



DATE: May 12, 2026
TO: Leech Lake Tribal College
FROM: Ms. Jennifer Cross, Chairperson, Board of Trustees
RE: Two Additional Presidential Finalists and Interview Schedules
June 2 and June 3, 2026

I am pleased to announce that we have two additional finalists for the next President Leech Lake Tribal College. Attached to this status update is the Interview Schedule for the two finalists on June 2 and June 3, 2026.

Based on the guidance from the appointed search committee, comprised of Board of Trustees members, College Faculty and Administration, Tribal Government Administration, and Tribal Council Appointee, the Board of Trustees reviewed the materials for further consideration from the 26 applicants. The search committee committed to a robust process that included intensive review of application materials, interviews, and deliberation. The Board of Trustees then reviewed the initial work completed by the search committee to identify the additional two finalists.

President Finalists and Interview Schedules

I am pleased to share the two finalists and their respective interview dates are scheduled to align with the upcoming summer class schedule, which begins on June 1, 2026. The interview schedules are consistent with the initial three finalists to ensure a fair and consistent process. The interviews are scheduled as follows:

Dr. Erin Stresow, June 2, 2026

Mrs. Sadie Cooper, June 3, 2026

The interview schedules are similar to the prior finalist schedules and includes times for various groups to meet the candidates as well as two open forum for anyone who wants to participate including community members. There is a specific faculty open forum for each candidate as well. Please share the open forum information with those who have an interest in Leech Lake Tribal College and wish to attend. No RSVP is needed. The attached schedules are tentative for moderators and will be updated once the information is confirmed.

As a part of the process, we will use the brief paper/electronic survey developed previously to provide your feedback on both candidates. The feedback survey will be available for the small groups as well as the open forum and faculty council. The anonymous responses to the survey will be used to help inform the Board of Trustees on what your collective thoughts are on each candidate interview.

President Search Webpage

The Leech Lake President Search webpage will include information regarding the candidates and their interview schedules. You will find a photo and brief bio of each candidate.

[President Search](#)

We will continue to keep you updated on this important process. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to our ACCT Search Consultant:

Dr. Sandy Caldwell, ACCT Search Consultant, sjaldwellok@gmail.com or 307-389-4193



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Candidate Interview Schedule*		
Dr. Erin Stresow		
Tuesday, June 2, 2026		
8-8:45 am	Campus Tour with Grounds and Facilities	Cedar Hall Drum Room
8:55-9:35 am	Staff	Cedar Hall Drum Room
9:45 am -10:45 am	Administration Team and Strategic Planning Team	Cedar Hall Drum Room
11 am-noon	LLBO Administration & Tribal Council	Cedar Hall Drum Room
12:15- 1:10 pm	Lunch during Drum with Students (open to all)	Cedar Hall Drum Room
1:30-2:30 pm	Open Forum	Cedar Hall Drum Room
2:30 – 3:00 pm	Candidate open time	Cedar Hall Room 212
3:00-4:00 pm	Meeting with Faculty Council	Cedar Hall Drum Room
4 – 4:30 pm	Candidate open time	Cedar Hall Room 212
4:30 -5:15 pm	Open Forum & Community Meet and Greet	Cedar Hall Drum Room
5:30 – 7:15 pm	Formal Board Interview	Cedar Hall Room 212
7:15-8:30 pm	Informal Dinner with BOT	TBD

*The interview schedule may change as the interview date gets closer and details are finalized.



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Candidate Interview Schedule* Mrs. Sadie Cooper Wednesday, June 3, 2026		
8-8:45 am	Campus Tour with Grounds and Facilities	Cedar Hall Drum Room
8:55-9:35 am	Staff	Cedar Hall Drum Room
9:45 am -10:45 am	Administration Team and Strategic Planning Team	Cedar Hall Drum Room
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