



May 2026 Board of Directors Meeting minutes

May 15, 2026; 12:00 to 2:00 pm

Attendance: Amber Dejmaj, Lisa Williams, Emily Goetz, Brittany Denson, Aaron Grunewald, Maria Torres, Dana Clary, Monique K, Amanda Gotts, Tabitha Morris, Allee Huninghake

Meeting started 12:08pm

Approval of [April Minutes](#)

Dana moved to approve the minutes, Maria seconded, passed unanimously

KSDE update, Lisa Williams

- Grant application has closed, Lisa is reviewing submitted grants. Biggest questions coming up are in Affiliate Plans, refining and questioning to ensure accuracy as we transition into the KOEC. The Affiliate Plans will be what other KOEC staff will be reviewing to understand more about the PAT Affiliates in Kansas. In the process of reaching out to Coordinators regarding questions. Next Monthly touch base will focus on Affiliate Plans, please encourage Coordinators to join the meeting. One previous Affiliate did not reapply for grant funding this year.
- In the midst of KOEC transition, hopefully more information coming out soon!

President Report, Amber Dejmaj

- Plan for outgoing Board Members to connect with incoming (including regional directors)
 - President - Amber to Dana
 - Past-President - Janet to Amber
 - President-Elect - Dana to Emily
 - NC Regional Director - Angie to Elizabeth
 - SE Regional Director - Amber and Hilary will meet with Nicole Gilmore
- These will be scheduled in the month.
- ED Evaluations

- Amber and Dana will be reviewing the forms that were completed and will present at the Board Meeting in June.

Noted and received

Executive Director Report, shared recorded presentation

- [May Executive Director Report](#)

Noted and received

Bylaws, Policies and Procedures, shared by Amber Dejmaj

- Policies forwarded to their perspective committees for reviews
- New - Policy Electronic Signatures for Financial Documents
- Updated – Policy 2020 Time Off

Noted and received

Finance Report, Aaron Grunewald

- Vote on [budget for 2026-27 program year](#)

Emily moved to approve the KPATA 2026-2027 budget as presented, Aaron seconded;

- Appreciation of time to look over the budget
- Question regarding decrease in Contractual for PAT programs
 - o Will check in with Jacki and Hilary about an answer and share that back to the group

7 yes votes, 1 abstain, motion passed

- [Finance Documents - Post-Reviewed](#)

Aaron moved to approve the Financial Documents as presented, Tabitha seconded

Passed unanimously

Advocacy Committee Report, shared by Amber Dejmaj

- The committee met and discussed potential new members who have expressed interest in joining the committee.
- The committee is exploring strategies for getting Parent Educators more involved with this work.
- The committee discussed how past and present families can support this work more with their success stories.

Noted and received

Education and Training Committee Report, shared by Maria Torres

- KPATA 2026 Conference
- Discussed feedback that had been received so far and any informal feedback committee members had heard.

- Began planning for next year's training opportunities; the training schedule is expected to come out mid-June.
- Upcoming Training: Motivational Interviewing Training scheduled for June 25th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Typically don't have a June training, but in response to a high level of interest this was added.

Noted and received

Personnel Committee, shared by Amber Dejmaj

- ED evaluation review
- Amber and Dana are reviewing and will share with the Board
- Committee Purpose
- Outlining committee purpose and adding statement
- [Staff Evaluations](#) - Narrative Format vs. Number Scale Rating
- Change in staff evaluation forms that provide more opportunity for staff to express their views on the work and explaining their work
- Review Action Plan
- Went over much of the plan and also discussed how KOEC transition could impact some of our goals.

Noted and received

Membership and Nominating Committee, shared by Dana Clary

- Members: 336
- PE of the Year nominations open until May 29th:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeZX5rqO13-gPjvdAgnET5TvjuZtHuG-otD2iFAgktYM75n-A/viewform>
- Currently have 3 nominations, will continue to send this out with reminders
- Have contacted other organizations to help with reviewing nominees
- All Members Meeting completed & slate of officers for 2026-27 approved
- Membership Feedback survey sent out
- These were done in conjunction with the KPATA Conference, they will be reviewed and presented at the next Board meeting

Noted and received

Supporting Care Providers Update, postponed as Becky Stewart was not able to attend

- In-person meeting occurred for the SCPK Advisory Council

Meeting adjourned at 12:53pm

Next Meeting: June 19th - 12 to 2 pm, this meeting will likely take the full time