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SOUTH CENTRAL SERVICE COOPERATIVE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
September 2, 2026
REGULAR MEETING
6:00 p.m. Meeting

1.0 Call to Order

Linda Leiding called the meeting to order with the following members in attendance: Mark Brandt, Dale Buss, Jim Grabowska, Mike Pfeil, Darla Remus, Matt Ringhofer, Loren Schoenrock, Steve Sorenson and Keith Wenner; and the following staff in attendance: Amy Burns, Darin Jensen, Glenn Morris, Sarah Morrison, Heather Mueller, Kelsey Rose, and Holle Spessard.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Jim Grabowska moved, and Darla Remus seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

3.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

Steve Sorenson moved, and Jim Grabowska seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried, with Board Member Mike Pfeil abstaining.

4.0 Executive Leadership & Governance

4.1 SCSC Leadership Framework

Heather Mueller and Sarah Morrison shared how SCSC is evolving from a traditional department-centered organizational model into a systems-centered leadership structure designed to strengthen alignment, improve district outcomes, expand regional opportunity, and ensure long-term sustainability.

4.2 Executive Leadership Update

Glenn Morris presented a Board calendar and introduced four priority outcomes for the Board's work this year: Board development, implementation of the Strategic Framework, governance updates to bylaws and policies, and leadership continuity.

4.3 Bylaws – Introduction and Process

A Bylaws Committee of Dale Buss, Keith Wenner, and Linda Leiding was established to review the current bylaws and recommend updates to ensure they reflect current law, SCSC practices, and governance needs.

4.4 Board Focus – Strategic Framework

Sarah Morrison led a Board Focus discussion in which members reflected on SCSC's current mission and vision and shared their perspectives on the values, practices, and opportunities they suggest for advancing SCSC.

5.0 Teaching & Learning Services

5.1 CTE Student Participation

Gwenn Wolters provided a Board packet update of participation by students in CTE and academy programs.

6.0 Community, Government & Regional Solutions – Heather Mueller

6.1 Strategic Partnerships & Growth Overview

Heather Mueller shared how this work expands SCSC's capacity to identify opportunities that cross traditional program and organizational boundaries, connect partners around shared needs, and translate relationships into services, funding, revenue, and regional impact.

6.2 Youth Wellbeing Summit

Heather Mueller is working with Nicollet County and the Wilder Foundation to organize a Youth Wellbeing Summit. Participants will explore the latest Minnesota Student Survey findings through an interactive, region-wide experience designed to strengthen youth wellbeing.

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7.0 Business, Insurance & Operational Solutions

7.1 Resolution – Adopting Capital Call Preparedness Standard and Affirming Commitment to MHC Joint Powers Framework

Keith Wenner moved, and Jim Grabowska seconded to approve the Adopting Capital Call Preparedness Standard and Affirming Commitment to MHC Joint Powers Framework as presented. A roll call vote was performed and all members present voted in favor. Motion carried.

7.2 Financial Update

Darin shared an artifact in the Board packet showing that the current year-to-date deficit of $134,454 represents an improvement of approximately $1.32 million, or 91%, compared with the FY 2024 Revised Budget deficit of $1.45 million.

8.0 Board Discussion / Future Planning

8.1 Resignation

- Dr. Morgan Goering – COMPASS MnMTSS Lead

8.2 Personnel / Staff Employee Agreement

Steve Sorenson moved, and Jim Grabowska seconded to approve the Personnel/Staff Employment Agreements as presented. Motion carried.

8.3 Board Terms

Linda Leiding discussed aligning Board terms with the annual Organizational Meeting. Board members were asked to consider how they would like to proceed, with further discussion and possible action planned for the November meeting.

8.4 November Board Retreat

The Board discussed annual Board development and agreed that the November 4, 2026 meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. to allow time for an SCSC-101, and to plan instead for a spring Board retreat.

8.5 Dr. Les Martisko Recognition

A plaque honoring Les's contribution was proposed, for display in the Regional Conference Center. Jim Grabowska moved, and Keith Wenner seconded to approve this plaque as presented. Motion carried.

9.0 Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 4, 2026

10.0 Adjournment

Dale Buss moved, and Jim Grabowska seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm. Motion carried.

Linda Leiding, Chairperson