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**SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
OKLAHOMA ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INDIAN EDUCATION (OACIE)  
SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2018  
MARCH 16, 2018, 10:00 A.M.**

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OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (RM. 230)  
2500 NORTH LINCOLN BOULEVARD  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

**1. Call To Order and Roll Call**

**Chair Harjo**

*Chair Lucyann Harjo* called the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education meeting to order the purpose of the special meeting is due to the ice storm that canceled the regular meeting on February 21st, 2018 at 10:12am.

**2. Meeting Quorum**

**(A) ROLL CALL:**

**Present** – Greg Anderson; Esther Bell; Robert Bible; Todd Crabtree; Chair Harjo; Superintendent Hofmeister (Dr. Cindy Koss as proxy); Mary McCormick; Jim Parrish; Paul Pinkerton; Jana Roth; Shoshana Wasserman; 11 Council members present.

**Absent** – Lori Hamilton; Rhonda Hayworth; Matt Higdon; Lisa John; Becki Foster; David Walkingstick; Judy Davis; 7 Council members absent.

**(B) GUESTS:** Governor Butler-Wolfe (Chairwoman, Absentee Shawnee Tribe); Sydna Yellowfish (Indian Education Coordinator, Edmond Public Schools); Angela Willits (Lumina Adult Degree Completion Manager, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education); Sheila Smith (Reach Higher, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education); Chelsea Hunt (Career Pathway Strategy Lead, Oklahoma State Department of Education); Brian Hendrix (Deputy Assistant of Native American Affairs, Oklahoma Secretary of Native American Affairs); Norma Neely (Director, American Indian Institute OU); Kimberly Rodriguez (American Indian Cultural Center and Museum); Ayla Medrano (Vice President Oklahoma City American Indian Chamber of Commerce); Sandra Medrano (Manager for Economic Development, Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association);

**3. (Action) Discussion to approve or disapprove OACIE minutes for Regular Meeting October 11, 2017 (Q4)**

**Open Floor**

*Council member McCormick* requested a copy of 2017 annual report items to be reported to the State Board of Education. *Chair Harjo* acknowledged a request. A response to *Council member McCormick's* question regarding Senate Bill 943 to authorize current enrollment updates which would increase funding, *Council member Anderson* indicated that he will be reporting on the information during agenda item 7. *Council member Bible* made a motion to approve minutes, with a second from *Council member Anderson*. Roll call vote summoned on a motion to accept last meeting's minutes.

*Greg Anderson (yes); Esther Bell (yes); Robert Bible (yes); Todd Crabtree (yes); Chair Harjo (yes); Dr. Cindy Koss as proxy (yes); Mary McCormick (abstain); Jim Parrish (yes); Paul Pinkerton (yes); Jana Roth (yes); Shoshana Wasserman (yes); MOTION CARRIED 10 IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, 0 IN THE OPPOSITION, 1 IN THE ABSTENTION (10-0-1)*

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**4. Discussion of current issues, goals, and updates related to American Indian Students**

**Dr. Cindy Koss**

**a. Tribal Consultation**

*Dr. Cindy Koss* highlighted Superintendent Hofmeister's consultation letter to LEAs encouraging districts to make sure they make connections in preparation for tribal consultation. Assured everyone is working diligently to make those connections meaningful.

**b. Introduction of Julian Guerrero Jr.**

*Julian Guerrero, the newly appointed Executive Director of American Indian Education at OSDE* gave welcoming comments and shared his five-point vision for the Office to support the next generation of tribal nation builders. Indicated that now is the time that Oklahoma sustain a long-lasting lead and outperform all other SEA colleagues through engaging with all 39 sovereign nations.

*Levi Patrick, Assistant Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction* gave information regarding Title IV Part A "Champions of Excellence Grant." The funding opportunity provides \$4 million intended to create more opportunities to access well-rounded education. To be eligible for the Title IV, Part A grant, LEAs are required to demonstrate meaningful collaboration with the tribes that are in their area.

**c. New Skills for Youth (ICAP)**

*Marissa Lightsey, Program Manager for the New Skills for Youth* gave contextual information about Oklahoma's work skills gap as it relates to the statewide implementation of the Individual Career Academic Plan (ICAP). Indicated that it will be required for freshmen entering 2019-2020 to graduate with an ICAP. She then demonstrated the Community Connections Module using the online NextThought platform for ICAP sufficiency and demonstrated the "Industry Leaders in Critical Occupations" video. Preparing to go statewide July 1, 2018

**d. Community Outreach**

*Dr. Cindy Koss* gave information related to the Four Critical Needs in Oklahoma identified by the Superintendent (1) Food Insecurity, (2) Trauma, (3) Chronic Absenteeism, and (4) Ready to Read and invited OACIE members to participate.

**e. Gifted and Talented Grant**

*Dr. Cindy Koss* gave information about the Javits Gifted and Talented grant in Ardmore, Duncan, Guymon, and Tahlequah and how the grant is designed to work with teachers and provide professional development for appropriate identification of all students and appropriate services with focus on under-represented populations.

**5. State Superintendent Remarks**

**Superintendent Hofmeister**

*Superintendent Hofmeister* thanked the Council for coming together to discuss their very important work. Superintendent is excited to advocate at the federal level and will be the keynote speaker at an upcoming event in Washington, DC, on Impact Aid. There, she will communicate Oklahoma's commitment to tribal lands and military bases, where we have schools dependent on receiving funds to serve children. In Oklahoma, we know our students and families are engaged in public schools and we want to keep that partnership strong. Superintendent thinks that the school around the corner should be a top choice. We want families to have all kinds of choices, but we want public school to be a place where all student needs are being met. We

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know every child has a name, strengths, hopes, and needs and we are tasked with developing those. Superintendent wants to lead in that work and to be a partner with each member of the Council. In the midst of the reality of Oklahoma's teacher shortage, we recognize that we need to have teachers able to identify students who may be at risk and need interventions. All our children deserve teachers who are able to serve and address student needs and provide opportunities for a competitive education. In response to Council questions, Superintendent stated that Oklahoma should be a leader when compared to other states to look at how our social studies standards may reflect the sovereignty of our tribal nations.

**6. Youth and Elder Programs, Muscogee (Creek) citizens in Oklahoma City area**

**Sandra Medrano**

*Sandra Medrano, Economic Development Project Manager at Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association "OCMA" provided presentation and remarks. Ayla Medrano, Oklahoma City Chapter for the American Indian Chamber of Commerce gave presentation regarding Indigenous Collegiate Scholarship with deadline of April 30, 2018.*

**7. Updates and Reports on Indian Education**

**a. Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education**

*Angela Willits proxy for Matt Higdon gave information on behalf of the OSRHE Lumina Foundation Degree Completion grant and Reach Higher information.*

**b. Tribal Colleges**

*Council member Bible gave information about the 15<sup>th</sup> annual American Indian Higher Education Consortium meeting in Washington, D.C. and the AIHEC student conference held in Bismarck North Dakota. "Developing and Emerging Tribal Colleges" in the Accreditation and Membership Committee met and approved two new memberships (1) California Tribal College and (2) San Carlos Apache College; College of Muscogee Nation (CMN) is having their graduation ceremony April 20 at 10:00am at the Muscogee Dome.*

**c. Department of Career Technology Education**

*Dr. Cindy Koss provided information for Becki Foster. CTE is having Oklahoma Career Cluster Collaborations (1) at Wes-Watkins Technology Center (Wetumka, OK) on March 26, 2018 and another at Meridian Technology Center (Stillwater, OK) on April 16, 2018.*

**d. Oklahoma Council for Indian Education**

*Chair Harjo announced that NIEA is having a partnership workshop about understanding the impact of historical trauma and board schools. The participation maximum was raised to 70. The OCIE legislative day scheduled for March 29, 2018 and Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes will be providing lunch.*

**e. National Johnson O'Malley Association**

*Council member Anderson gave updated information regarding Senate Bill 943 "JOM Modernization Act", stating Oklahoma JOM is March 19 and 20. National JOM conference will be at Riverspirit April 9, 10, and 11. He stated there has been a candidate selected (regarding the JOM Position in Oklahoma City), however it is not clear if the individual will accept. Mr. Anderson stated that this particular bill mandates the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) to create a new student count.*

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**f. Tribal Education Departments National Assembly**

Quinton Roman Nose, presented information regarding the difference between Tribal Education Agencies (TEAs) and Tribal Education Departments (TEDs) and spoke about an upcoming TEDNA Accreditation methodology to learn more about TEDs.

**8. Discussion on meeting with Native American Caucus in April** **Open Floor**

*The Council* agreed to approach the Native American Caucus. *Council member Anderson* has a contact that he will explore who is a former legislator from the House. *Council member Crabtree* commented that there's not a lot going on due to grandstand disruptions, stated concern on teacher shortage.

**9. Public Comment** **Open Floor**

No comments stated from the public.


**10. Closing Remarks** **Open Floor**

*Dr. Cindy Koss* stated that in each of the packets is a sample announcement letter about Julian which was sent to all the tribal nations informing them of the selection. Next OACIE meeting will be **April 18, 2018**. It was announced that Muscogee (Creek) Nation will be presenting a cultural sensitivity video in the upcoming meeting.

**11. (Action) Adjournment** **Open Floor**

Council member Crabtree made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Council member Parrish. By a unanimous vote voice, the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education (OACIE) adjourned official business at 2:01pm. *MOTION CARRIED 11 IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, 0 IN THE OPPOSITION, AND 0 IN THE ABSENTTION (11-0-0)*

Minutes provided by the Oklahoma State Department of Education, on behalf of the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education on 4-18-18 and were approved on APRIL 18, 2018.

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I, **Lucyann Harjo**, as Chairman of the Oklahoma Advisory Council on Indian Education (OACIE) hereby certify these minutes to be true and accurate as approved by the Council members who were present, in official quorum.

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