

Tribal Advisory Committee Minutes

Project:	HB 2055 – Tribal Early Learning Hub	Meeting Date:	3/12/2025
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, 6 of 9 tribes represented

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

Tribal Early Learning Plan and Fund

Dana Castano

Kathy Wai

Alyssa Chatterjee

- Legislative Updates
 - There has been a lot of interest from the House Early childhood and Human Services Committee, as well as the new Senate Early Childhood and Behavioral Health Committee for DELC to give presentations on our services and programs.

- DELC has also recently had 4 days of budget presentations.
- Recent presentations
 - Jan.21-General Presentation on DELC
 - Jan.28-Presentation on Oregon Tribal Early Learning Alliance and ERDC.
 - Jan.30-Presentation/Public hearing on Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (HB2811)
 - March 3-DELC Goals and Licensing Overview
 - March 4-DELC Programs Overview
 - March 5-DELC ERDC and Professional Learning Overview
 - March 6-DELC Operations and Legislative Requests + Public Testimony
- Tuesday, March 18 is a work session for House Bill 2815, which Julie, Angela, Paulina and Dana testified, along with 3 Tribes providing written testimony.
- Committee Questions
 - Clarification on voting, if there is a tie (5/9 tribes)
 - Who determines funding distribution (Tribes decide)
 - Relation between this investment and increasing literacy
 - Opting out of testing
- Committee feedback
 - Chair Hartman underscored the importance of the Tribes honoring their perspective, and their sovereignty, gave a reminder for DELC to take seriously TAC's recommendations
- DELC is drafting a new statement of work for Tribal Early Learning Plan and Fund intergovernmental grant agreements for next biennium
- Tribal Feedback to be incorporated early in the process
- IGA ready for review at a later point following procurement and DOJ review.
- Reminder: Prepare list of funding needs in order to prepare for questions that may come up during session and also to allow DELC to prepare grant agreements in a timely manor.
 - No specific format required

- TELP/F & OTELA implementation possible timeline
 - March 2025
 - Work Session in House Committee 3/18
 - Tribes send DELC list of funding needs
 - State of Work for new IGA's shared
 - Scheduling plan for remainder of TAC meetings
 - April 2025
 - Gather feedback on SOW
 - Discuss OTELA appointments
 - Survey to determine OTELA meeting cadence.
 - Possible hearing in Joint Ways and Means Committee
 - May 2025
 - Oregon's Revenue Forecast released
 - Draft OTELA Membership Appointment form (Tribal Appointees)
 - Possible hearing in Joint Ways and Means Committee
 - Distribute full IGA's for TAC review
 - June 2025
 - Final month of session
 - Estimated passage of Tribal Early Learning Plan Bill and Fund appropriation-
 - Finalize funding distribution
 - Last TAC meeting
 - OTELA appointment requests to Tribes
 - Feedback on draft IGA's
 - July/Aug 2025
 - New biennium begins July 1
 - New IGA's sent (4 year agreement)
 - Receive OTELA appointments from Tribes
 - Outreach to appoint State Agency members (ODE, ODHS, HECC)

- September 2025
 - 1st OTELA meeting (bi-monthly)
 - Scheduling in person/hybrid?
 - Create plan to draft OTELA bylaws and Tribal Early Learning Plan
 - Explore OTELA Advisory Member recruitment
- November 2025
 - Bi-Monthly OTELA meeting
 - Framework for Tribal Early Learning Plan & OTELA bylaws
 - Review OTELA Advisory Member position/recruitment application/process of appointment

Child Care Infrastructure Fund

- Round Two Funding update
 - Second application round for CCIF will award 15 million, will be open Spring of 2025
 - CCIF application will only be available online through Business Oregon's website.
 - Technical assistance through Northwest Native Chamber.
- TAC/OTELA to be given time to regularly give information on their own programs and what they are using funding for. It is very helpful for the Tribes.
 - TAC to begin working on this to have information ready for OTELA stand up.

Adjourn: Next meeting April 9, 2025 @ 3:00PM