



**Board of Regents of the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute**  
**2026 Quarter 1 Meeting Agenda**  
**January 20, 2026**  
**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (MDT)**

**SIPI Hogan**

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- A. Call the Meeting to Order.....Chairperson Begaye
- B. Welcome and Invocation..... By Invitation
- C. Roll Call..... Esther 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, SIPI 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, SIPI (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 Guests.....Chairperson 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 Agenda.....Chairperson Begaye
- G. Approval of the Meeting Minutes..... Esther Peterson
  - 1. October 16, 2025 (Q4)
- H. Introduction of New Employees..... President Pfeiffer
- I. Action Items
  - 1. Resolution #1 2026-1: Policy Statement on Native American Education Goals and Objectives.....Chairperson Begaye

2. Haskell Indian Nations University Improvement Act.....Chairperson 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 Governance.....Chairperson 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/Approval ..... Dr. 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 Exploration.....Chairperson Begaye (Resolution # 3 2024-7)
  2. Partnership Exploration with the Canoncito Band of Navajos..... President Pfeiffer (Resolution #1 2024-10)
- K. Reports
  1. Board of Regents .....Chairperson 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 Overview..... President Pfeiffer
      - a. Hiring Priorities
    - ii. Appropriated Funds .....Bella Lujan
    - iii. Grant Funds .....Dr. Servin
  3. Board of Regents Development Office .....Bobby Wallace
    - i. Fiscal Year 2026 SIPI BOR-Development Office Budget
    - ii. Silent Auction: Suazo Hutchens Emergency Assistance Memorial Fund
  4. Student Government Association ..... Caleb Secatero
- L. Old Business .....Chairperson 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 14<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Commencement: May 15<sup>th</sup>
  - iii. Quarter 3: August 31<sup>st</sup>
  - iv. Quarter 4: December 7<sup>th</sup>
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

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