

# Tribal Advisory Committee Minutes

<b>Project:</b>	HB 2055 – Tribal Early Learning Hub	<b>Meeting Date:</b>	2/12/2025
<b>Facilitator:</b>	Sonya Moody-Jurado Julie Siestreem	<b>Meeting Time:</b>	3:00PM-4:30PM PT
<b>Minutes / Time:</b>	Dorianne Houser	<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Virtual

## AGENDA ITEMS + NOTES:

### Open & Welcoming

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

#### Notes:

- Julie provided welcoming words.

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### 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

### **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**

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### **Confederated Tribe of Grand Ronde**

Early Learning Programs Presentation

Angela Fasana presenting

- Early Childhood Education program
  - Early Head Start-Home based program serving prenatal to 3 years old.
  - Center based infant/Toddler classes. 12 weeks to three years old.
- After care
  - 2pm-5:15pm
- 100 children served in programs, 70 on site.

- Immersion School Program-Chinook
  - 2 preschool classrooms
  - Total of 22 children enrolled
  - 3-5 years old

## Budget

- Staffing
  - 53 employees (46 FT, 7 PT)
  - 2023 retention rate at 93%
  - Classes and tuition reimbursement offered
  - Largest recruitment issue is hiring subs
  - Most subs are parents and times available that don't line up with the needs. After care in particular
  - Coordinators that run
    - Health and nutrition screening
    - Kitchen cook and staff
    - Bus transportation provided for children 2yrs and up
    - Family and community partnership programs
    - Policy council
    - Environmental monitoring
    - Eligibility Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, Attendance (Data)
    - Social Emotional Learning Coach
    - Inclusion Specialist
- Budget
  - Approximately 4.5 million per year to operate the ECE
    - 3 Federal Grants-Support 44%
      - Head Start
      - Early Head Start
      - CCDF
    - 2 State Grants
      - OPK
      - Preschool Promise
    - Approximately 1.7 million of the program budget comes from Tribal Funding

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## **Legislative Updates**

Allyssa Chatterjee, DELC Director

Main Committees: DELC activities to date

- House Early Childhood and Human Services
  - January 21-General Presentation on DELC
  - January 28-Presentation on Oregon Tribal Early Learning Alliance and ERDC
  - January 30-Presentation/Public hearing on Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (HB 2811)
- Senate Early Childhood and Behavioral Health
  - January 21-General Presentation on DELC
- Ways and Means-Education Sub-Committee (presentations on February 3,4, 5<sup>th</sup>)
  - February 3-Education Agencies Overview
  - February 4-Early Literacy
  - February 5-Provider Workforce

## **Tribal Early Learning Plan and Fund (HB 2815)**

Dana Castano, OTELA Liaison

- Hearing scheduled for February 18 8AM
  - Presenters need
  - Written testimony may be submitted on OLIS
    - Under one page is all that is needed
  - In-person and Virtual options available
- You will testify 2-3 minutes
  - Sharing how this bill effects you and your Tribe

## **Funding Survey Results**

Dana Castano, OTELA Liaison

- 7 Tribes preferred the needs based option
- 2 Tribes preferred the equal distribution
- Next steps
  - Gather information on what the Tribal needs are going into the next biennium
  - Hoping for a more thorough list of needs
  - Is there a higher need than what we have asked for
  - Not an itemized breakdown
    - Ex: expansion of facilities cost, Water heater replacement cost, cost to add additional classrooms to serve more children

Recap email to be sent ASAP

Adjourn: Next meeting March, 2025 3pm-4:30pm