

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, July 21, 2025

3:00 p.m. (CDT)

Commission Room-Becker Hansen Building, 700 E. Broadway Ave, Pierre SD

Board Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. (CDT)

Board Members Present:

Chair June Hansen – Dept. of Transportation

Board Members Present Via Conference Call:

Algin Young, Secretary, Dept. of Tribal Relations

Ben Jones – State Historical Society

Sean Kruger – Dept. of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Board Secretary:

Nicole Schneider - Dept. of Tribal Relations

Board Members Not Present:

Cole Irwin – Dept. of Tourism

Other Present:

Bob Mercer –Keloland News

#1 – Roll Call

Board Secretary Schneider called the roll. There was one member present in the Commission room, three members present by conference call.

#2 – November 1, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes (Attachment #1)

The board reviewed the minutes from the November 1, 2024, board meeting. There were no additions or corrections. Kruger moved approval of the minutes. Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously of the members present. The minutes were approved as written.

#3 – Discussion and action on sending representative(s) to COGNA 2025 conference (Attachment #2)

Chair Hansen noted that Nicole Schneider has expressed willingness to attend online. Secretary Young volunteered to attend online. Nicole Schneider noted the cost of attending the conference virtually is \$200. Kruger moved to approve sending Secretary Young and Nicole Schneider to COGNA 2025 via the virtual option. Jones

seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of the members present.

#4 – Informational Item – US Advisory Committee on Reconciliation in Place Names Terminated

Chair Hansen informed the board that the US Advisory Committee on Reconciliation in Place Names has been terminated via Executive Order 14217 on February 27, 2025.

#5 – Informational Item – No pending geographic features at this time

Chair Hansen noted that there are no pending geographic features at this time.

#6 – Election of Officers

Secretary Young volunteered to fulfill the role of Vice Chair. Jones moved to nominate June Hansen to continue as chair and Secretary Young to serve as vice chair. Kruger seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of the members present.

#7 -- Public Comment on agenda or non-agenda items

No public comment was provided.

#8 – Other business

No other business was discussed.

#9 – Schedule Next Board Meeting – Call of the Chair

Chair announced the next meeting would be held after COGNA 2025 unless other business comes before the board. The next meeting will be at the call of the chair.

#10– Adjournment

Jones moved to adjourn. Kruger seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Nicole M. Schneider, Board Secretary