



Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, November 6th from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

[Zoom link](#) (if this link does not work, please use the link in the calendar invite)

Current leadership

Role	Student Information
President	Sudi Adow: Rochester Community and Technical College
Vice President	Marco Loera Alvarez: Rochester Community and Technical College
Treasurer	Rose Sargent: South Central College - North Mankato
Secretary	Alex Bender: Anoka Ramsey Community College - Coon Rapids
Region 1 Rep: North	Samantha Koehn: MN State Community and Technical College
Region 2 Rep: Central	Andrew Anaya Ledesma: Ridgewater College
Region 3 Rep: South	Makayla Anderson: Rochester Community and Technical College
Region 4 Rep: Metro West	Andrea Kimlinger: Hennepin Technical College
Region 5: Metro East	Blessing Manka Ndam: Century College
Region 6: The Cities	Hassan Assidiq: Minneapolis College
Region 7: Metro Northwest	Abdikarim Hagi: Anoka Ramsey Community College - Coon Rapids

Rights and Responsibilities of the Governing Council

Rights	Responsibilities
Access to financial statements	Read the statements and understand them enough to participate meaningfully
The right to be well informed (political, financial language)	Communicate training needs and ideas (especially for future leaders)
Right to be an advocate, to use/have a voice	Doing right by the students, represent responsibly (effectively/accurately)
Approve amendments to the bylaws	Read, review, understand Bylaws - communicate to other students any changes
Oversee, review LeadMN policies	Maintain policies and access to governing documents (e.g. being able to quickly access and refer to Bylaws)
Hire and oversee LeadMN Executive Director	Understanding ED job role and hiring process; support the ED to be successful in their role
Set a budget	Knowing historical budgets and actuals; accurate budget forecast based on goals
Adopt a motion and create a resolution	Identifying and proactively solving problems
Meet monthly	Work done is effective at advancing our goals
Advocate positions enacted at the fall GA	Understand GC roles and what seats are open
	Fiduciary responsibilities - understand them, attend training, ask questions

Group Agreements
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Meeting Agenda

Attendee list:

Students: Sudi, Marco, Rose, Alex, Andrea K, Blessing, Samantha, Abdi, Andrew, Hassan

Staff: Rachel, Casey, Carin, Molly, Andrea T

Guests: Jess

Open the Meeting and Consent Agenda Items: (2:00pm - 2:05pm)

1. November 2025 agenda
 - a. **Motion to approve by Andrea K, Seconded by Blessing. Passed**
2. [October 2025 minutes](#)
 - a. **Motion to approve by Samantha, Seconded by Blessing, Passed**

Welcome and icebreakers (2:05pm - 2:10pm)

1. Favorite fall food

Executive and Regional Reports (2:10pm - 2:30pm)

1. Monthly reports
 - a. [President](#)
 - b. Vice President
 - c. [Secretary](#)
 - d. Treasurer
 - e. Region 1
 - f. [Region 2](#)
 - g. [Region 3](#)
 - h. [Region 4](#)
 - i. [Region 5](#)
 - j. Region 6

- k. [Region 7](#)
- l. **The Board of Directors give their linked reports**

Committee Reports (2:30pm - 2:40pm)

- 1. Fiscal Committee
 - a. [Next meeting: November 19th at 2:00pm](#)
 - b. [October meeting minutes](#)
- 2. Steering Committee
 - a. [Each Tuesday at 4:00pm](#)
 - b. [October meeting minutes](#)
- 3. Advocacy Committee
 - a. [Second Tuesdays at 1:30pm](#)
 - b. [October meeting minutes](#)
- 4. Accessibility Committee
 - a. [First Friday of the month at 4:00pm](#) (Note that there is no November meeting due to the GA. The next meeting is December 5th)
 - b. [October meeting minutes](#)
- 5. Diversity Committee
 - a. [Fourth Monday of the month at 5:00pm](#)
 - b. October meeting minutes - N/A
- 6. [Proposed Legal Committee](#)
- 7. **Committee Chairs offer their updates. Alex brings up postponing changes to election policy to prevent bias in decision making and a larger discussion may occur surrounding this.**

Breakout rooms (2:40pm - 3:00pm)

- 1. Within your breakout rooms, have small group conversations about what tangible and meaningful changes could be implemented by the Board of Trustees and/or the MinnState system office over the next 5 years to positively impact student learning and experience:
 - Awareness Campaigns for Resources, Connect students to resources and information
 - An Equity Audit aimed at identifying achievement gaps
 - Examine the Transfer Process and identify means of helping guide students through it

[Use this google document to track your conversations](#)

The Board of Directors discussed their desired impact and list their thoughts in the above link

Large group report back (3:00pm - 3:15pm)

Share Mantra Health, Fund social workers, SNAP assistance, Prioritize student privacy when collecting data per equity, North Star Promise understanding and expansion

Event Planning Updates (3:15pm - 3:30pm)

1. Fall GA
 - a. [Detailed schedule](#)
 - b. Responsibilities for board members
 1. **Rachel discusses responsibilities of the Board members**
 - ii. [Updated agenda for Regional Meetings](#)
 - iii. [Agenda for Policy Breakout Sessions](#)
 1. Updated top sheet to review
 - a. **Rachel reviews the policy breakout and how it will function**
 - c. [Minute x Minute](#)
 - i. **Rose and Andrew to assist a student during the GA**
 - d. [Scones and Student Loans](#)
 - i. [Registration link](#)

Action Items (3:30pm - 3:40pm)

1. Approve the acceptance of additional 3M funds. 3M has requested to adjust the existing "3M Skilled Trades Scholarship for Underrepresented Groups" to be the "3M Skilled Trades Scholarship for Under Resourced Groups." The funds of \$30,000 will go towards scholarships starting the Fall 2026 semester. Details [here](#), for your convenience
 - a. **Motion to approve by Samantha, Seconded by Andrew, Passed unanimously**
2. [Budget Actuals as of 09.30.25](#)
 - a. **Motion to approve by Andrew, Seconded by Samantha, Passed unanimously**

Discussion Items (3:40pm - 4:00pm)

1. Scholarship review process
 - a. **Scholarship Board to begin reviewing soon**
2. Mark Welter Citizen Award
 - a. **Rachel informs the Board that nominations are coming in**
3. Meeting with Chancellor
 - a. **Sudi discusses the Chancellor meeting had by the Executive Board and his Office**

Motion to adjourn by Andrew, seconded by Andrea

Review Items:

[Link to Message Board to the BoD](#)

Staff reports

[Executive Director](#)

[Communications Manager](#)

[Campus Organizing Director](#)

[Program & Advocacy Director](#)

[Development Director](#)

[Policy Director](#)

[Office Manager](#)

Student Advocates

[Region 1](#)

[Region 2](#)

[Region 3](#)

Region 5

[Region 6](#)

Region 7

Interns

[Advocacy and Public Policy - State](#)

[Marketing](#)

[Scholarship Database](#)