

Board of Directors Meeting
Bdote Learning Center
3216 E 29th St. Minneapolis, MN 55406
April 27, 2026 • 4:30 PM

Zoom link is at the TOP of the [Board Meeting Schedule webpage \(click here\)](#)

MINUTES
(approved May 13, 2026)


1. Opening Items

- a. The Meeting called to order at 4:35 PM.
 - i. *Reminder that cameras are turned on during the meeting.*
- b. Record Attendance and Guests
Board Members:
 - i. Present: Vikky Morris, Racquel Banaszak, Angela Two Stars (4:41 PM), & Tedi Grey Owl
 - ii. Absent: Fawn YoungBear-Tibbetts
 - iii. Guest(s): Korissa Howes, Director
- c. Statement of Conflict of Interest.
 - i. *Roll call vote: 0 Yay, 3 Nay.*
- d. Reading of Bdote Learning Center Mission & Vision Statement (to be read by a Board Member)
 - i. The Mission of Bdote Learning Center is to develop culturally aware, successful, high performing students by providing them with an academically rigorous education that is place-based, and rooted in Native language and culture of indigenous peoples.
 - ii. The Vision of the Bdote Learning Center is that all students will develop a love of lifelong learning, language and cultural fluency, gain skills and education to determine their own future, and develop a genuine commitment to contribute back to their family, community and nation.

2. Agenda (review and approval)

- i. Vikky Morris motions to accept the April 27, 2026 Agenda.
Racquel Banaszak seconds the motion. Roll call vote: 3 Yay, 0 Nay. Motion carries.

3. Board Meeting Minutes

- a. Approve  April 15, 2026 Board Minutes (Special Meeting) Notes
 - i. Racquel Banaszak motions to accept the April 15, 2026 Board Minutes.
Vikky Morris seconds the motion. Roll call vote: 4 Yay, 0 Nay. Motion carries.

4. Finance

- a. The March 2026 Financials Packet and the March 2026 Management Report presented by Nate Winter of Clifton Larson Allen. TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT BOARD MEETING
 - i. _____ motions to accept the March 2026 Management Report and March 2026 Financial Report.
_____ seconds the motion. Roll call vote: _____ Yay, _____ Nay. _____ carries.

5. Public Comment

- a. Each speaker must sign up to speak in the Chat section of Zoom, speakers will be allotted two minutes time.
- b. Speakers:

6. Leadership Report


- a. Administration & Operations Summary presented by Korissa Howes, Director

7. School Closure

- a. Update on progress presented by the School Closure Committee

While the school closure activities are happening, the school's education programs are still in operation until the last day, June 12, 2026.

- i. Letters to creditors are almost completed. Letters are sent via email and USPS.
- ii. A list of debtors is being compiled and letters will be sent this week.
- iii. Student records are compiled and available for families and to send to school districts.
 1. After parent notification of the school closing, follow up with each family is taking place to ensure a smooth process for student transfers.
- iv. Updated information on payroll and benefits is still in the works. Meetings with Designs for Learning (PR & HR) have been held. The goal is to develop a document for each employee that will include their final payroll info, benefits updates, and contact info for each benefit provider.
- v. The school will continue our lease (and utilities) for an additional month (July 31, 2026). This will help with organizing the furniture, cabinets, etc. Other continued services will be internet/wi-fi, and the phones.
- vi. CLA, our accounting firm, is developing our school closure budget.
- vii. This Wednesday's School Closure meeting we will discuss the sale/disposal of equipment.
- viii. Initial consultation with Legal for Good is slated for May 5, 2026 @ 9:00 AM.

- b.  Bdote Closure Checklist

8. New Business

- a. All Board members reviewed the finalized [updated policies \(folder\)](#). The Board will discuss and move to approve the school's updated policies during that meeting.
 - i. Angela Two Stars motions to accept the updated School Policies.
Racquel Banaszak seconds the motion. Roll call vote: 4 Yay, 0 Nay. Motion carries.

9. Old Business

- a. American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) & Johnson O'Malley (JOM) updates
- b. The Board Self Evaluation update. TABLE
- c. 3-Year Strategic Planning Committee update. TABLE
- d. Governance Committee update.
- e. Licensure Committee update.

10. 2025-2026 Board of Directors Calendar

- a. Ongoing monthly meetings are set for the fourth Monday of each month from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM and will be adjusted to work around school closings and other events. Special meetings may be established by the Board with the minimum 3-day notice per Bdote's ByLaws.
 - i. Special Meeting of the Board May 5, 2026
 - ii. May 18, 2026
June 22, 2026

11. Adjourn

- a. Angela Two Stars makes a motion to adjourn. Vikky Morris seconds the motion. The April 27, 2026 Board of Directors meeting is adjourned at 4:56 PM.

Physical Locations:

Bdote Learning Center, 3216 E 29th St., Minneapolis, MN

Board of Directors

Tedi Grey Owl, Board Chair (grandparent)

Angel Two Stars, Secretary (community member)

Fawn YoungBear-Tibbets, Treasurer (community member)

Vikky Morris, (licensed teacher)

Racquel Banaszak, Board Member (parent and AIPAC Chair)

Recorder: