



Board of Regents of the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute

2026 Quarter 1 Meeting Agenda

January 20, 2026

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (MDT)

SICI Hogan

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- A. Call the Meeting to OrderChairperson Begaye
- B. Welcome and InvocationBy Invitation
- C. Roll CallEsther Peterson
 - ___ Mr. Adam J. Begaye, Chairperson, Navajo Nation-New Mexico
 - ___ Mr. Hershel Gorham, Vice Chairperson, Oklahoma Tribes
 - ___ Ms. Esther Peterson, Secretary/Treasurer, Navajo Nation-Arizona
 - ___ Dr. John Bush, Member, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona-South
 - ___ Mr. Clyde Davis Jr., Mescalero Apache Tribe
 - ___ Mr. Timothy Harjo, SICI Alumni
 - ___ Ms. Donna Montoya, Jicarilla Apache Nation
 - ___ Mr. Caleb Secatero, SGA President (or designee)
 - ___ Mr. Francis Tafoya, Eight Northern Pueblos
 - ___ Vacant, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona-North
 - ___ Vacant, Southern Pueblos Council
 - ___ Dr. Tamarah Pfeiffer, President, SICI (Ex-Officio, non-voting member)
- D. Appointment(s) and Update(s) on New Board Member(s)Chairperson Begaye
 - 1. Lorissa Garcia, Southern Pueblos Council
 - 2. Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona-North Vacancy
- E. Introduction of Special GuestsChairperson Begaye
 - 1. Associate Deputy Director, Bureau of Indian Education, Stephanie Conduff
 - 2. Members from the Haskell Indian Nations University Board of Regents
- F. Approval of the AgendaChairperson Begaye
- G. Approval of the Meeting MinutesEsther Peterson
 - 1. October 16, 2025 (Q4)
- H. Introduction of New EmployeesPresident Pfeiffer
- I. Action Items
 - 1. Resolution #1 2026-1: Policy Statement on Native American Education Goals and ObjectivesChairperson Begaye

2. Haskell Indication Nations University Improvement ActChairperson Begaye
 - i. Haskell Indian Nations University Improvement Act (HINUIA) S.2140 & H.R. 4085
 - ii. January 2, 2026, Correspondence Requesting Support for the HINUIA from the Haskell Indian Nations University Board of Regents
 - iii. Resolution #2 2026-1: Calling on Congress to Pass the HINUIA
 - iv. Resolution #3 2026-1: Resolution in Support of the HINUIA
3. SIPI Board of Regents GovernanceChairperson Begaye
 - i. Resolution #4 2026-1: BOR-BIE MOU
 - ii. Resolution #5 2026-1: Tribal Self Determination and the SIPI Board of Regents
4. Academic Matters for BOR Concurrence/ApprovalDr. Begaye
 - i. Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy
 - ii. Four Semester Matriculation for Adult Basic Education
 - iii. Minimal Qualifications for Teaching Online Courses
 - iv. 2026-2027 Academic Calendar - Approval

J. BOR Resolution Implementation

1. Northern Arizona University Partnership ExplorationChairperson Begaye (Resolution # 3 2024-7)
2. Partnership Exploration with the Canoncito Band of NavajosPresident Pfeiffer (Resolution #1 2024-10)

K. Reports

1. Board of RegentsChairperson Begaye
 - i. Draft 2025 BOR and BOR Development Office Accomplishments Report
 - ii. Board Member Meeting Expectations
 - iii. Individual Board Member Reports
2. SIPI Quarterly Reports
 - i. College OverviewPresident Pfeiffer
 - a. Hiring Priorities
 - ii. Appropriated FundsBella Lujan
 - iii. Grant FundsDr. Servin
3. Board of Regents Development OfficeBobby Wallace
 - i. Fiscal Year 2026 SIPI BOR-Development Office Budget
 - ii. Silent Auction: Suazo Hutchens Emergency Assistance Memorial Fund
4. Student Government AssociationCaleb Secatero

L. Old BusinessChairperson Begaye

1. Report #1 2026-1: Proposed Changes in the Constitution to the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute Board of Regents

2. Resolution #6 2026-1: Term Limits for Regents Appointed/Elected by Tribes or Tribal Organizations
3. Resolution #7 2026-1: Affirmation of Term Limits for Regents: Student Government Association President and the Immediate Past President/Alumnus
4. Resolution #8 2026-1: SIPI Board of Regents Ex-Officio Member Qualifications
5. Resolution #9 2026-1: Term Limits for SIPI Board of Regents Ex-Officio Members

M. Public Comment Chair Begaye

N. Announcements Chair Begaye

1. Calendar Year 2026 BOR Meeting Schedule and Commencement:
 - i. Quarter 2: May 14th
 - ii. Commencement: May 15th
 - iii. Quarter 3: August 31st
 - iv. Quarter 4: December 7th
2. Future Annual College Reports Starting in Fall 2026:
 - i. Addition of a Key Performance Indicator (KPI) for Adult and Basic Education (Resolution # 1 2024-7).
 - ii. Key Performance Indicator Goal Setting and Reporting (Resolution #2 2024-7)

O. Adjourn

After the Board Meeting there will be a new Board Member orientation