

# Tribal Advisory Committee Minutes

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| <b>Project:</b>        | HB 2055 – Tribal Early Learning Hub   | <b>Meeting Date:</b>     | 6/11/2025           |
| <b>Facilitator:</b>    | Sonya Moody-Jurado<br>Julie Siestreem | <b>Meeting Time:</b>     | 3:00PM-4:30PM<br>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

Dana Castano, OTELA Liaison

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

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, 8 of 9 tribes represented

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

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**Child Care Infrastructure Fund**

Amber Faist and Mykel Johnson, Northwest Native Chamber

### ***Tribal Needs Assessment***

- CCIF Round 2
  - Awardees should be notified by June 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - Scores will be published in the following weeks on the Business Oregon website
- CCIF Round 3
  - Expected to open late summer/early fall
- The Tribal Needs Assessment is informed by ongoing TA with Oregon Tribes and CCIF applications
- Includes visits to Cow Creek, Coquille, Grand Ronde, CTUIR, Warm Springs, and Klamath
- Draws from Tribal Survey responses and direct feedback
- Reflects lived experience, survey with permission
- Shared Goals and Visions
  - Center culture, language and healing
  - Build place-based, identity-affirming spaces
  - Provide whole-family, wraparound supports
  - Develop Tribal-led, community-rooted workforce
  - Serve both rural and urban Native Families
- Markers of progress and success
  - More Tribes accessing and managing funding
  - State systems reflect Tribal models and timelines
  - Stronger trust, co-governance, and shared accountability
  - Every Native child grows in culturally affirming care
- Tribal Child Care Profiles + Infrastructure Survey
  - All completed Tribal profiles are under review by Tribes
  - The Supplementary Tribal infrastructure survey is still open
  - Survey results will be included in final assessment
  - Final report submitted to DELC by June 30 and shared with all Tribes

### **Tribal Early Learning Plan and Fund: Timeline and Legislative Updates**

Kathy Wai, Interim Government Affairs Manager

- DELC's Budget Bill SB5514

- Passed out of Joint Ways and Means. \$2.6 million General Fund in our POP 101 for key operational positions.
  - Accountant 1 for accounts receivables
  - Accountant 2 for Provider Management Platform Invoicing
  - Accounting Tech for accounts payable
  - ISS 5 for Provider Management Platform Coordination
  - OPA 4 for Lead Data Steward
  - PA 3 for Preschool Promise Quality Assurance
  - PA 3 for Healthy Families Oregon Quality Assurance
  - Additional \$3.1 Million for Child Care Licensing
- Reductions
  - -\$35 million in reductions affecting
    - Early Childhood Equity Fund
    - Healthy Families Oregon
    - Parenting Education
    - Preschool Promise
    - Professional Learning
    - Program Supports
  - DELC is looking at ways to possibly absorb these reductions
- No new investments
  - Birth Through Five Literacy- \$10.3 million (Tribal set aside still exists at the amount awarded last biennium)
  - Dolly Parton's imagination Library-\$2.2 million
    - HB2811 makes statutory changes for Dolly Parton Imagination Library. In Education Sub-committee of Ways and Means
  - Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation-\$4.35 million
  - Tribal Early Learning Fund-\$4.75 million
    - HB 2815 passed, but without additional funding
    - There is a proposal that Tribes received at G2G that they may take forward should they choose to pursue, which would be restoring the 700k of 21-23 PDG funds. This was \$700k
    - DELC is not able to advocate
    - Press release following floor votes
- 2025-2027 Funding
  - Shift from needs-based funding approach to equal distribution
    - Tribes support
  - Due to lower funding amounts (45.1M vs \$0.7M)

- \$0.7M Tribal Hub current service level funding will become Tribal Early Learning Funds (pending passage)
- \$664,922 or \$73,880 per Tribe
- Tribes could propose End of Session Omnibus Bill/Proposal to Legislature

## **OTELLA: TELP & Fund What's next-Tentative**

Dana Castano, OTELA Liaison

- June 2025
  - Final month of session and estimated passage of Tribal Early Learning Plan Bill and fund appropriation
    - Finalize funding distribution
    - Send OTELA appointment requests for Tribes
- July 2025
  - New biennium begins July 1
    - New IGA's send (4 year agreements)
- July-August 2025
  - Send and Receive OTELA appointments from Tribes
    - Scheduling survey
- September 2025
  - Scheduling bi-monthly (TBD)

## **Reflections**

Backward looking:

- Reflecting on your time served on the TAC

Inward looking

- What are some key takeaways from TAC

Forward and outward looking

- What are your hopes for the future Tribal Early Learning Plan and Fund and OTELA

Adjourn Final Meeting of the Tribal Advisory Committee



