**AKWESASNE CULTURAL CENTER**
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**
**June 27, 2025**

**Board Members in Attendance:**
Phillip White Cree, President, Vice President; Jessica Sargent, and Cecelia King.

**Staff and Guest in Attendance:**
Justin Cree, Director and Mary Herne

**Absent Board Members:**
Michelle Cook, Secretary; Lora Lee LaFrance, Cayde David, Tiffany Cree, and Kerry Mitchell

**1. Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM.

**2. Approval of Agenda**
The agenda was presented and accepted without changes.

**3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
A motion was made by **Jessica** to accept the May Board Notes. The motion was seconded by **Cecelia**. **All in favor, motion passed.**

**4. Grants**
a. IMLS Update – We were awarded our grant.
b. NYSCA – Submitted our request for organizational support.

**5. Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)**
The board discussed Justin preparing a COLA for the upcoming budget. Jessica stated that if the Budget allows it, budget at least 4% increase up to a 6% increase.

**6. July Events**

* Third annual Summer Reading program has started partnership with CAA Management/ Twin Leaf and Sweat Treats.
* We are entering our third-year partnership with Salmon River School District Summer Feeding Program. The food will be given away (Breakfast & Lunch – Tuesdays and Thursdays)
* Third Annual Teddy Bear Picnic – July 8 from 11am to 2pm
* Color Our World Reading and Activities Starts on July 15 and runs every Tuesday until August 5.
* Quillwork Bracelet Class by Kiera Pyke on July 23 from 4pm to 7pm.
* Comfrey and Plantation Salve Class by Katy Tarbell. This class will be on July 24 from 4pm to 5:30pm.
* Beaded Purse Class with Ashley Thompson. This is a two-day class on July 15 and 16 from 4pm to 8pm. This class is not for beginners.
* Partnering with Dr. Kahente Horn-Miller’s project “Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Partnership Development (SSHRC PDG) project, “Refining and Testing Remote Sensing for the Mentor/Apprentice Technique using the Atlas of Kanien’kehá:ka Space” Summer Camp for the third summer.

**7. Parking Paving Project Update**
Justin updated the board that the Parking Paving Project. The paving had some delays but where out of the control of the contractor. The project was satisfactory delivered.

**8. Staff Update**
Justin gave an update on the Gift Shop Coordinator position. Mckenzee Lazore was hired on for the summer to fill the vacancy. The Gift Shop Coordinator position will be officially posted in late July for permanate consideration.

**Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

The next meeting will be held on **September 18, 2025**, at **4:30 PM**.