



**Board of Regents of the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute
Special Meeting:
Board of Regents Work Session with Bureau of Indian Education and Solicitors
April 17, 2026
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (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
 - ___ Lorissa Garcia, Southern Pueblos Council
 - ___ 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, Mescalero Apache Tribe
 - ___ Dr. Tamarah Pfeiffer, President, SIPI (Ex-Officio, non-voting member)
- D. Welcome and Introductions of Work Session Partners Chairperson Begaye
- E. Approval of the Agenda..... Chairperson Begaye
- F. Work Session on BIE-BOR MOU..... Chairperson Begaye
- G. Next Steps..... Chairperson Begaye
- H. Announcements Chairperson Begaye
 - 1. Calendar Year 2026 BOR Meeting Schedule and Commencement:
 - i. New Board Member Orientation: May 13th
 - ii. Quarter 2: May 14th
 - iii. Commencement: May 15th
 - iv. Quarter 3: August 31st
 - v. Quarter 4: December 7th
- I. Adjourn..... Chairperson Begaye