

**African American Black Student Success Plan
Advisory Group Meeting Minutes
July 25th, 2019 | 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Oregon Department of Education**

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Item	Discussion
<p>Welcome Chair Chair Harris</p> <p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charter review and revisions. • Charter Recommendations • RFI Review Working Groups • RFI Recommendations • Announcements and Updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair called the meeting to order. • Roll call was taken. • Education Equity Specialist informed Advisory Group of meeting purpose regarding updating the AABS charter and reviewing the RFI (Request for Information) options.
<p>Charter Review and Revision</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory members shared the following feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grammar corrections ○ Concerns regarding Director of ODE appointments. Questioned member recommendations versus Director appointment. ○ Clarified that committee members submitted recommendations and ultimate decision for appointment was left to ODE internally. ○ Questioned why new document focused on term limits rather than purpose of the Advisory Group. ○ Interim Co-Director uplifts importance of committee existence and membership protocol.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Education Equity Specialist states that their position was charged with adding more specificity and operationalization to the Charter. ○ Chair expressed that they wanted the project success measures to remain in the Charter and highlighted that YDD, ELD and HECC are required to be part of the membership. ○ Stated the importance of aligning the Charter to the Bill language. ○ Need remains to clarify the definition of a key stakeholder in the Charter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stated that key stakeholders were defined in Bill. ○ Clarification – how are we defining regions? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Five regions defined in plan. ● Feedback regarding membership. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New membership process would begin 2021-2023. ○ Concern expressed regarding losing historical knowledge. ○ Concern expressed regarding new membership before plan continuum is completed. ○ Apprehension regarding the necessity of “applying” for membership without just compensation (emphasized volunteer role). ○ Concerns regarding the new Charter not allowing grantees to be represented. Could limit the voice and perspective of the black community due to “conflict of interest.” ○ Quality control understood but degree of audit and oversight determined to be not aligned to other ODE Advisory Group Protocols and agency asks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Committee identifies disproportionate treatment and targeting of AABS Advisory Group specifically. ○ Determined that a questionnaire would be sufficient. ○ Determined that asking grantees to serve on the sub-committee would be an unjust burden solely due to Oregon’s small black population size. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Decided that grantees would continue to recuse themselves when necessary (determined by ODE staff and Advisory Members). ○ Membership based off of lottery undermines community representation and Advisory Group needs. ○ Two years of tenure mentioned as being too short.

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RFI Review Working Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Education Equity Specialist explains the purpose of the RFI (Request For Information) – outreach community scan to understand projects, programs and services that serve the black community across Oregon, specifically regarding birth through early childhood, higher education, CTE and career readiness with focus on Central and Eastern Oregon. ▪ RFI Feedback included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggested that a letter of interest (LOI) is used rather than an RFI. ○ Questions regarding dissemination of RFI. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stated that the RFI will be released online and that EDI will work with Procurement on further outreach. ▪ Stated that there are preexisting community member contact lists that can be used. ○ Education Equity Specialist asks that if members have additional feedback, that they send information to them and Office Specialist 2. ○ Asked if RFI will be managed by Procurement or EDI. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stated that Procurement would manage RFI.
RFI Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chair made a motion that the feedback shared today be incorporated in the development of the updated Charter to be presented at the next Advisory Meeting.
Announcements and Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assistant-Superintendent shared their plan for retirement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will be focusing on research regarding African-American males specifically by updating literature and exploring ODE available quantitative data. ○ Will be reaching out to Advisory Members to share any data that maybe relevant to research project. ▪ Appreciation shared regarding update to ODE technology, facilities and equipment. ▪ IRCO Director stated that on August 5 they will be bringing in the families to Africa House to showcase the organizations community efforts. ▪ Committee Members expressed appreciation for the Assistant-Superintendent’s dedication to their role. ▪ Chair adjourned the meeting.
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Next Meeting: September 13, 2019