

**KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS
SYSTEM COUNCIL OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS**

**VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, September 17, 2025
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.**

The System Council of Chief Academic Officers (SCOCAO) will meet virtually via Zoom. An in-person option will be available at the Curtis State Office Building at 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 530, Topeka, Kansas, 66612.

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| I. | Call to Order | Mickey McCloud |
| | A. Roll Call and Introductions | |
| | B. Approve Minutes from June 11, 2025 | |
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II. |
Systemwide Updates | |
| | A. Reduced-Credit Baccalaureate Degrees | Rusty Monhollon |
| | B. 2025 KCOG Conference and TAAC Update | Jennifer Seymour |
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III. |
Other Matters | |
| | Update on Online Proctoring Contract | Sam Christy-Dangermond
(Email schristy@ksbor.org) |
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IV. |
Announcements | |
| | Academic Affairs Updates | Academic Affairs Staff |
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V. |
Adjournment | |

SYSTEM COUNCIL OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS

The System Council of Chief Academic Officers (SCOCAO), established in 2002, is composed of the six chief academic officers of the state universities, four chief academic officers selected by the nineteen community colleges, one chief academic officer selected by the six technical colleges, and the chief academic officer of Washburn University. The Board's Vice-President for Academic Affairs serves as an ex officio member. The Committee meets in person on the morning of the first day of the monthly Board meeting. Membership includes:

Brandon Galm	Cloud County CC
Marc Malone	Garden City CC
Mickey McCloud, Co-Chair	JCCC
Luke Dowell	Seward CCC
Lisa Kirmer	FHTC
Brent Thomas, Co-Chair	ESU
Jill Arensdorf	FHSU
Jesse Mendez	KSU
Barbara Bichelmeyer	KU
Susan Bon	PSU
John Fritch	Washburn
Monica Lounsbery	WSU
Rusty Monhollon	KBOR

System Council of Chief Academic Officers AY 2026 Meeting Schedule

<i>SCOCAO Academic Year 2025- 2026 Meeting Dates</i>		
Meeting Dates	Location (virtual or in-person)	Institutional Materials Due
September 17, 2025	Virtual	August 27, 2025
November 19, 2025	Virtual (no in-person option)	October 29, 2025
December 17, 2025	Virtual	November 24, 2025
January 14, 2026	Virtual	December 22, 2025
February 11, 2026	Virtual	January 21, 2026
March 11, 2026	Virtual	February 18, 2026
May 20, 2026	Virtual	April 29, 2026
June 17, 2026	Virtual	May 27, 2026

SCOCAO meets at 8:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

**KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS
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MINUTES
JUNE 11, 2025**

The June 11, 2025, meeting of the System Council of Chief Academic Officers was called to order by Co-Chair Mickey McCloud at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was held virtually through Zoom, with an in-person option available in Suite 530, located in the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 S.W. Jackson, Topeka, KS 66612.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon Galm, Cloud County CC	Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU	John Fritch, Washburn
Mickey McCloud, JCCC	Jason Sharp, Labette CC	Monica Lounsbery, WSU
Brent Thomas, ESU	Susan Bon, PSU	Jennifer Seymour, WSU Tech
Jill Arensdorf, FHSU	Luke Dowell, Seward CC	Rusty Monhollon, KBOR (<i>ex officio</i>)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Luke Dowell moved that the minutes of the May 14, 2025, meeting be approved. Brandon Glam seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

OTHER MATTERS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATES

Director for Academic Affairs Sam Christy-Dangermond shared that the contract with Accuplacer has been renewed through June 30, 2028. The fee will be increasing to \$2.15 per exam for participating institutions. It is recommended that the two-year institutions use Accuplacer as a primary placement exam. That does not discourage the use of multiple placement measures. Any institution that ceases to use the Accuplacer exam as its primary placement exam must notify Accuplacer within fifteen days. Any institution not using the Accuplacer exam as its primary exam will not be eligible for the discounted pricing. An email will be sent to CAOs with the contract details.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Rusty Monhollon shared that Associate Director Mistie Knox will be leaving the Kansas Board of Regents. The Council expressed congratulations and appreciation for her service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Co-chair Mickey McCloud shared a few reminders, including: Executive Implementation Teams member submission requests were due by June 2, Performance Agreements Listening Session follow-up surveys are due by June 23, KBOR Institutional OER survey is due by June 27, and Performance Reports are due by July 1. The next SCOCOA meeting will be in September 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Barbara Bichelmeyer moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jesse Mendez seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 a.m.