

Board of Directors Meeting
Bdote Learning Center
3216 E 29th St. Minneapolis, MN 55406
June 22, 2026 • 4:30 PM

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

MINUTES
(Approved July 15, 2026)

1. Opening Items

- a. The Meeting called to order at 4:32 PM.
 - i. Reminder that cameras are turned on during the meeting.
- b. Record Attendance and Guests
Board Members:
 - i. Present: Vikky Morris, Angela Two Stars, Racquel Banaszak (4:35 PM), Tedi Grey Owl
 - ii. Absent: Fawn Youngbear-Tibbbetts
 - iii. Guest(s): Nate Winter, CLA
- c. Statement of Conflict of Interest.
 - i. Roll call vote: 0 Yay, 4 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. June 22, 2026 Agenda (review and approval)

- i. Vikky Morris motions to accept the June 22, 2026 Agenda.
Angela Two Stars seconds the motion. Roll call vote: 4 Yay, 0 Nay. Motion carries.

3. Board Meeting Minutes

- a. Approve  June 09, 2026 Board Minutes
 - i. Angela Two Stars motions to accept the June 09, 2026 Board Minutes.
Vikky Morris seconds the motion. Roll call vote: 4 Yay, 0 Nay. Motion carries.

4. Finance

- a. The  BLC May 2026 Financials.pdf and the  BLC May 2026 Management Report.pdf presented by Nate Winter of Clifton Larson Allen.
 - i. Racquel Banaszak motions to accept the May 2026 Management Report and May 2026 Financials.
Angela Two Stars seconds the motion. Roll call vote: 4 Yay, 0 Nay. Motion carries.
- b. [School Closure Budget](#) update.
 - i. Adding insurance coverage for the next year. (recommended by Brian Becker, school's broker)
 - 1. **Educators Legal Liability (ELL) Insurance** covers claims arising from the educational, administrative, and professional duties of a school.

2. **Employment Practices Liability (EPLI)**, often a component of ELL, specifically covers claims related to workplace conduct and the employer-employee relationship.
3. **School Educators Legal Liability (ELL) Insurance**
ELL acts as a specialized hybrid of Directors & Officers (D&O) and Errors & Omissions (E&O) coverages designed for academic institutions. It protects schools, board members, and staff against professional and student-related claims, including:
 - a. **Student-Related Allegations:** Claims of improper discipline, civil rights violations, failure to educate/educational malpractice, and failure to supervise or prevent bullying.
 - b. **Administrative Decisions:** Lawsuits regarding budget decisions, loss of accreditation, or denial of tenure.
 - c. **Legal & Defense Fees:** Covers the cost of legal representation, judgments, and settlements, even for groundless lawsuits.
4. **Employment Practices Liability Insurance (EPLI)**
EPLI specifically protects a school (and its management) when dealing with allegations made by current employees, former employees, or job applicants. It covers claims involving:
 - a. **Workplace Harassment & Discrimination:** Claims based on age, gender, race, religion, or disability.
 - b. **Wrongful Termination & Discipline:** Allegations of firing someone unfairly or handing out unwarranted disciplinary actions.
 - c. **HR-Related Issues:** Lawsuits involving failure to promote, retaliation, defamation, breach of employment contract, or invasion of privacy.
5. **Vehicle** coverage
 - a. Keep monthly vehicle insurance until the two vans are sold.

5. Public Comment

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

6. Leadership Report

- a. Administration & Operations Report by Korissa Howes, Director

7. School Closure

- a. Update on progress presented by the School Closure Committee
- b.  Bdote Closure Checklist
- c.  Legal for Good work list.pdf

8. Old Business

- a. American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) & Johnson O'Malley (JOM) updates
- b. Licensure Committee update.
- c. Other committees' updates.

9. 2026-2027 Board of Directors Calendar

- a. Ongoing regular quarterly meetings are set for the fourth Monday of the scheduled month from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM and future regular board meetings will be held quarterly. Special meetings may be established by the Board with the minimum 3-day notice per Bdote's ByLaws.
 - i. July 27, 2026

- ii. October 26, 2026
- iii. January 25, 2027
- iv. April 26, 2027
- v. July 26, 2027

10. Adjourn

- a. Racquel Banaszak makes a motion to adjourn. Angela Two Stars seconds the motion. The June 22, 2026 Board of Directors meeting is adjourned at 5:03 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)