report to be filed with the Auditor of Public Accounts by September 30, 2025.

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2025-2026 BUDGET. No one from the public testified during the public hearing.

**ACTION TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET STATEMENT
2025-2026**

Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action regarding the proposed budget for Southeast Community College Area for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, pursuant to the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§13-501 to 13-513.

Dr. Sherwood motioned that the Board of Governors of the Southeast Community College Area should adopt and approve the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget statement and included

resolution by a 75% majority of the members of the Board, as presented at this meeting and made part of this motion. Seconded by Mr. Byers.

Chairperson Uhrmacher asked for discussion. There were none.

RESOLUTION:

SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
2025-2026 BUDGET RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Governors of Southeast Community College Area does hereby adopt the proposed Budget Statement for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 in the amount of \$354,898,600 of budgeted expenditures prepared on the State of Nebraska 2025-2026 Basic Budget Form and does hereby authorize and direct the Secretary of the Southeast Community College Area Board of Governors to certify a copy of said adopted Budget Statement, attach thereto a copy of the proof of publication of the notice of hearing, and file the same with the Boards of Equalizations and County Clerks of Cass, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, Saunders, Seward, Thayer and York Counties, on or before September 30, 2025, and with the Auditor of Public Accounts of the State of Nebraska, all as provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Governors of Southeast Community College Area does hereby approve the amount of budgeted restricted funds as defined by Neb. Rev. Stat. §§13-518 through 13-522, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, equal to last year's total of budgeted restricted funds of \$115,006,006.55 plus the statutory 2.5% increase equal to \$2,875,150.16, plus allowable growth of 10.13% increase equal to \$11,650,108.46.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Governors of Southeast Community College Area does hereby approve the amount of budgeted restricted funds as defined by Neb. Rev. Stat. §§13-518 through 13-522, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, plus an additional increase of 1% in the amount of \$1,150,060.07 which is approved by at least 75% of the Board of Governors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Governors of Southeast Community College Area does hereby approve the amount of budgeted restricted funds as defined by Neb. Rev. Stat. §§13-518 through 13-522, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, resulting in total restricted funds authority of \$130,681,325.24, and the carryforward to future budget years of unused restricted funds authority in the amount of \$125,656,414.24. Such unused restricted funds authority may be used in later years as the Board of Governors deems appropriate to increase total restricted funds allowed by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the College administration is hereby authorized to take all action necessary to implement the adopted budget herein, and to make any necessary changes or adjustments as required by Nebraska laws to properly reflect such adopted

budget statement hereby approved, due to assessed valuation certifications or re-certifications or such other matters which require necessary fiscal adjustments to complete the budgeting process for the 2025-2026 fiscal year adopted budget and budget statement hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing is consented to and approved by a majority of the members of the Board of Governors of this College, and by a 75% majority of the members of the Board of Governors of this College where applicable and as noted, and is declared as passed and adopted at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Law.

Roll call vote follows:

VOTED IN FAVOR (11):

Sherwood

Byers

Seim

Boellstorff

Gunther

Yates

Stenberg

Pitcher

McCormick

Haskell

Uhrmacher

AGAINST (0)

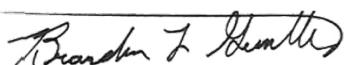
ABSENT (0):

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Uhrmacher adjourned the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

Brandon Gunther



Secretary

SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF GOVERNORS – SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - BUDGET HEARING AND
ACTION ON PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

Southeast Community College
Milford Campus
600 State Street, Milford, Nebraska
Dunlap A & B

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA – 3:00 P.M.

1. Meeting Called to Order	3:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call	3:01
3. Public Meeting Law Compliance Statement	3:03
4. Public Comment	3:05
5. Presentation of 2025-2026 Budget	3:10
6. Public Hearing on 2025-2026 Budget	

Action:

7. Discuss, consider, and take all necessary action in regard to the proposed budget for Southeast Community College Area for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, pursuant to the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-501 to 13-513.
8. Adjournment

The Southeast Community College (SCC) Board of Governors reserves the right and is empowered to discuss, consider and take action on (a) any item listed on the Agenda, and (b) at any time during the meeting, irrespective of the time or order listed. In addition, the Open Meetings Act requires and the intention of the Board is that agenda items be sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting. The SCC Board of Governors releases its agenda well in advance of most meetings and desires that all interested persons are fully informed. Any interested person who has a question or needs clarification about the sufficiency of a descriptive item should contact the Office of the President.

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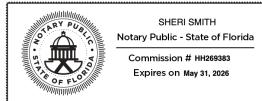
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State of Florida
County of Broward

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me on this: 09/16/2025

S. Smith

Notary Public

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NOTICE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING/ ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE SOUTHEAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE AREA

September 23, 2025 3:00 P.M.

Location: Milford Campus
600 State Street, Milford, Nebraska Dunlap A & B

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting and annual budget hearing of the Board of Governors of the Southeast Community College Area, will be held starting at 3:00 p.m., and such hearing shall not be limited by time, on September 23, 2025, in Dunlap A & B or such other location therein, at the Southeast Community College - Milford Campus, 600 State Street, Milford, Nebraska.

The special meeting shall be for the purposes of conducting a public hearing and presentation of the proposed annual budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year for the Southeast Community College Area in compliance with the Nebraska Budget Act. Public comment on the proposed annual budget statement will be available. The proposed budget statement is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Southeast Community College Lincoln Campus, 8800 O Street, Lincoln, Nebraska and will be made available for inspection at the special meeting.

The agenda for the meeting is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Southeast Community College Lincoln Campus, 8800 O Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Southeast Community College

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 15-501 to 15-511, that the Southeast Community College Area Board of Governors, consisting of the Lincoln Campus Library, City of Lincoln, Southeast Community College, Southeast, Thayer, and York counties, will meet on the 23rd day of September 2025, at 3:00 o'clock P.M., at the Duray Center Conference Room A & B, 600 State Street, Milford, Nebraska, to hear and consider the proposed annual budget statement and other financial information of the Board of Governors relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Board Secretary, 6800 O Street, Lincoln, NE 68502 during regular business hours and is available on the public website at www.southeast.edu.

2025-2026 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 208,204,385.00
2024-2025 Estimated Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 180,574,946.00
2025-2026 Estimated Revenues	\$ 210,000,000.00
2025-2026 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$ 65,122,311.81
2025-2026 Total Resource Available	\$ 421,672,311.81
2025-2026 Total Resource Required	\$ 421,672,311.81
Unspent Budget Authority Available For Next Year	\$ 125,450,475.24

Breakdown of Property Tax:

Personal and Real Property Tax Request for Non-Bond Purpose	\$ 184,251,277.00
Personal and Real Property Tax Request for Bonds	\$ -

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 17-1522 of the Southeast Community College Area Board of Governors reclassifying Case, Filmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, Saunders, Sherman, Thayer, and York counties, the 23rd day of September 2025, at the Duray Center Conference Room A & B, 600 State Street, Milford, Nebraska. Watch for the announcement during a special hearing or conference or correspondence of members relating to setting the final tax request. The property tax information detail is available at the office of the Board Secretary, 6800 O Street, Lincoln, NE 68502 during regular business hours and is available on the public website at www.southeast.edu.

	2024	2025	Change
Governing Budget	\$49,781,710.00	\$54,099,800.00	9.84%
Property Tax Request	\$ 16,400,109.50	\$ 18,623,227.00	13.80%
Value	\$8,147,000.00	\$9,156,153.14	12.50%
Tax Rate	0.000000	0.010000	0.00%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.010000		

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