

Tribal Advisory Committee Minutes

Project:	HB 2055 – Tribal Early Learning Hub	Meeting Date:	4/9/2025
Facilitator:	Sonya Moody-Jurado Julie Siestreem	Meeting Time:	3:00PM-4:30PM PT
Minutes / Time:	Dorianne Houser	Meeting Location:	Virtual

AGENDA ITEMS + NOTES:

Open & Welcoming

Julie Siestreem, Co-Chair, Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw Tribe Representative

Notes:

- Julie provided welcoming words.

Roll Call

Sonya Moody-Jurado, Co-Chair, Siletz Tribe Representative

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Julie Siestreem, Co-Chair, Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw Tribe Representative

Diane Teeman, Committee Member, Burns-Paiute Tribe Representative

Michael Cherry, Committee Member, Grand Ronde Tribe Representative

Angela Fasana, Committee Member, Grand Ronde Tribe Representative

Becky Cantrell, Committee Member, Coquille Tribe Representative

Marsha Frost, Committee Member, Coquille Tribe Representative

Jennifer Jackson, Committee Member, Klamath Tribe Representative

Melissa Montero, Committee Member, Klamath Tribe Representative

Jory Spencer, Committee Member, Umatilla Tribe Representative

Jaimie Crane, Committee Member, Umatilla Tribe Representative

Valerie Switzler, Committee Member, Warm Springs Tribe Representative

Alissa Lane-Keene, Committee Member, Siletz Tribe Representative

Jemiah Wassman, Committee Member, Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw Tribe Representative

Jesse Jackson, Committee Member, Cow Creek Tribe Representative

Jennifer Reid, Committee Member, Cow Creek Tribe Representative

Mileah Skunkcap, Burns-Paiute Tribe Representative

Caroline Cruz, Warm Springs Tribe Representative

T.J. Folz, Warm Springs Tribe Representative

Becky Wilson, Cow Creek Tribe Representative

DELC Team present:

Alyssa Chatterjee, DELC Director

Paulina Whitehat, Tribal Affairs Director

Dorianne Houser, Tribal Affairs Coordinator

Dana Castano, OTELA Liaison

Kathy Wai, Interim Government Affairs Manager

Joel Melton, DELC, Deputy Director of Programs

Notes:

- Quorum Confirmed (At least 1 rep from 5/9 tribes) Yes, 7 of 9 tribes represented

This is a high-level capture of the meeting. Please see the recording for full details

Tribal Programs Spotlight: Cow Creek Early Childhood Education Programs

Jennifer Reid, Cow Creek Education Director

- Preschool-(name)
 - Serving 15-3-5 year olds.
 - Funded by Preschool Promise and ECF
 - Creative Curriculum
 - Claw Valley Farm welcomed for gardening
 - Cow Creek Healthy Living have food and cooking demonstrations.

- Water studies
- Fish and Fry program
- Aquarium set up in the classroom
- Expanding Horizons Youth Center
 - After School Program
 - Grades 3-12
 - Language and Culture component
 - Funded by Grow Your Own grant
- Myrtle Creek Tribal Pantry
 - Located as a hub for Tribal members not only to take their children for childcare and preschool, but also to take advantage of the tribal pantry.

Child Care Infrastructure Fund

Amber Faist and Mykel Johnson, Northwest Native Chamber

- Funded through Department of Early Learning and Care contract
- Provide technical assistance specifically for CCIF
- 50 million allocated in 2023 focusing on infrastructure (new construction, repairs, or property acquisition etc.
- Second round opened March 26 and closes on April 30.
- Working on longer timeline
- 30 day timeline is a major barrier
 - Jennifer Jackson: Turn around time for bids and tribal approval is nearly impossible.
- NWNC- advocated for 60 days.
 - Alyssa: Underscore that there will be a round three. There will absolutely be more funds available.
 - Paulina: We need to work with Business Oregon to really understand the need to takes the tribes, their situation, their needs and their priorities under consideration, especially when reviewing budgets and timelines
 - TJ: Warm Springs applied for round 1 as soon as they were made aware. We had one day to get all of the materials and application in. Timelines are a huge factor with tribes. There

should already be a Tribal set-aside. Tribes should not have to compete with 700 other entities.

- Sonya, Val, and Julie echo TJ's comments
 - Alyssa has reached out to the Director and Deputy Director of Business Oregon to request a meeting. This will include a representative from the Governors office as well.
- There will be a round 3
 - Award decisions will in made in June 2025.
 - Round 1: 4 of 5 tribal applicants were awarded 10 million total.

Tribal Early Learning Plan and Fund: Timeline and Legislative Updates

Kathy Wai, Interim Government Affairs Manager

- DELC's Major bills moving forward
 - HB 2811- Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Oregon
 - HB2814- Child Care Licensing Alignment
 - HB 2815- Tribal Early Learning Plan and Fund

Tribal Early Learning Plan and Fund: Statement of Work

Dana Castano, OTELA Liaison

- The Statement of Work (SOW) represents Exhibit A, or "The Project" of the 25-29 intergovernmental grant agreement with Tribes for the future Tribal Early Learning Plan and Fund
 - Once the full IGA is prepared, it will be shared with Tribes for feedback before releasing the final drafts to prevent execution delays
- DELC requests TAC feedback on the following sections:
 - Background and goals
 - Project activities and Reporting requirements
 - Budget

Follow-up documents and feedback request to be sent

Adjournment

Next Meeting May 14th, 2025 3-4:30PM