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June 26, 2026

Ms. Lindsay Stoaks
President
Southwestern Community College
1501 West Townline Street
Creston, IA 50801-1063

Dear President Stoaks:

This letter serves as formal notification and official record of action taken concerning Southwestern Community College (the institution) by the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) at its meeting on June 22, 2026. The date of this action constitutes the effective date of the institution's new status with HLC.

Action. IAC continued and reaffirmed the accreditation of Southwestern Community College with the next Reaffirmation of Accreditation in 2035-36.

In taking this action, the IAC considered materials from the most recent evaluation and the institutional response (if applicable) to the evaluation findings.

In two weeks, this action will be added to the *Institutional Status and Requirements (ISR) Report*, a resource for the institution to review and manage information regarding its accreditation relationship. Chief Executive Officers and Accreditation Liaison Officers may download the ISR Report in Canopy at <https://canopy.hlcommission.org>.

Within the next 30 days, HLC will also publish information about this action on its website at <https://www.hlcommission.org/Student-Resources/recent-actions>.

If you have any questions about these documents after viewing them, please contact the institution's staff liaison, Anthea Sweeney. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Gellman-Danley".

Barbara Gellman-Danley
President

cc: Lindsay Stoaks, Accreditation Liaison Officer
Anthea Sweeney, HLC Staff Liaison