

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN**

March 24, 2026

5:00 P.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. INVOCATION: Prayer, Smudging
- IV. MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION
- V. PRESENTATION:
- VI. MINUTES: 3/3/26, 3/10/26 Special Meeting
- VII. RESOLUTIONS: Establish FY26 Hessel Comm. Center Budget
Establish FY26 NRD Utility Auth Contract Budget
Establish FY26 MiLEAP Budgets
Govt. HR/Cultural Admin. FY26 Budget Mods
Wellness Program/3rd Party FY26 Budget Mods
Approving Amended Cultural Comm. Bylaws
Approving Amended Education Comm. Bylaws
Approving MOU Sault Area Public Schools
Wetland Program Development Grant Application
2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Plan
Native American Honor Flight
Hotel Tax Revenue to Tribal Land Claims/Culture
Est. Reservations at Tribal Community Centers
Auth. Participation in Native Nations Survey/MOU
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS Committee Appointments/Resignations
Board Concerns
- IX. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- X. RECONVENE AND REAFFIRM
- XI. ADJOURN

RESOLUTION NO: _____

**INTERNAL SERVICES –
HESSEL COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING
ESTABLISHMENT OF FY 2026 BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2026 budget for Hessel Community Center Building with Other Revenue of \$162,153.06 and the use of Fund Balance of \$105,000.03.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom _____ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the _____ day of _____ 2026; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of _____ members for, _____ members against, _____ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Austin Lowes, Chairman
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
Chippewa Indians

Kimberly Hampton, Secretary
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of
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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION – UTILITY AUTHORITY
CONTRACT ESTABLISHMENT OF FY 2026 BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2026 budget for Utility Authority Contract with Other Revenue monies of \$56,418.72. No effect on Tribal Support.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**EDUCATION DIVISION – MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LIFELONG
EDUCATION, ADVANCEMENT AND POTENTIAL (MiLEAP)
ESTABLISHMENT OF FY 2026 BUDGETS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of nine FY 2026 budgets for MiLEAP with State of Michigan Revenue monies for a total of \$705,355.00. No effect on Tribal Support. Below are the total budgets per site:

Out of School Time – Sault Ste. Marie	\$87,420.00
Out of School Time – Rudyard	\$49,825.00
Out of School Time – Hessel	\$87,420.00
Out of School Time – St. Ignace	\$62,950.00
Out of School Time – Manistique	\$74,920.00
Out of School Time – Escanaba	\$62,220.00
Out of School Time – Munising	\$74,920.00
Out of School Time – Marquette	\$14,400.00
Out of School Time – Lake Superior Academy	\$191,280.00

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**GOVERNMENTAL HUMAN RESOURCES, CULTURAL
ADMINISTRATION, AND THIRD-PARTY REVENUE
FY 2026 BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2026 budget modification to Governmental Human Resources for a decrease in Tribal Support of \$66,550.26 and Other Revenue \$52,289.48.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2026 budget modification to Cultural Administration for an increase in the transfer in of funds from Third-Party Revenue of \$81,392.63.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2026 budget modification to Third-Party Revenue to increase the transfer out of funds to Cultural Administration by \$81,392.63.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**HEALTH DIVISION – WELLNESS PROGRAM
AND THIRD-PARTY REVENUE
FY 2026 BUDGET MODIFICATIONS**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2026 budget modification to Wellness Program for an increase in the transfer in of funds from Third-Party Revenue of \$8,235.36.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2026 budget modification to Third-Party Revenue to increase the transfer out of funds to Wellness Program by \$8,235.36.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

APPROVING AMENDED CULTURAL COMMITTEE BYLAWS

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Cultural Committee updated its Bylaws to be consistent with the requirements established in Resolutions 2024-225 and 2025-230.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby approves the attached amended Cultural Committee Bylaws.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

AMENDING BYLAWS OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (“Tribe”) is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians previously adopted Resolutions 2001-120 and 2001-165 amending the Higher Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined to rename the Higher Education Committee and to amend its bylaws to better reflect the purpose of that Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Higher Education Committee shall hereafter be referred to as the Education Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all policies, procedures, and codes shall be updated to reflect the new name of the Education Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby adopts the amended Education Committee Bylaws as shown in the attached pages.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above changes shall be effective immediately.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

APPROVING MOU SAULT AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians understands the importance of year – round learning for students to prevent academic regression; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians acknowledges that relationships between school districts and tribal nations are critical for improving student outcomes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the MOU between the Tribe and Sault Area Public Schools to provide a 2026 Summer Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairman or his designee to execute the MOU with Sault Area Public Schools.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

APPLYING FOR EPA WETLAND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT GRANT

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is to provide for the perpetuation of our way of life and the welfare and prosperity of our people, to preserve our right to self-government, and protect our property and resources as ordained by the establishment of our constitution and bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's Natural Resources Division, Gidayaangwaami'idimin Ezhi-inawendiyang, is responsible for supporting the Tribe's stewardship of 1836 Treaty Ceded Territory lands, waters, and non-human relatives; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Division seeks to pursue funding under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region 5 Wetland Program Development Grant (WPDG) program to establish a formal Tribal wetlands program, including development of a Wetland Program Plan, wetland inventory and mapping, and a monitoring and assessment framework to support protection and stewardship of Tribal wetlands and conservation easement lands.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Natural Resources Division to apply for up to \$360,000 in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Chairman of the Tribe, or their designee, to execute all documents, contracts, and subcontracts as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions, and intent of this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

**BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION
PROGRAM
2026-2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TIP)**

WHEREAS, The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors is a federally recognized governing body of the Tribal members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and

WHEREAS, The Tribe has developed the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Plan, which we are using to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to incorporate into their Control Schedule Transportation Improvement Plan as a required step to help us receive our “Tribal Shares” funding, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors agrees with the needs and priorities presented in the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors supports and adopts the 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Plan for the projects listed in the attached TIP documents that were developed between us and the BIA for Tribal Shares Funding.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

DONATION TO NATIVE AMERICAN HONOR FLIGHT

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, in September, a representative from Native American Honor Flight presented to the Board in a workshop; and

WHEREAS, Native American Honor Flight is requesting a donation of \$25,000 for twelve Sault Tribe veterans to attend the Native American Honor Flight.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby donates \$25,000 to the Native American Honor Flight, to be divided into \$5,000 increments between each unit's Cultural Enhancement Dollars.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, each Unit will have at least two members selected to attend the Native American Honor Flight, with a selection process to be determined at a later date by the Board of Directors.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the Chairman or his designee to negotiate and execute any agreements necessary with the Native American Honor Flight to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOCATE A PORTION OF HOTEL TAX REVENUE TO THE TRIBAL LANDS CLAIM FUND AND TO CULTURAL EDUCATION & ENHANCEMENT PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with the inherent authority to enact laws, adopt budgets, and allocate tribal revenues for governmental purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe collects hotel use tax revenue pursuant to applicable tribal law and policy; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has a continuing responsibility to protect and advance the Tribe's long-term interests through strategic land claim efforts and related initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe's Culture Department provides essential educational and cultural programming that strengthens Tribal identity, language, heritage, and community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors finds it is in the best interest of the Tribe and its members to dedicate a defined portion of hotel use tax revenue to support: (1) the Tribal Lands Claim Fund, and (2) cultural and educational enhancement activities administered by the Culture Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that beginning [effective date], hotel use tax revenue collected by the Tribe shall be allocated as follows:

1. Three percent (3.0%) of hotel tax revenue collected shall be deposited into the Tribal Lands Claim Fund ("Lands Claim Fund") to support land claim-related purposes and other authorized uses of that fund as determined by the Board and applicable tribal law/policy.
2. Two percent (2.0%) of hotel tax revenue collected shall be distributed to the Culture Department, restricted for use solely to enhance educational and cultural purposes, including but not limited to cultural education programming, materials, events, outreach, curriculum, language/culture preservation initiatives, and related community activities consistent with departmental plans and Tribal priorities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these allocations shall be calculated on a [monthly/quarterly] basis based on hotel tax revenue actually collected during the applicable period and transferred no later than [X] days following the close of each period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal Tax Code Chapter 43 Section 805 Distribution of Tax Proceeds as follows:

43.805 Distribution of Tax Proceeds

The Tax Commission shall remit to the Tribe all hotel use tax proceeds from Hotels owned by the Tribe which are located within a one-quarter mile radius of a Licensed Gaming Establishment located on Tribal and Trust Lands, and the Tribe shall transfer such use tax proceeds into the general fund. The Tax Commission shall remit to the Tribe all hotel use tax proceeds from Hotels which are not owned by the Tribe or are not located within a one quarter mile radius of a Licensed Gaming Establishment located on Tribal and Trust Lands, and the Tribe shall consolidate such proceeds quarterly, and the percentage of the proceeds retained by the Tribe under the Tax Agreement shall be transferred into the general fund. The total tax proceeds transferred to the general fund under this section shall be allocated as follows:

1. Three percent (3.0%) shall be deposited into the Tribal Lands Claim Fund ("Lands Claim Fund") to support land claim-related purposes and other authorized uses of that fund as determined by the Board and applicable tribal law/policy.
2. Two percent (2.0%) shall be distributed to the Culture Department, restricted for use solely to enhance educational and cultural purposes, including but not limited to cultural education programming, materials, events, outreach, curriculum, language/culture preservation initiatives, and related community activities consistent with departmental plans and Tribal priorities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Finance Department is directed to establish and maintain the necessary accounting codes to ensure the 3.0% deposit to the Lands Claim Fund and the 2.0% restricted distribution to the Culture Department are tracked separately and reported transparently.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Culture Department shall provide a [quarterly] summary report to the Board identifying expenditures made with the 2.0% allocation, including categories, totals, and a brief description of cultural/educational outcomes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the departments responsible for administering Cultural Enhancement funds shall develop a formal implementation plan outlining the criteria, procedures, and timelines for reviewing and distributing cultural funding requests. This plan shall be presented to the Board of Directors for approval to ensure equitable access for all Units, transparency in funding decisions, and regular reporting to the Board regarding requests submitted, approved, or denied.

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None of the terms of this Resolution shall be in effect until the Board of Directors approves the formal implementation plan; until then, the Cultural Enhancement Fund shall remain administered as it currently is.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board Chairperson (or designee) is authorized to take all administrative actions necessary to implement this resolution, and this Resolution shall take effect on [effective date].

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

ESTABLISHING RESERVATIONS FOR COMMUNITY CENTERS

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has multiple community centers throughout its service areas; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has traditionally allowed for individuals to reserve spaces at these community centers in order to host events; and

WHEREAS, Sault Tribe Tribal Members should be those who benefit most by the Services provided through their Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe intends to give deference to Tribal Members when reserving these communal spaces for events.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians will allow reservations of its communal buildings to be made only by Tribal Members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors directs each community center to appoint someone to oversee and enforce this policy for any events and/or reservations made at any of the community centers owned and operated by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and to submit that list to the Board of Directors within thirty (30) days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the terms of this resolution do not apply to reservations at the Big Bear.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be effective from today's date forward, still allowing all events previously reserved to commence.

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY OF NATIVE NATIONS AND MOU

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians ("Tribe") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors is the duly recognized governing body of the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors is vested with the sovereign powers of the Tribe to provide for the health, safety, education, and economic welfare of all its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Indian Country experiences persistent gaps in high-quality data limiting the ability of tribal governments to communicate economic contributions, articulate needs in an increasing data-driven discourse environment, and implement effective public policy hindering Indian Country's economic progress; and

WHEREAS, Indian Country data collection efforts frequently suffer from inadequate samples sizes, mismatched geographies, and unreliable data due to the unique characteristics of tribes; and

WHEREAS, individuals, businesses, and tribal leaders in Indian Country do not possess the same quantity and quality of data available for non-Indian populations and governments; and

WHEREAS, The Center for Indian Country Development ("CICD"), a research and policy institute based at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, an independent bank within the Federal Reserve System, is conducting a survey -- called the Survey of Native Nations ("Survey") -- for the use of tribal governments, leaders and policy makers, designed to address data gaps within Indian Country; and

WHEREAS, the Survey gathers data on tribal government revenues, expenditures, and some additional non-financial information in a way comparable to data collected for state and local governments in the U.S. Census Bureau's Census of Governments; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Reserve System has a long and well-established track record of secure data collection; and

WHEREAS, The Center for Indian Country Development has implemented data use policies protecting tribal data sovereignty and the safeguarding of tribal data collected for the Survey; and,

WHEREAS, the data provided by the Tribe will be used to prepare a confidential customized report showing the Tribe's government financing in comparison to those of other non-tribal governments. Data from the Survey may also be aggregated with data from other tribal survey respondents. Non-identifiable, aggregated data may be accessible by the public in strict conformity with CICD's principles for research and data use; and

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WHEREAS, comprehensive and reliable data will further informed discourse among tribal leaders and policymakers to strengthen tribal economic self-determination and well-being for Indian Country; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors supports the Survey's goal of ensuring tribes have actionable data that supports tribal participation in data-driven policy decision making at the tribal, state, and federal levels; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves participation in the Survey of Native Nations conducted by the Center for Indian Country Development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the Chairman or his designee to serve as the primary contact for the survey, to select the appropriate secondary contact for the survey, and to complete the survey on behalf of the Tribe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes negotiating and entering into an MOU with the Center for Indian Country Development and the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes the Chairman or his designee to execute the MOU with the Center for Indian Country Development and the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis once reviewed and approved by the Legal Department.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING

March 24, 2026

Sponsor's List

RESOLUTIONS:

Internal Services – Hessel Community Center Building Establishment of FY 2026 Budget – Andrew Lane

Natural Resources Division – Utility Authority Contract Establishment of FY 2026 Budget – Robin Bouschor, Brandi MacArthur

Education Division – Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement and Potential (MiLEAP) Establishment of FY 2026 Budgets – Stephanie Sprecker

Governmental Human Resources, Cultural Administration, and Third-Party Revenue FY 2026 Budget Modifications – Ashley Samuelson, Cody Jodoin

Health Division – Wellness Program and Third-Party Revenue FY 2026 Budget Modifications – James Benko

Approving Amended Cultural Committee Bylaws – Tyler/Laura Bouschor

Amending Bylaws of the Education Committee – Stephanie Sprecker

Approving MOU Sault Area Public Schools – Stephanie Sprecker

Applying for EPA Wetland Program Development Grant – Robin Bouschor, Dani Fegan

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Tribal Transportation Program 2026-2029 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) – Wendy Hoffman

Donation to Native American Honor Flight – Board of Directors

A Resolution to Allocate a Portion of Hotel Tax Revenue to the Tribal Lands Claim Fund and to Cultural Education & Enhancement Purposes – Directors' McKechnie, Payment, Hampton, Chairman Lowes

Establishing Reservations for Community Centers – Directors' Hampton, Barbeau

Authorizing the Participation in the Survey of Native Nations and MOU – Directors' LaPlaunt, Payment

NEW BUSINESS:

Committee Appointments/Resignations – Unit 3 Elder Subcommittee, Elder Advisory Committee, Election Commission

Board Concerns

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Lona Stewart, Board Administrator
DATE: March 19, 2026
RE: Workshop Agenda for March 24, 2026

AGENDA

10:00
Budgets (CLOSED)

10:15
Kewadin Gaming Authority Workshop (CLOSED)
Including Feasibility Study/Executive Reports

12:00 – 1:15
Lunch Break

1:15 (or upon conclusion of KGA WS)
Kewadin Gaming Authority Meeting

1:30 (or upon conclusion of KGA Meeting)
Enterprise Authority Meeting

1:45
Wayfinding and Branding Project

2:30
Cultural Enhancement Program Discussion

3:30
Agenda Review

5:00
Board of Directors Regular Meeting